

Christian persecution continues to increase around the world. More than ever, we need to pray for the Body of Christ as Satan battles for the hearts and minds of people all over the world and uses many tactics to persecute the Church to weaken our testimony.

Join us in praying for the Church by using this prayer map to pray for the various regions where Christians face increasing hostilities, isolation and persecution.

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## ARABIAN PENINSULA

Pray for believers in this Muslim-dominated region, that God will equip them to stand strong in their faith. Pray that He'll give them wisdom as they interact with Muslims and that these Muslims will be drawn to Christ.



## LATIN AMERICA

The continued breakdown of state structures and distrust in the authorities has caused great social unrest. This increases the vulnerability of the Church in the region as organised crime groups and militias continue their reign of terror with impunity. Pray for peace and protection for the Church here, and that God will fill their hearts with hope.



## MIDDLE EAST

The Middle East is the birthplace of Christianity. Yet, in some areas today, the Church has almost been eliminated under Islamic oppression. Pray that God will rebuild His Church in places where it is declining and that throughout the region Christians will be salt and light amid the darkness.



## ASIA

Christians in Asia face much hostility from Muslim, Buddhist and Hindu extremists, as well as severe restrictions because of their faith. Pray that even under such hostility the Church in the region will flourish and become a powerhouse for the Kingdom of God.



## AFRICA

The spread of violent Islamic militancy into politically weak states across sub-Saharan Africa places Christians in very difficult circumstances. Here, Islamic militants exploit ethnic, tribal and socioeconomic groups to create conditions that bring them recruits and increase their influence. Pray that God will equip the Church to face these challenges so that the hearts and minds of Africans will be won for the Kingdom.

# WORLD WATCH LIST

## 2020 PRAYER MAP



### PRESSURE

Degree of pressure in 5 spheres of Christian life

Private life  
MAX SCORE = 16.7

+

Family life  
MAX SCORE = 16.7

+

Community life  
MAX SCORE = 16.7

+

National life  
MAX SCORE = 16.7

+

Church life  
MAX SCORE = 16.7

### VIOLENCE

Amount of violent incidents against Christians and churches

Violence  
MAX SCORE = 16.7



MAX SCORE = 83.3

+



MAX SCORE = 16.7

=

RANK #

MAX SCORE = 100



### WATCH COUNTRIES

These countries reached a score of 41 points or more but did not receive enough points to be included in the WWL Top 50.

### WWL RANKING

Rank	Country	Total Score
1	North Korea	94
2	Afghanistan	93
3	Somalia	92
4	Libya	90
5	Pakistan	88
6	Eritrea	87
7	Sudan	85
8	Yemen	85
9	Iran	85
10	India	83
11	Syria	82
12	Nigeria	80
13	Saudi Arabia	79
14	Maldives	78
15	Iraq	76
16	Egypt	76
17	Algeria	73
18	Uzbekistan	73
19	Myanmar	73
20	Laos	72
21	Vietnam	72
22	Turkmenistan	70
23	China	70
24	Mauritania	68
25	Central African Rep.	68
26	Morocco	66
27	Qatar	66
28	Burkina Faso	66
29	Mali	66
30	Sri Lanka	65
31	Tajikistan	65
32	Nepal	64
33	Jordan	64
34	Tunisia	64
35	Kazakhstan	64
36	Turkey	63
37	Brunei	63
38	Bangladesh	63
39	Ethiopia	63
40	Malaysia	62
41	Colombia	62
42	Oman	62
43	Kuwait	62
44	Kenya	61
45	Bhutan	61
46	Russian Federation	60
47	United Arab Emirates	60
48	Cameroon	60
49	Indonesia	60
50	Niger	60



The Open Doors World Watch List (WWL) is released every January and ranks the top 50 countries where Christians face the worst forms of persecution. Persecution is defined as any hostility experienced because of one's identification with Christ. The WWL takes into account all spheres of life and incidents of violence. The methods for arriving at country scores and their transnational comparison have been independently audited by the International Institute for Religious Freedom and their proper application checked in some sample countries. Additional statements and interpretations by Open Doors based on or associated with the publication of the WWL remain outside the scope of this audit. Reporting period: 1 November 2018 – 31 October 2019.