



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER  
*for the* PERSECUTED CHURCH

- More than **360 million** Christians face persecution.
- That's **one in seven** worldwide.
- Last year on a **daily average...**
  - **16** Christians were killed
  - **17** were arrested
  - **10** were abducted



**EXTREME PERSECUTION**

- 1 Afghanistan
- 2 North Korea
- 3 Somalia
- 4 Libya
- 5 Yemen
- 6 Eritrea
- 7 Nigeria
- 8 Pakistan
- 9 Iran
- 10 India
- 11 Saudi Arabia

**VERY HIGH PERSECUTION**

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|-------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 12 Myanmar  | 17 China      | 22 Algeria      | 27 Morocco                  | 32 Burkina Faso | 37 Cuba                   | 42 Turkey     | 47 Kazakhstan |
| 13 Sudan    | 18 Qatar      | 23 Mauritania   | 28 Indonesia                | 33 Niger        | 38 Ethiopia               | 43 Mexico     | 48 Nepal      |
| 14 Iraq     | 19 Vietnam    | 24 Mali         | 29 Bangladesh               | 34 Bhutan       | 39 Jordan                 | 44 Cameroon   | 49 Kuwait     |
| 15 Syria    | 20 Egypt      | 25 Turkmenistan | 30 Colombia                 | 35 Tunisia      | 40 Dem. Rep. of the Congo | 45 Tajikistan | 50 Malaysia   |
| 16 Maldives | 21 Uzbekistan | 26 Laos         | 31 Central African Republic | 36 Oman         | 41 Mozambique             | 46 Brunei     |               |



“... the biggest threat to the church in countries with persecution is decrease of resilience caused by incessant persecution and the feeling of being forsaken by the rest of the body of Christ.”

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“resilience is found by being anchored in the Word of God and in prayer. Also, by being courageous, as the persecuted church is most often active in spreading the gospel - and vital and growing against the odds.”

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# Prayer for Eritrea

- **Give thanks** for the steadfast faith of Eritrean Christians like Twen, who refuse to renounce their faith;
- **Pray** for the release of those Christians who, for their faith in Christ, have been in prison for years;
- **Pray** for the practical needs and spiritual strengthening of Christians living in Eritrea;
- **Pray** for the underground church in Eritrea: for spiritual maturity; for the raising up of faithful Bible teachers; and for enduring faith;
- **Pray** for the gospel witness in Eritrea: that the Lord will bring many Eritreans to know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

# Prayer for Nicaragua

- **Pray** for protection for religious leaders in Nicaragua who are seen as a potential threat due to their influence in society.
- **Pray** for those who have lost loved ones and dealing with the heart ache and that they would be comforted.
- **Pray** for those believers who have been imprisoned.
- **Pray** for the human rights defenders as they risk their lives.
- **Pray** for the physical needs, the encouragement and the fortifying of faith for our brothers and sisters in Christ.



# Prayer for Nigeria

- “I want you to pray for us here in Nigeria experiencing terrorism,” says Ayuba. “Pray with us that God will bring an end to it.”
- Pray that the global church will wake up to, and stand up to, the violent persecution affecting Christians in Nigeria.
- That the church in Nigeria will continue to be a beacon of light in the darkness.
- Pray for Open Doors trauma care partners to be equipped with God’s love and grace as they bring His healing to young people like Ayuba.
- Pray for young Christians like Ayuba who are faced with difficult choices after experiencing extreme persecution, that they will not fall away from faith, but experience love and faithfulness of Christ more deeply.



“Our prayers can go where we cannot. There are no borders, no prison walls, no doors that are closed when we pray.”

*- Brother Andrew*



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