



PRAY FOR THE UNDERGROUND

Around the world, believers are forced to practice their faith behind closed doors. To practice their faith openly could mean risking imprisonment, attack, or even death.

In **North Korea**, Christians worship in secret, knowing that discovery could separate them from their families and send them to a prison camp. In **Iran**, house churches face intense government pressure and persecution. In **China**, increasing restrictions and surveillance make gathering in unregistered churches dangerous for many believers. Yet, even behind closed doors, the Church continues to grow.

COUNTRIES TO PRAY FOR





Pray that those who must hide their faith would know they are not alone. Pray for wisdom as they gather, worship, and share their faith. Pray that the underground church would continue to grow and the gospel would continue to spread, even through whispers.





PRAY FOR THE IMPRISONED

You may never see their names in the headlines, but many believers are quietly suffering behind prison bars for their decision to follow Jesus. Some are jailed simply for being exposed as a Christian publicly, while others are paying for "crimes" such as distributing Bibles.

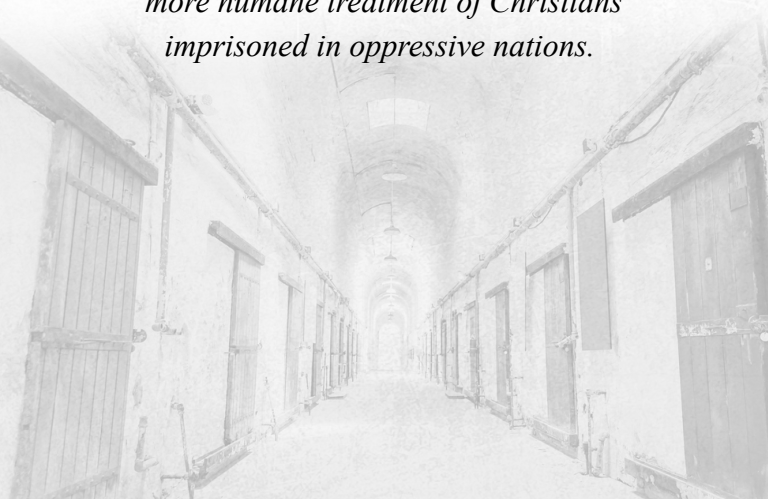
In **China**, pastors who lead churches unaffiliated with the government are commonly surveilled and taken into prison. In **Eritrea**, commonly known as the "North Korea of Africa," imprisoned believers face inhumane conditions, where their prison cells are shipping containers exposed to the scorching heat of the day and the frigid temperatures of nightfall.

COUNTRIES TO PRAY FOR





Pray for the freedom of Christians who are imprisoned for their faith. Pray for their testimonies to point fellow prisoners and guards to the love of Jesus. Pray for more humane treatment of Christians imprisoned in oppressive nations.





PRAY FOR THE ABUSED

Throughout the **Muslim-majority countries**, it is common for Christian young women and girls to face sexual violence and forced marriage. Seen as a double minority for both their faith and gender, they are vulnerable to this tragic form of exploitation.

Each year in **Pakistan**, roughly 1,000 girls, many of whom are Christians, are kidnapped from their homes and forced to marry older Muslim men. When a girl's parents attempt to claim their daughter in court, they are often unable to provide a birth certificate to prove that she is underage. As a result, the judge often grants the man custody of the girl, denying the parents any chance of seeing their daughter again.

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PAKISTAN



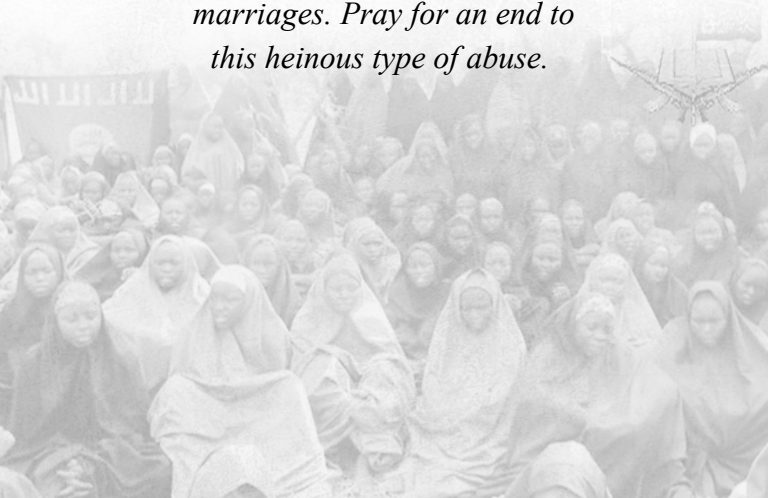
INDONESIA



SUDAN



*Pray for healing for the women
and girls trapped in this
traumatic situation. Pray for
their freedom from forced
marriages. Pray for an end to
this heinous type of abuse.*





PRAY FOR THE ATTACKED

Perhaps the most obvious form of persecution that Christians face is blatant violence. On nearly every continent, we see Christians targeted in violent attacks, whether through mob violence, church attacks, or individual assaults.

Across Africa, Christians suffer from targeted attacks at the hands of Islamist extremist groups. In **Nigeria**, Fulani militants and Boko Haram regularly ambush Christian villages, slaughtering villagers, destroying their crops, and driving families from their farmland. In **the Democratic Republic of the Congo** and **Kenya**, believers are routinely targeted by the ADF and al-Shabaab, respectively.

COUNTRIES TO PRAY FOR



NIGERIA



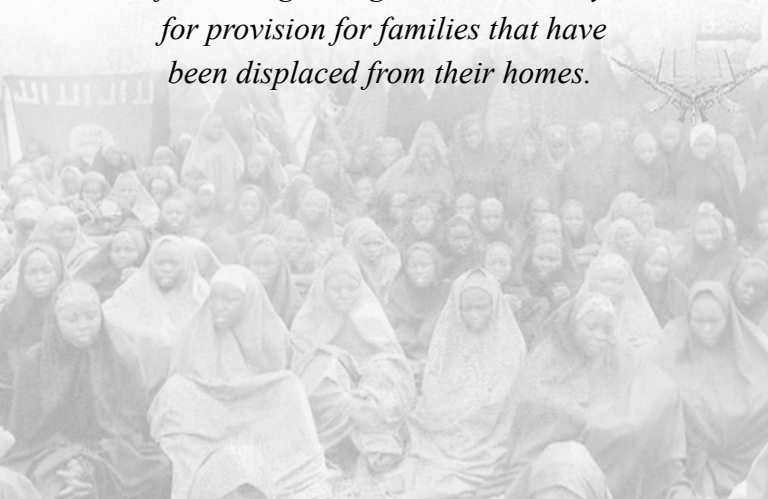
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KENYA



*Pray for healing for Christians
facing injuries and emotional scars
due to religiously motivated
violence. Pray for peace and comfort
for those grieving loved ones. Pray
for provision for families that have
been displaced from their homes.*





PRAY FOR THE PENALIZED

In a more subtle form of persecution, Christians in oppressive countries face legal discrimination. In

some nations, government leaders craft laws specifically to target religious minorities, while elsewhere, laws are manipulated and abused to persecute believers.

In **India**, forced conversion laws criminalize the act of converting to minority religions and attempting to share one's faith with others. In **Indonesia**, congregations face countless legal obstacles when attempting to secure building permits to construct a church building. In **Saudi Arabia** and other Muslim nations, blasphemy laws criminalize any speech or action that can be misconstrued as offensive to Islam.

COUNTRIES TO PRAY FOR



INDIA



INDONESIA



SAUDI
ARABIA



Pray for protection for believers from legal abuse. Pray for churches that must navigate legal hurdles to access basic rights. Pray for discriminatory laws that target religious minorities to be overturned.

PRAY FOR THE CONVERTS

In nations where religion, most commonly Islam, is ingrained into every aspect of society, the decision to follow Jesus can be a matter of life or death.

Choosing Christianity often means risking one's personal safety, relationships, and livelihood in exchange for the One who offers true life.

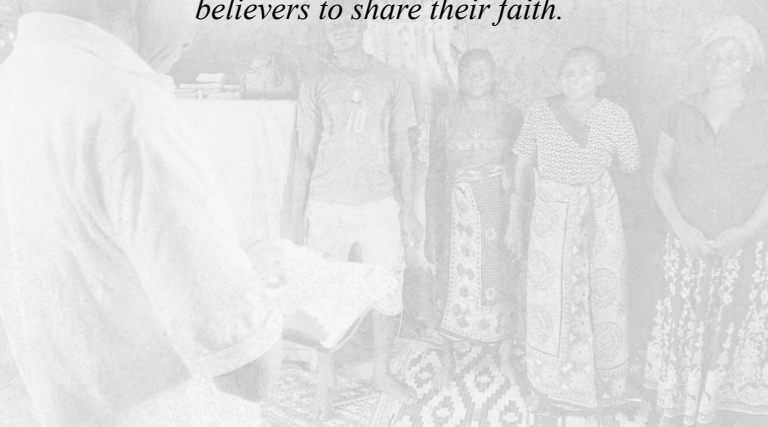
In **Somalia**, the decision to follow Jesus can mean a death sentence if your faith is discovered. Believers are largely forced to keep their faith to themselves as a result, sharing their faith only with their most trusted loved ones, if anyone at all. In **Afghanistan**, the church is comprised almost exclusively of Muslim-background believers. With the Taliban at their doorstep, Christian converts must remain incredibly private with their faith in order to survive.

COUNTRIES TO PRAY FOR





Pray for protection for Muslim-background believers. Pray for Christian community for converts who are new to the faith. Pray for the gospel to spread in miraculous ways even where it is dangerous for believers to share their faith.





PRAY FOR THE OPPRESSED

Latin America's most severe religious freedom crises are unfolding under socialist and communist regimes. Governments that have monopolized political power cannot tolerate institutions that offer citizens an alternative source of meaning and moral authority.

In **Nicaragua**, President Daniel Ortega has led one of the most aggressive campaigns against the church seen in the West in modern times, imprisoning priests, shuttering church-run universities, and expelling foreign missionaries. In **Cuba**, the communist government of President Miguel Díaz-Canel controls which congregations may operate and what they may preach, while churches engaged in humanitarian work face surveillance, interrogation, and imprisonment.

COUNTRIES TO PRAY FOR



NICARAGUA



CUBA



*Pray for protection for those facing
surveillance under oppressive regimes.*

*Pray for the freedom of those
wrongfully imprisoned. Pray for the
Gospel to spread among nations where
the government attempts to suppress it.*