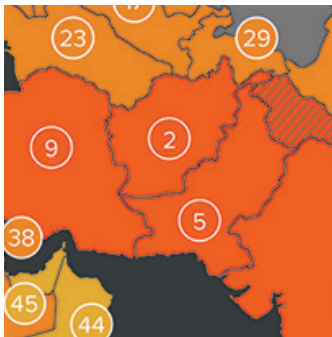




Ranked #2 most dangerous country to be a Christian on the 2019 World Watch List.

AFGHANISTAN

Region: Asia



Population

36.4 million | a few thousand Christians

Leader

President Ashraf Ghani

Officially there are no Christians in Afghanistan. Believers are in hiding and although there are small groups of Christians, there is no organized church. Christians are intensely cautious about who they share their faith with. If a believer is found out, they could be excluded from the community, admitted to a mental institution, or killed for their faith.

"When I brought the New Testament into my house...I began to read from the Bible and she started to walk!"

– Saif from Afghanistan*

Saif heard the gospel on a Christian radio broadcast. He came to faith later on, after his daughter was healed. Saif and his wife face daily pressure and live as secret believers.*



PRAY

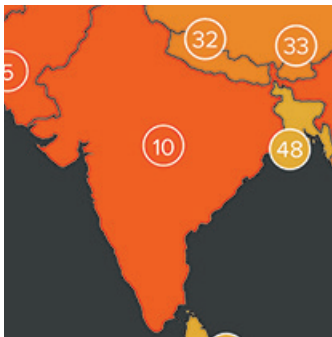
- Pray for secret believers in Afghanistan to grow in number and in unity.
- Pray that the Lord would comfort Christians in their isolation.



Ranked #10 most dangerous country to be a Christian on the 2019 World Watch List.

INDIA

Region: Asia



Population

1.35 billion | 65 million Christians

Leader

Prime Minister Narendra Modi

The leader of a radical Hindu group in India has declared that by the end of 2021, they want to remove Christianity from India. Churches are regularly monitored and disrupted. Police officers rarely intervene when Christians are persecuted. Some groups are working to make Indian rule exclusively Hindu and in some areas it's illegal to convert to Christianity. Those who do convert are often attacked or even killed. Sharing the gospel has dangerous consequences, yet God is strengthening His Church and many believers want to share Christ.

Don't be afraid when persecution comes to you. It's part of the Christian life. It's a privilege to be persecuted." – Bahiya from India.*



PRAY

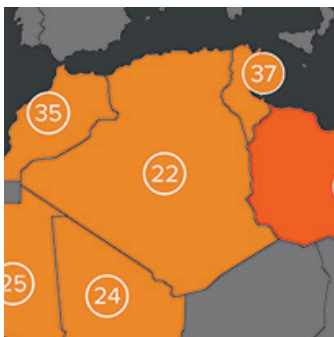
- Pray for families of pastors to stay Christ-centred and stand firm in persecution.
- Pray for Christians who are sharing the gospel in areas where conversion is illegal.



Ranked #22 most dangerous country to be a Christian on the 2019 World Watch List.

ALGERIA

Region: Africa



Population

42 million | 125 thousand Christians

Leader

President Abdelaziz Bouteflika

In 2018, violence increased dramatically in Algeria and a dozen churches were closed. Algeria rose 20 ranks on the 2019 World Watch List. The main source of violence comes from relatives of Christian converts. It's even more dangerous for Christians in rural and conservative Islamic parts of the country. Though the influence of Islamic extremism is increasing, there is an openness to the gospel and people are coming to faith in Jesus.

"I couldn't renounce Jesus, I couldn't renounce my faith. I said to my children: 'I love you, I love you, but I love Jesus more.'"
— Ibrahim*, Christian from a Muslim background



PRAY

- Pray for Christians from a Muslim background who face pressure to renounce their faith in Jesus.
- Pray for God to give peace and wisdom to church leaders, especially as more churches close.



Ranked #47 most dangerous country to be a Christian on the 2019 World Watch List.

COLOMBIA

Region: Latin America



Population

49.5 million | 47 million Christians

Leader

President Iván Duque Márquez

Colombia has a long history of organized crime and corruption. An increase in new armed groups and the growth of illegal crops has kept the level of violence high. Various criminal groups take possession of villages and place difficult restrictions on churches. Christian leaders have been abducted and some murdered as intolerance for Christianity has increased.

“We prepare children...so that they can help their communities, always reflecting the love of God in everything they do.”

– Jose from Colombia*



PRAY

- Pray for strength and protection for Christian leaders as they withstand persecution.
- Pray that Christians would remain strong and steadfast in Christ.