

Saudi Arabia

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On The World Watch List

Score: 78/100

Very High

Violence:	<div style="width: 13%;"><div style="width: 13%;"></div></div>	13%
Church Life:	<div style="width: 99%;"><div style="width: 99%;"></div></div>	99%
National Life:	<div style="width: 95%;"><div style="width: 95%;"></div></div>	95%
Community Life:	<div style="width: 86%;"><div style="width: 86%;"></div></div>	86%
Family Life:	<div style="width: 84%;"><div style="width: 84%;"></div></div>	84%
Private Life:	<div style="width: 90%;"><div style="width: 90%;"></div></div>	90%

Region:	Middle East
Leader:	King and Prime Minister Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud
Persecution Level:	Very High
Christian Population:	1,200,000 (3.5%)
Main Religion:	Islam
Source of Persecution:	Islamic Oppression

Saudi Arabian law forbids the practice of any religion other than Islam. Conversion from Islam to any other religion is punishable by death. If a Christian's faith is discovered, they are threatened, physically abused, imprisoned or even killed.

The Consequence Of Faith

The majority of Christians in Saudi Arabia are expatriates. These believers are severely restricted from sharing the gospel with Muslims. If a secret Christian gathering is discovered, those present can be detained or deported.

The few Saudi Christians, who convert from a Muslim background, experience even more pressure – especially from their families. They risk being forced into marriage or violently attacked by their family.

A Rising Hope

Yet, the small number of Saudi Christians has been slowly increasing, and they are becoming bolder and are sharing their faith with others on the internet and through Christian TV channels.

How can we pray for Saudi Arabia?

Pray Christians will share the gospel boldly and that the Saudi church will continue to grow.

Pray new believers will find the support and discipleship they need to remain faithful to Jesus, despite persecution.

Pray for God-given wisdom and discernment as Christians from a Muslim background seek to follow Jesus.

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