

# MARCH



## 29 Morocco

Both Moroccan and foreign Christians, who talk to others about their faith are at risk of arrest and criminal prosecution. Pray for isolated believers in Morocco who must sustain their faith alone or risk house arrest, physical attacks, and imprisonment.

## 30 Bangladesh

Christians who've converted from a Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist or tribal background suffer the most severe persecution. Pray that Bangladeshi believers will find ways to meet to worship together and find strength in the Lord.

## 31 Laos

Converts in Laos are deemed guilty of betraying the Buddhist-animist traditions of their community. They frequently face pressure and violence from their families and local authorities. Pray they'll have the strength to stand firm in their faith.

## 32 Mozambique

Attacks by Islamic militants have killed many believers in Mozambique. Christians who manage to escape the violence often lose their livelihoods and possessions. Pray for healing for families who've lost their loved ones and restoration of their livelihoods.

## 33 Indonesia

Churches and Christians who engage in evangelism are especially at risk of persecution. Pray that Christians and church

leaders will be given wisdom and boldness as they follow Jesus in a Muslim-majority society.

## 34 Qatar

Most of Qatar's Christians are migrant workers, who are free to worship but can't share the Gospel with Qatari communities. Pray for opportunities for migrant Christians to share the Gospel with others despite extreme restrictions.

## 35 Egypt

Churches in Egypt face difficulties when trying to construct new buildings due to state restrictions or communal hostility. Pray for the protection of believers, churches and Christian institutions. Pray that believers will be strengthened and encouraged to stand firm.

## 36 Tunisia

Believers experience high pressure in every area of life. This is particularly true for believers who've converted from Islam as it's forbidden. Pray for converts to be protected and that God will speak to the hearts of those in authority.

## 37 Democratic Republic of Congo

Persecution in the DRC mostly takes the form of violent attacks while Christian leaders who advocate against corruption risk harassment and government interference. Pray that Christian leaders will receive courage, wisdom and compassion as they minister.

## Empower women to remain steadfast when persecuted

Persecution of Christian women and girls targets them as sexual objects and vehicles of shame. Sexual violence, forced marriage, and trafficking stalk marginalised Christian women and girls across diverse global regions, often as a means of punishing and shaming Christian families and communities. Through this gift of hope, women and girls are helped to be grounded in their faith and equipped to withstand any persecution.

*"My dream is to see all women, especially women in the persecuted Church, well-rooted in the faith and living with hope and dignity. I have a wish to see them equally valued and valuable,"* says Humaira\*, Open Doors Women's Ministry lead for Asia.

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### **38 Mexico**

Christians are perceived to be against criminal operations and violence, putting them at constant risk of being targeted for elimination. Pray for Christians who face difficult choices when confronted with organised violence.

### **39 Ethiopia**

Converts to Christianity from Islam and those who join the Ethiopian Orthodox Church (EOC) are equally susceptible to mistreatment from families and communities. Pray for strength for Christians forced to renounce their faith.

### **40 Bhutan**

Local authorities often refuse to issue Christians a “non-objection certificate”, which is needed for things such as registering property or applying for jobs, making life extremely difficult. Pray for provision, guidance and discernment for believers in Bhutan.

### **41 Turkey**

Christians experience incredible pressure from increasing religious nationalism in Turkey. The government continues to target Christians even foreign Christians. Pray that the government recognises that Christians are a valuable part of their country.

### **42 Comoros**

Believers are forced to live as secret believers as they risk legal consequences and possibly death for practising and publicising their faith. Pray they're guided by the Holy Spirit as they follow Christ.

### **43 Malaysia**

Converts experience severe pressure from their families and communities to return to Islam – with apostasy legally punishable

by death. Ask God to grant peace and protection to those who choose to leave Islam.

### **44 Tajikistan**

Authorities in Tajikistan put significant pressure on Christians by tightening religious laws and strictly enforcing the ones that already exist. Pray that the Holy Spirit would convict the hearts of Tajikistan's leaders and for believers to find ways to fellowship.

### **45 Cameroon**

In the north of Cameroon, Boko Haram continues to be a violent presence – abducting, attacking or killing Christians. Pray that Christians will remain steadfast on the Lord's promises and for the government to protect vulnerable communities.

### **46 Brunei**

While traditional Christian communities can worship relatively freely, all church activities are monitored, and church leaders are warned against doing outreach. Pray that pastors are granted wisdom and strengthened to serve their congregations.

### **47 Oman**

Christian communities in Oman experience restrictions and surveillance, with proselytisation deemed illegal. Pray that all believers will have access to discipleship and fellowship to remain encouraged in their faith.

### **48 Kazakhstan**

Surveillance, raids on meetings, fines and arrests are part of the Christian life, with the authorities using the threat of Islamic extremism to tighten their control on religious freedom. Pray that our persecuted family will remain strong.

### 49 Jordan

Muslim background believers who dare to publicly declare their faith can be subject to beatings, imprisonment and even death. Pray for encouragement and endurance of these believers in Jordan.

### 50 Nicaragua

There is a lack of freedom in Nicaragua with the persecution of believers having risen drastically over the past year. Pray that Lord will undertake for believers and that despite the lack of freedom they will remain in the country to be a light for Christ.

### 51 Kenya

In Kenya, Christianity is the majority religion, but Christians still face persecution, especially those from a Muslim background. Pray for the Lord's hand of protection and provision over these believers.

### 52 Kuwait

In Kuwait, conversion from Islam to another faith isn't officially recognised. Pray for the protection of Christians and that secret believers will have opportunities to safely meet.

### 53 Tanzania

Tanzania's population is one-third Muslim. Pray that God would mightily use the Church and make them a light in the darkness.

### 54 United Arab Emirates

By law Emirati believers aren't allowed to attend the registered churches of expats living in the country. Pray that those believers will be able to come together to grow in their faith and to experience being a Church.

### 55 Nepal

Most Christian persecution in Nepal comes from radical Hindu groups who want the country to return to Hinduism. Pray for believers who've been rejected by their Hindu families because they've chosen to follow Christ.

### 56 Djibouti

In Djibouti, the Constitution guarantees freedom of religion, but Islam is the state religion, and the government doesn't protect Christians. Pray for the Lord to work in the hearts of the government to allow for religious freedom.

### 57 Palestinian Territories

Many Palestinians lose hope because of the political and economic situation, including Palestinian Christians. Pray that the churches continue to be places where people find hope.

### 58 Azerbaijan

The government monitors the activities of religious groups closely, even though it's supposed to be tolerant of religion. Pray Christians will have the courage to share the Gospel with their communities despite this.

### 59 Kyrgyzstan

There is rising Christian persecution and leaving Islam brings oppression, because it's seen as going against the country's culture. Pray that Christians will boldly live out Christ despite these difficulties.

\*Name changed for security purposes.