



Prayer for the Persecuted Church

“Comfort, comfort my people,” says your God.” Isaiah 40:1

“Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body.” Hebrews 13:3

Global watchdog Open Doors reports that in just the last year...

- Over 365 million Christians live in places where they experience high levels of persecution and discrimination.
- 4,998 Christians were killed for their faith.
- 14,766 churches and other Christian buildings were attacked.
- 295,120 believers detained without trial, arrested, sentenced, or imprisoned.

These numbers are heart-breaking. And sadly, they do not tell the whole story.

Please Pray:

- Whatever their circumstances, God will give persecuted Christians the right words. (Ephesians 6:19-20)
- That persecuted Christians will understand and find peace in the sufficiency of God’s grace, even in their weakness. (2 Corinthians 12:9)
- That Christians facing hardship will draw from a source of power larger than themselves. (2 Corinthians 1:7-9)
- God be present in their hardship, protecting them according to His will.
- That their witness would inspire those who seek to harm them.

North Korea

Persecution Type: Dictatorial paranoia, Communist and post-Communist oppression

Main Religion: Agnosticism

Government: Single-party Dictatorship

Leader: State of Affairs Commission President Kim Jong Un

Somalia

Persecution Type: Islamic oppression, Clan oppression, Organized corruption and crime.

Main Religion: Islam

Government: Federal Parliamentary Republic

Leader: Prime Minister Hamza Abdi Barre

Libya

Persecution Type: Islamic oppression, Clan oppression, Organized corruption and crime

Main Religion: Islam

Government: In transition

Leader: Interim Prime Minister Abdul Hamid Mohammed Dbeibah