

PRAY FOR FAMILIES IN AFRICA

Cameroon

Children in the Far North of Cameroon are being kidnapped by Boko Haram and forced to serve as fighters or porters, leaving their parents, especially widowed mothers, in deep fear and distress. In some cases, kidnappers demand high ransoms for their release, while in others there is simply silence.

Central African Republic

Despite several peacekeeping efforts, rebel violence continues to plague most parts of the Central African Republic. Often, the church is at the receiving end, with women and children among the most vulnerable. Rebels regularly rape young girls, and children witness extreme violence. Along with this, more than a million people are displaced by ongoing violence.

Democratic Republic of Congo

For many years now, the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF) have been kidnapping children, often from Christian villages. In captivity, they are radicalised; some act as child soldiers, while others are forced into labour for the extremist group and girls are forcibly married to ADF fighters. Pray for their rescue and safe return to their families and communities. Pray for these children – that God will protect their hearts and minds from indoctrination and that He will reveal Himself to them. Pray for all parents who are praying and hoping for their children’s safe return.

Guinea

Pray for Christian children who come from a Muslim family. They are often bullied at school by Muslim children. Pray for emotional, spiritual and physical protection.



Mali

Jihadist groups such as Jama’at Nasr al-Islam wal-Muslimin (JNIM) and Islamic State in the Greater Sahara (ISGS) have expanded beyond the north into central and southern Mali, targeting Christians with violence, kidnappings, and church burnings. Many young people from villages in southeastern Mali are targeted and recruited to join these terrorist groups. Pray for the safekeeping of all villages in areas affected by the insurgency, especially young people who are forced to participate in the violence.

Mozambique

Children in northern Mozambique are enduring unimaginable hardships due to the ongoing insurgency that started in 2017. In Cabo Delgado, many have lost their parents or are separated from their families, leaving them orphaned and vulnerable. They face severe challenges such as hunger, malnutrition, lack of access to clean water, inadequate shelter, and limited educational opportunities, as some schools remain closed or unsafe. Opportunities to fellowship in churches or to play with other children are scarce. In displacement camps across the northern zones (Cabo Delgado, Nampula and Niassa), children are often neglected, suffering from malnutrition, illness, and marginalisation.

Nigeria

Christians in Northern Nigeria face several challenges. In many parts, there is pressure from violent persecution at the hands of militant groups; in other parts, Christians are marginalised and isolated because of their faith. In both instances, girls are vulnerable to forced marriage, either when they are kidnapped by militants or forcibly married to a Muslim man.



Somali Christians in the Horn of Africa

Somali Christian children often cannot openly express or practise their faith without facing pressure, rejection, or extreme violence. Please pray that God will protect them and give them wisdom, courage, and discernment. Please also pray for safe environments and supportive Christian communities, mentors, teachers, and families who can help nurture their faith and spiritual growth.

Sudan

Most Sudanese children are out of school because they are displaced, and schools in many places have been destroyed or occupied by the SAF or RSF. There are also many orphans because of the conflict. Pray for these children’s safety and their future, and that God will use their suffering for His good and His glory.

Tanzania

Christian students are forced to adhere to Islamic traditions, including wearing Islamic clothes and praying five times a day. Pray for the Lord’s protection over these children and for wisdom for their parents as they raise them in this environment.

PRAY FOR FAMILIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Iraq

Christian families continue to face economic challenges, including unemployment, rising cost of living, and the difficulty of supporting children and elderly relatives. Many parents are concerned about providing for their families and creating a joyful Christmas celebration despite limited resources. Churches request prayer for resilience, unity in families and encouragement for those who may feel burdened or discouraged during the holiday season. Christmas is seen as a time to renew hope among the younger generation and remind them they have an important role in the future of the Church.



Israel

Christmas will be celebrated in hundreds of Messianic congregations across Israel. Pray that more of the nation will recognise Jesus as the Messiah and start serving Him.

Palestine

Pray for Christian families, that the Lord would fill their hearts with hope and peace, strengthen their faith and sustain them as they confront economic, social, and political challenges each day.

Syria

Pray for the growing church of believers from a Muslim or Druze background. Often, they are the most persecuted in the country, rejected by their families, sometimes physically abused and threatened. Pray that these converts will hold on to their newfound faith.

PRAY FOR FAMILIES IN EAST ASIA

China

Some schools forbid students from celebrating Christmas, claiming it is a Western holiday that does not align with Chinese traditions. Pray that God will guide students to discern the truth, understand the true meaning of Christmas, and come to faith in Christ.

Laos

For the Christian community in Laos, Christmas holds deep spiritual significance and is one of the most important times of the year. Because of social or government pressure, believers gather in churches or homes, sometimes discreetly, to worship, celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, and fellowship with one another. In some cases, Christian families may face misunderstanding or opposition from relatives or local authorities, making their celebration more cautious.



Southern Philippines

Pray for Believers from Muslim Backgrounds. While Christmas celebrations in much of the Philippines often begin as early as September and continue throughout the season, some believers with Muslim backgrounds in the Southern Philippines are unable to openly celebrate Christmas because of family or community pressure related to their faith in Jesus. Pray that God will strengthen parents as they disciple their children, grant them wisdom as they navigate relationships, and remind them of the hope and joy found in Christ’s coming.

Vietnam

Pray that God would use the Christmas season as an opportunity for Vietnamese families, both believers and non-believers, to spend meaningful time together, experience the joy of togetherness, and find healing in broken relationships through forgiveness, reconciliation, and acts of compassion.