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On The World Watch List

“Even if a terrorist targets the church again, it’d be an honour to die for Jesus.”

– Magid, a believer from Egypt.

Score: 75/100

Very High

Violence:		84%
Church Life:		66%
National Life:		76%
Community Life:		69%
Family Life:		79%
Private Life:		75%

Region:	Africa
Leader:	President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi
Persecution Level:	Very High
Christian Population:	16,250,000 (15.8%)
Main Religion:	Islam
Source of Persecution:	Dictatorial Paranoia

Islam is seen as the central pillar of society in Egypt and Christians are viewed as second-class citizens. Laws restrict Christians from sharing the gospel and although converting to Christianity is not forbidden by law, it is heavily opposed.

Choosing To Risk It All

Those who leave Islam to follow Jesus may lose custody of their children or be imprisoned for sharing their faith. Conversion is seen as shameful to a family’s honour and can lead to threats, beatings and banishment.

Christians are monitored by their local communities and attacked for sharing about Jesus. Mob attacks often go unpunished by local authorities, leaving Christians even more vulnerable. Extremist Islamic preachers continue to fuel a climate of intolerance and hostility.

Under Pressure

Authorities and community members restrict churches and Christian organisations from building new churches or running social services. Christians of all backgrounds find it extremely difficult to find places to gather as a church.

How can we pray for Egypt?

Pray for the release of all Christians imprisoned or held captive because of their faith in Jesus.

Pray for strength and boldness as the underground church continues to face difficult restrictions and violence.

Pray God would bring Egyptian authorities and extremists to Christ and use them for His good purposes.

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