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On The World Watch List

**“Jesus said, ‘Carry your cross and follow me.’
That is our motto too.”**

– Pastor Moses, from Myanmar.

Score: 74/100

Very High

Buddhism is a core part of Myanmar’s national identity and drives most persecution aimed towards Christians.

Violence:		71%
Church Life:		74%
National Life:		77%
Community Life:		78%
Family Life:		72%
Private Life:		71%

Denied For Following Jesus

Myanmar has experienced the longest civil war in the world. Thousands of Christians have been displaced, with at least 100,000 living in camps where they are denied access to food and healthcare, because of their faith. COVID-19 has only made the situation worse.

Most Christians are extremely poor, especially in rural areas. They can get stuck in the cycle of poverty due to ethnic and religious discrimination. Christians are often denied education and employment opportunities. Some are even denied access to community water sources.

Region:	Asia
Leader:	President Win Myint
Persecution Level:	Very High
Christian Population:	4,362,000 (8%)
Main Religion:	Buddhism
Source of Persecution:	Religious Nationalism

Faith Facing Violence

Buddhist extremists monitor and attack churches, building Buddhist shrines inside. To avoid violence, many Christians meet in homes or business places, in secret.

Christians in Myanmar can be harassed and forced to flee their village when their faith is uncovered. Christian children also experience discrimination at school from their teachers and are bullied by other students.

How can we pray for Myanmar?

Pray for courage for those who have bravely left Buddhism to follow Jesus.

Pray for opportunities for Christians to enjoy safe and fruitful fellowship with other Christians.

Pray the church will be a source of hope and peace, in the turmoil of Myanmar’s violent civil war.

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