



#10 India

Christians are harassed and attacked with such regularity that it seldom draws widespread attention. Perpetrators often suffer no consequences for malicious acts of beatings, slashings, humiliations, and murder.

SOM India has 15 church planting schools across the nation raising up a thousand church planters per year sharing the gospel with tens of thousands annually.

There are 20 sewing/discipleship schools for widows and single mothers who are impacting their communities with the hope of Jesus Christ. Pray God would “fan into flame” (2 Timothy 1:6) more and more the gifts that abound in the peoples of India and that the power of the gospel continues to spread.



Other Persecuted Countries Impacted

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#24, #26 & #29 Northwest Africa

Many Christians worship in private and practices are forbidden and hidden. Pray the Light of Christ will overrun even the darkest corners. (John 1:4; 1 John 1:5)

#38 Bangladesh

This 90% Muslim nation has a population of 168 million people and discriminates against the .3%

Christian minority. Pray for God-sized vision and endurance for believers. (James 1:12)

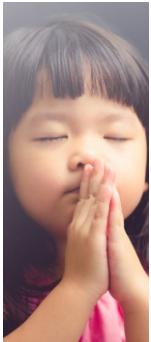
41. Colombia

Pastors and church leaders have repeatedly perished at the hands of guerrillas and many have been victims of corruption due to unrest from civil war. Pray from Acts 6:7 that the Word of God continues to spread despite great violence and persecution.

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#1 North Korea

The domineering dictator, who hordes all praise, eliminates any freedom for belief and worship of Christ. The believers must pray and congregate in complete secret at extreme risk. Yet, the church is growing. Pray for believers to have courage and endurance to stand and to keep standing! (*Ephesians 6:13-14*)

#2 Afghanistan

Tribal and clan loyalties reign supreme and Christians regularly face the possibility of violence, imprisonment, and death. From Psalm 32:7, pray the Lord will be their “hiding place” and protect them with “songs of deliverance.”



#3 Somalia

The militant Islamic terrorist group repeatedly threatens to eradicate Christians like removing a virus. The civil war creates endless strife. From Colossians 1:20, pray for God to bring reconciliation and peace through His blood and sacrifice on the cross.



#4 Libya

Christians face repeated threats and are not officially recognized. Reports have emerged that Christian migrant workers are being beaten, raped, and detained in work camps. From Psalm 90, pray God's presence would be a “dwelling place throughout all generations” for these migrant believers vulnerable through traveling. Pray Jesus will cover them with grace.



#5 Pakistan

Christians are considered the lowest of the low upon the social status levels. Jobs reserved for them are frequently brutal toil that most others will not do. Pray believers would be encouraged to



stand steadfastly upon the promise of Christ, “So the last shall be first, and the first last.” (*Matthew 20:16*)

#6 Eritrea

This East African totalitarian regime has imprisoned hundreds of Christians, some have languished for over a decade. Not even worthy of a sanitary jail cell, some Christians are detained in big shipping containers with extreme temperatures or placed in tunnels where they are forced to dig as prison slave laborers.

The prophet Jeremiah was sentenced to a muddy cistern pit (*Jeremiah 38*) and God delivered him with 30 men. Pray for deliverance of believers bound up in hot and muddy places. (*Psalm 40*)

#7 Sudan

Many Christians are being displaced and removed. Churches are being regularly demolished. Remembering Hebrews 11:10, pray for the believers without homes, temples, and sanctuaries knowing



they are looking to the “city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.”

#8 Yemen

A humanitarian crisis resulting from civil war is threatening to destroy a generation before they move past childhood. Humanitarian aid is distributed through mosques and Islamic hubs, resulting in Christians being the lowest priority.

Pray 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 over Yemen that the “Father of compassion” and “God of all comfort” consoles them in all “tribulation” and trials.

#9 Iran (Persia)

The oppressive government stifles opportunities for Christians at every turn.

Christian house church leaders are interrogated, detained, and wait for freedom in dreadful conditions. Pray Ephesians 6:10 for Persian believers to be “strong in the Lord” and the “power of His might” to “make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel.” (*Ephesians 6:19*)

