

WORLD WATCH LIST 2022

Open Doors' vision is that no Christian suffers persecution alone.



PRAYER MAP

Prayer has always been the number one request from our persecuted family of faith. More and more, they're coming under fire for their faith, and with that, a greater need for prayer.

We can praise God that, even though persecution makes way for violence and discrimination against Christians, it also makes way for the Gospel to advance.

So join us by using this prayer map to pray for our family of faith in the top 50 countries of Christian persecution to be used mightily by God for the advancement of the Gospel amid all they endure.

Visit www.OpenDoors.org.za for more about Christian persecution.

LATIN AMERICA

Latin America is one of the most violent regions in the world due to the high levels of crime and execution killings in some of its countries. Christians are vulnerable as they're seen as a threat to the activities of various criminal groups. Pray for the protection of Christians as they proclaim the Gospel despite the dangers.

ARABIAN PENINSULA

With no public churches for Arabian Peninsula nationals, there are few ways believers in the region can connect with other Christians. Pray that strong and mature Christian communities will spread over the Peninsula and that God will add more to His Church.

MIDDLE EAST

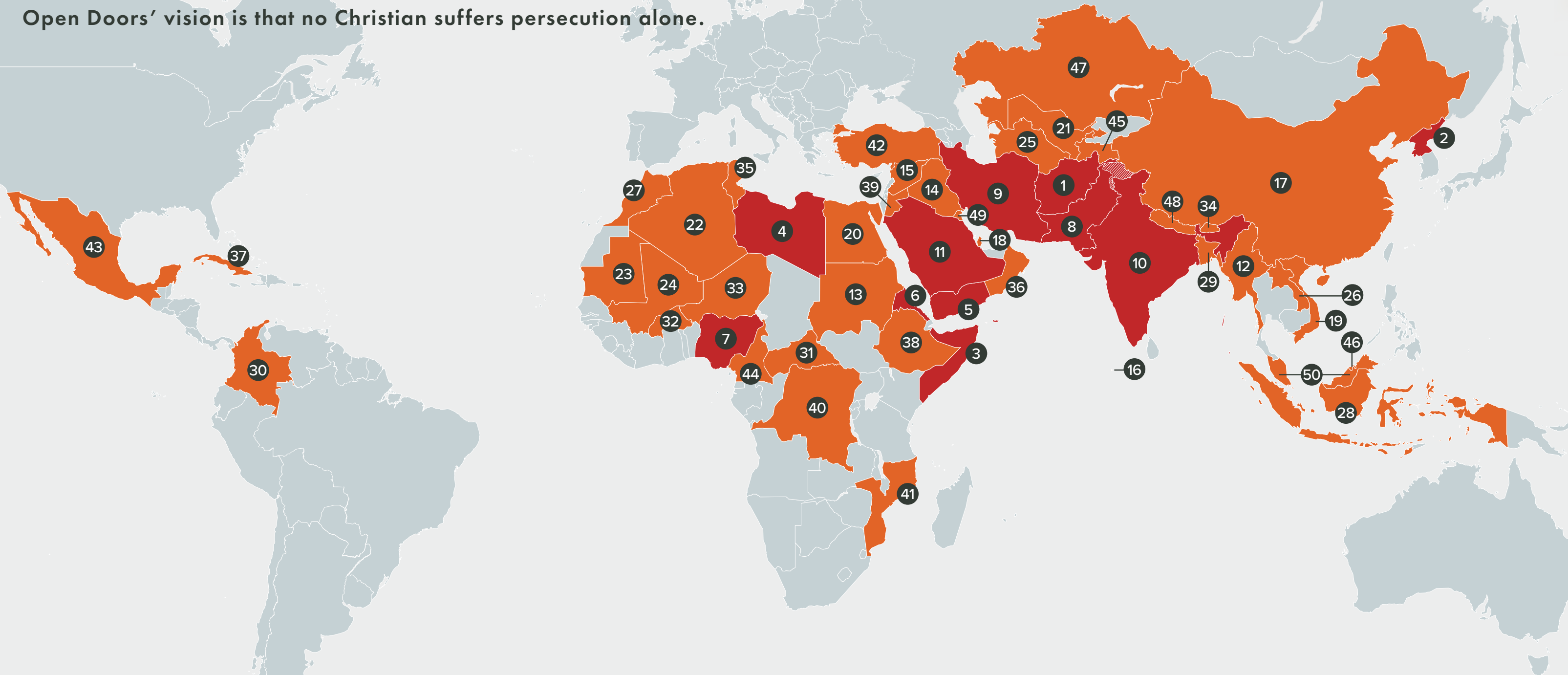
Life is increasingly difficult for Christians living in the Middle East. Conflict continues, and millions of people from Iraq and Syria have been forced to flee their homes due to war and persecution. Pray that the war in the Middle East will end and that God will use His children to be a constant light in the region.

ASIA

Views held by the three main religions in the region (Buddhism, Hinduism and Islam) about Christianity have cast Christians in a bad light and with it fear, hatred and persecution toward Christians. In many of these countries, Christians are isolated because of their faith. Pray for wisdom for Christians to be salt and light in the region despite how people may view them.

AFRICA

Each day reports surface about attacks by Islamic extremist groups and how governments are becoming increasingly hostile toward Christians. Dictators and authoritarian regimes try to stamp out anyone whose allegiance isn't to the government. Pray that God will protect believers from the increasing hostility and that the Gospel will spread as governments try to wipe it out.



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

PERSECUTION LEVELS

● HIGH ● VERY HIGH ● EXTREME

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 (IIRF) 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 October 2020 – 30 September 2021.

For interactive map:

