



Nigeria



On The World Watch List

“This house is a ministry God has given to me, to encourage other widows to hold on to God.”

– Martina*, whose husband was killed by Fulani militants.

Score: 85/100

Extreme

Violence:		100%
Church Life:		84%
National Life:		84%
Community Life:		83%
Family Life:		79%
Private Life:		80%

Region:	Africa
Leader:	President Muhammadu Buhari
Persecution Level:	Extreme
Christian Population:	95,358,000 (46.3%)
Main Religion:	Islam
Source of Persecution:	Islamic Oppression

Most Christians Killed

More Christians are killed for their faith in Nigeria than in any other country. Violent attacks by the Islamic extremist group, Boko Haram, and other groups are increasing across the country.

Men and boys are particularly vulnerable to being killed and widowed women and their children have little protection. Many Christian girls are being abducted or forced to marry into these groups. Around the country, believers are driven from their homes and Christian families rarely receive justice.

No Place Is Safe

Persecution, and especially violent attacks, are most prevalent in the north and Middle Belt of Nigeria. However, the government’s attempts to increase the influence of Islam across the country affect even Christian-majority communities in the south.

*Name changed for security purposes.

How can we pray for Nigeria?

Pray for God’s grace and comfort as many believers are displaced and experience trauma because of their faith.

Pray the Nigerian government will care for their citizens, including Christians.

Pray the church will be brave enough to be a light in their nation and continue sharing the gospel.

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