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PERSECUTION FACTS:

- Over **260 million** Christians live in places of high levels of persecution. (Open Doors)
- Christians are the most persecuted religious group worldwide. (Pew Research Center)
- In many places, a key way of destroying Christian community is by “double persecution” of Christian women – for being a Christian and for being a woman.



8 Christians are killed every day for faith-related reasons.



9,488 churches and other Christian buildings attacked last year.



3,711 believers detained without trial, arrested, sentenced or imprisoned in 2019.

**PLEASE
REMEMBER
TO PRAY FOR
PERSECUTED
CHRISTIANS**

*Be joyful in hope,
patient in affliction,
faithful in prayer.*

Romans 12:12

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THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Keep this prayer card in your Bible as a reminder to pray for Persecuted Christians.

When Reny believed in Jesus, her village turned against her.

They burned her home, took her land and animals, and cast her family out of the village.

They could only return if they denounce Jesus.

Does she regret becoming a Christian?

“Never,” she said. “Jesus has answers. He heals people. He offers eternal life.”

“For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.” Romans 8:18

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Countries of Persecution Where CFI Works

Bangladesh Christian converts from Islam are shunned, beaten, abused. CFI sponsors house-church pastors and children. CFI’s Center for the Blind gives job training and Bible teaching.

Burma/Myanmar’s military regime violently oppresses Christian ethnic minorities. CFI trains Christian refugees to be missionaries to their people.

Egypt treats Christians as second-class and imams incite violence against them. Christian women are abducted, forcibly married and converted to Islam. CFI sponsors Christian children in Cairo’s Garbage City.

Iraq’s Christian population has dwindled. Many who survived war and ISIS are living as refugees. CFI provides medical supplies and health care items to Christian refugees.

Nigeria’s Christian leaders call it a “pure genocide.” More Christians massacred than by ISIS. Villages burned. Girls kidnapped and forcibly converted. CFI helps escaped survivors who are starting a new village.

North Korea targets, imprisons, and executes people suspected of religious involvement. CFI helps North Korean escapees to smuggle food, Bibles, medicines, radios. Christian radio broadcasts evade the regime’s jamming.

Pakistan ranks high in all forms of persecution. Blasphemy accusations incite mob violence and death sentences. CFI provides food and Bible teachings for Christians held captive by debt bondage, and church security.

Sri Lanka’s Evangelicals are attacked by militant Buddhist monks and Hindu extremists. Islamists bombed churches on Easter. CFI gives aid to survivors and church security.

Thailand and U.S. are destinations for Christians escaping from fear to freedom. CFI provides schools, job training, spiritual and practical support for Christian refugees.

Who is Persecuted?

Since the earliest days of the Church, Christians have been persecuted.

It began with Jesus. He was accused of blasphemy and sentenced to death. But He broke the shackles of death – and gave us hope for eternal life.

But Jesus warned, “If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you.” (John 15:20)

Today, Christians are present in most of the world. Yet rather than strength in numbers, there are more of us to persecute.

Christians are denied schooling and jobs, kidnapped, forcibly converted, jailed, and suffer violence – even death. Their homes are vandalized, churches demolished, and land stolen.

Paul told Timothy, “Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.” (2 Timothy 3:12)

He also wrote, “So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.” (Galatians 6:10)

Please pray for our brothers and sisters who are persecuted for their faith.

“We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed;”
2 Corinthians 4:8-9

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