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On The World Watch List

“When I was in solitary confinement... I could do nothing. Nothing except get to know God.”

– Wang Ming-Dao, Chinese believer.

Score: 74/100

Very High

Violence:		66%
Church Life:		92%
National Life:		79%
Community Life:		72%
Family Life:		58%
Private Life:		75%

Region:	Asia
Leader:	President Xi Jinping
Persecution Level:	Very High
Christian Population:	96,700,000 (6.8%)
Main Religion:	Agnostic
Source of Persecution:	Communist and Post-Communist Oppression

Privacy in China is no longer guaranteed. An increase in surveillance and restriction of personal confidentiality have severely constrained the freedom of Christians. The Communist Party has taken control of all religious matters in the country, and churches are monitored, raided and shut down.

State-Led Pressure

Publicly expressing Christian views can result in interrogation, loss of property or imprisonment. Christian leaders are increasingly detained at police stations, while elderly Christians can have their government assistance taken away for professing their faith.

There has also been an increase in raids and harassment in the past year. Thousands of churches have been damaged or destroyed in a campaign that has spread to almost every region of the country. Crosses have also been removed from churches and online Bible sales have been restricted.

Disgracing The Community

Conversion to Christianity is seen as a betrayal of the family and local village within Buddhist and Islamic communities. A convert is seen as a disgrace and faces isolation within their community. They may even be attacked. Meeting with other Christians is nearly impossible. There are also reports that citizens can be financially rewarded for sharing information on Christians to the authorities.

How can we pray for China?

- Pray the wisdom and testimonies of those who have endured persecution will strengthen the next generation.
- Pray that those isolated from their family because of their faith will trust in God's grace and provision.
- Pray that God will be turning the hearts of Chinese authorities towards Him.

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