

Persecution

TOP 50 COUNTRIES WHERE CHRISTIANS FACE THE MOST EXTREME PERSECUTION

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| 1 North Korea | 26 Morocco |
| 2 Afghanistan | 27 Qatar |
| 3 Somalia | 28 Burkina Faso |
| 4 Libya | 29 Mali |
| 5 Pakistan | 30 Sri Lanka |
| 6 Eritrea | 31 Tajikistan |
| 7 Sudan | 32 Nepal |
| 8 Yemen | 33 Jordan |
| 9 Iran | 34 Tunisia |
| 10 India | 35 Kazakhstan |
| 11 Syria | 36 Turkey |
| 12 Nigeria | 37 Brunei |
| 13 Saudi Arabia | 38 Bangladesh |
| 14 Maldives | 39 Ethiopia |
| 15 Iraq | 40 Malaysia |
| 16 Egypt | 41 Colombia |
| 17 Algeria | 42 Oman |
| 18 Uzbekistan | 43 Kuwait |
| 19 Myanmar | 44 Kenya |
| 20 Laos | 45 Bhutan |
| 21 Vietnam | 46 Russian Federation |
| 22 Turkmenistan | 47 United Arab Emirates |
| 23 China | 48 Cameroon |
| 24 Mauritania | 49 Indonesia |
| 25 Central African Republic | 50 Niger |

Levels of persecution

- Extreme ● Very high ● High

Here in the UK we are able to meet, worship and speak of Jesus freely. This is something we should never take for granted. There are many countries around the world where Christians are not free to share their faith and they can be arrested, imprisoned or even killed for doing so. Every year Open Doors release a list of the 50 countries in order of how dangerous it is for Christians to live.



As you look down the list of countries pray...

Lord God, we ask you to preserve persecuted believers as they take refuge in you and acknowledge that you are their Lord and their source of every blessing. We praise you God for being their portion and their cup, and the One who holds their lot. We ask that you would comfort them, and reassure their hearts in the night. We pray that as they set you Lord always before them, they will not be shaken. We ask that you would grant them a glad heart, and that they would rejoice with their whole being, knowing that they are secure in your hand. We rejoice that you will not abandon them and ask that you would make known to them the path of life. We ask for a tangible sense of your presence at every moment, bringing a fullness of joy that exceeds human understanding. Amen.

Pray over the list and ask God to show you his heart for one of the countries

Research it on the 'World Watch List' on the Open Doors website (www.opendoorsuk.org) as this will help to direct your prayers and commit to praying regularly for that country. It would be good if you shared the country you are praying for with your home group so that we can check in on each other and see how we are doing in our commitment to pray. We need to stand with our brothers and sisters in these countries, not become disconnected from them but truly seek God to intervene in their situations and their country.