



24-7 PRAYER FOR REVIVAL WEEK 7: 21 - 27 November 2022

Christian persecution is any hostility experienced by the world, because of one's identification with Jesus Christ. This can include hostile feelings, attitudes, words and actions. ([Open Doors](#)). An estimated 80% of all religious persecution worldwide is against Christians and every year at least 360+ million Christians are violently persecuted throughout the world. One way of supporting the Persecuted Church is in prayer, knowing that the effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much (James 5:16).

For more information on the [reality of persecution](#) in our day, please visit our website.

MONDAY: 21 NOVEMBER 2022 AFGHANISTAN

No 1 on the World Watch List

LORD, You have heard the desire of the humble; You will prepare their heart; You will cause Your ear to hear, to do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed, that the man of the earth may oppress no more. (Psalm 10:17-18).

After the Taliban takeover in August 2021, the persecution in Afghanistan has intensified. This year it has moved to the top of the list of countries where Christians are persecuted the most. The main religion in the country is Islam.

Let us pray

- Pray for secret believers in Afghanistan to be protected from the violence of the Taliban.
- Pray that Taliban leaders will uphold and preserve human life, and that God would turn their hearts to Him.
- Christian girls and women are doubly vulnerable to persecution for their gender and faith. Pray for female believers who live with the fear of kidnapping, sexual violation and forced marriage (2 Timothy 1:7).

I don't know very much about Jesus, but I enjoy His presence every day, and I won't give Him up for anything in the world! – Ali, a previous Muslim who read the Bible and found God.

TUESDAY: 22 NOVEMBER 2022

NIGERIA

No 7 on the World Watch List

Though an army may encamp against me, My heart shall not fear; though war may rise against me, In this I will be confident. One thing I have desired of the LORD, that will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in His temple. (Psalm 27:3-4).

Nigerian Christians live under the constant threat of attack from Boko Haram, the Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP), Fulani militants and criminals. Their violent acts have little to no lawful consequences. Christians in some of Nigeria's northern states also live under Shariah law.

Let us pray

- Please pray that President Buhari and state governors will find lasting solutions to the security crisis in northern Nigeria.
- Ask for the healing of the Lord's name to be poured out unto people who have suffered immense trauma (Song of Solomon 1: 3). Pray that the Lord will strengthen their faith.
- Pray for youth to experience the love and comfort of God's Word and not retaliate with anger or hatred towards their oppressors (Psalm 119:9; Matthew 5:44-45).

I decided to let go of my bitterness and let God heal me. - Rose, a Christian in Nigeria whose husband was murdered by Fulani militants.

WEDNESDAY: 23 NOVEMBER 2022

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO (DRC)

No 40 on the World Watch List

Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus. (Acts 4:29-30).

Although a very high percentage of the population are Christians, the Islamic extremist group Alliance for Democratic Forces (ADF) is responsible for the persecution of Christians in the east of the country, brutally attacking Christians and churches. Violence is the main form of persecution in the DRC.

Let us pray

- Ask the Holy Spirit to strengthen spiritual leaders with the courage to remain steadfast in their faith, wisdom in preparing the Church for persecution, and compassion when ministering to the traumatised and displaced.
- Pray for Christians to remain focused in prayer, girded with the full armour of God to withstand every vile plan of the enemy (Ephesians 6:10-19).
- Ask the Lord to reveal His lovingkindness to the ADF members and bring them to repentance (Romans 2:4).

I'm pleased to know that people are praying for me, for God to comfort me and my children. - Georgine was widowed by Islamic extremists.

THURSDAY: 24 NOVEMBER 2022

MOZAMBIQUE

No 41 on the World Watch List

How long shall I take counsel in my soul, having sorrow in my heart daily? How long will my enemy be exalted over me? Consider and hear me, O LORD my God... (Psalm 13:2-3a).

Islamic oppression is the most common form of persecution in Mozambique. An Islamic State-affiliated group is seeking to establish an Islamic Caliphate in Mozambique. Their efforts have included numerous atrocities, the burning of churches and religious schools, and displacement of people in the northern area.

Let us pray

- Pray for the Church to respond to the displaced families with much compassion and love. Ask the Holy Spirit to give them wisdom on how best to reach these families and support them in their time of need.
- Pray for pastors and evangelists who are still going around preaching the Gospel, risking their lives to encourage those around them.
- Pray for the Islamic State-affiliated group; that God will work in their hearts and they will come to know Jesus Christ as their Saviour.

"I asked myself, Was it worth it? Eleven years of my life poured out in selfless service for the African people and now this? "My daughter, the question is not "Is it worth it?" The question is, "Am I worthy?" Am I, the Lord Jesus who gave His life for you, worthy for you to make this kind of sacrifice for Me.' And God broke my heart," Helen continues. "I looked up and I said, 'Oh Lord Jesus, yes, it is worth it, for You are worthy!'" - Helen, missionary in Congo

FRIDAY: 25 NOVEMBER 2022

SUDAN

No 13 on the World Watch List

For yet a little while and the wicked shall be no more; Indeed, you will look carefully for his place, but it shall be no more. But the meek shall inherit the earth, and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace. (Psalm 37:10-11).

After the fall of the former dictator, the transitional government introduced exciting changes to the legal framework governing life in Sudan. Unfortunately, no change is evident in society yet and no protection has been implemented for Christians and other minority groups. A recent incident of tribal fighting has resulted in more than two hundred deaths. About 211,000 people have been displaced by tribal violence and other attacks across Sudan this year alone.

Let us pray

- Pray for political breakthroughs and liberation from the legacy of the former leadership.
- Pray for Muslim Background Believers (MBB) to grow in their faith and courageously speak to others about salvation found in Christ alone. Also, pray for peace in their families and their communities.
- Pray for a peaceful resolution to the ongoing tribal conflict.

We never wished for persecution to come, but still, it came. Only God is our security here. We must keep our faith in God to survive. But be ready for when persecution comes, it can come fast, as it did here. Be ready and be strong. - Pastor Aaron, Burkina Faso

SATURDAY: 26 NOVEMBER 2022

ERITREA

No 6 on the World Watch List

And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved. (Matthew 10:22).

Eritrea is governed by a totalitarian regime that seeks to control every aspect of life. The government recognises only three denominations – Orthodox, Catholic and Lutheran. The population is nearly evenly divided between Sunni Muslims and Orthodox Christians. Only about 3 per cent are evangelical Christians.

Let us pray

- Ask the Lord to uphold imprisoned Christians and their families with His righteous right hand (Isaiah 41:10).
- Pray for wisdom, discernment and boldness for believers as they seek to meet together despite the threat of surveillance.

- Pray that Christians from Islamic and Orthodox backgrounds grow spiritually and walk with Jesus daily (Colossians 1:9-12).

I will serve the Lord until I die; I want to serve the Lord for the rest of my days... – Shiden (imprisoned for more than a decade).

SUNDAY: 27 NOVEMBER 2022

NEPAL

No 48 on the World Watch List

If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. (John 15:19).

Nepal is no longer an official Hindu state, but Christians do suffer persecution at the hands of radical Hindu groups who want the country to return to Hinduism. Many of the Christians in Nepal are converts from Hinduism, who experience significant pressure from their families and communities.

Let us pray

- Pray for political stability in Nepal, for anti-conversion laws to be amended and to allow religious freedom to flourish.
- Pray for Jesus to be made known among unreached people groups in hard-to-access locations.
- Pray for biblical training and Christlikeness for a rising generation of church leaders.

I was despised and left alone. But all these hardships couldn't waver my faith in Christ. - Kabita Khatri, whose husband left her after she came to faith in Jesus.
