

**SYRIA** 

Much of northern Syria has been under the control of radical Islamist groups.

MOROCCO

MAURITANIA

**ALGERIA** 

NIGER

CHAD

SUDAN

TANZANIA

Pray for the remaining Christians

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**CENTRAL ASIA** 

and Islamic socities.

Pray for Christians who continue to face persecution in several republics within the former Soviet Union. Pressure comes

rom both authoritarian governments

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**SRI LANKA** 

BANGLADESH

Every day Christians around the world face persecutions such as false imprisonment, threats, attacks and murder. Please pray that they can respond like Christ, with love.

KAZAKHSTAN

**AFGHANISTAN** 

**PAKISTAN** 

IRAN

OMAN

QATAR

Sectarian conflict has caused hundreds

of thousands of Christians to flee. Those

who remain have faced kidnap and

IRAQ

KUWAIT

SAUDI

**ARABIA** 

YEMEN

SOMALIA

JORDAN

### NORTH AFRICA

Pray for the Christians who form a tiny minority in the Islamic nations of North Africa. Open Christian witness is often not possible, and many believers meet in secret. Pray for wisdom for church leaders.

Christians are discriminated against in the areas of employment and education and face attacks from extremists. Pray for those from a Muslim background, who are under the

#### **SUDAN**

**EGYPT** 

The government tries to close churches in an attempt to drive Christianity and non-Arabs out of the country. Converts have been arrested and imprisoned.

### **NIGERIA**

Christians face violent attacks in several northern and central states. Pray for those whose loved ones have been abducted or

#### **KENYA**

Al-Shabaab extremists attack churches, kill Christians and commit mass murders like those at the Westgate shopping mall and

#### TANZANIA

The spread of the gospel amongst Muslims is provoking a growing hostility towards Christians. Churches and pastors are being targeted and attacked by extremists.

#### **MEXICO**

Pray for evangelicals in Mexico who face attacks from *Caciques*, community chiefs who practise traditional religion.

CUBA

COLOMBIA

**MEXICO** 

#### **ETHIOPIA**

Persecution is mostly committed by **Muslims against Christian members** access to resources and attacked.

Pray for Christians and pastors who suffer violence from militants who want a Hindu-only India. Several states ave introduced anti-conversion laws.

n remote areas Buddhist extremists ften rally locals to attack Christians. government directive which has no gal validity has also been used to try close down churches.

This is one of the least evangelised

nations on earth. Any religion other than Sunni Islam is banned. Pray that

emocracy. But Christian activity is still suppressed in many areas, and Christians are attacked by Buddhists.

### **NDONESIA**

who face discrimination and sporadic violence in this predominantly Muslim nation. Pray for their safety.

Christians are marginalised, face legal obstructions to establishing churches and have been attacked when gathering

### **LAOS**

**NORTH KOREA** 

concentration camps.

Christian activity is forbidden, and

owning a Bible can lead to execution

Pray for the thousands of believers in

Christians must gain state approval for evangelism, printing literature, and buying or building places of worship. Pray that the government will ease restrictions.

#### VIETNAM

The Communist regime claims to uphold religiou freedoms, yet represses unregistered churches. **Pray for the Hmong and Montagnard people** groups, who face the most intense persecution.

#### **ERITREA**

The government has closed churches and imprisoned and tortured many leaders and believers.

#### **PHILIPPINES**

Christians living in areas with significant influence from Muslim and Marxist guerrilla organisations have faced threats, kidnapping

### **KEY**

**BUDDHIST WORLD** 

**COMMUNIST WORLD** 

**HINDU WORLD** 

**ISLAMIC WORLD** 

**OTHER** 

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Although the constitution guarantees freedom of religion, all religious groups must be registered. Most house churches are not registered.

## **SAUDI ARABIA**

**IRAN** 

Islamic clerics wield ultimate political control in this repressive republic. Open Christian witness is banned, and spies

monitor Christian groups. Pray that the Church will continue to grow.

Pray for Christians in Saudi Arabia, where only Islamic practice is permitted. Anyone involved in the conversion of a Muslim faces jail, expulsion or execution.

### **AFGHANISTAN**

partner's broadcasts.

### **PAKISTAN**

**MALDIVES** 

employment and the legal system, as well as abduction, assault, rape, killings

### practise their faith.

Christians have wisdom as they

**MALDIVES** 

**MALAYSIA** 

**CHINA** 

continue to grow.

Despite the growth of China's free

Pray for the house churches which

market economy, religious freedoms are

severely curtailed in several provinces.

**BANGLADESH** 

Pray for Christians in rural areas

