



# Democratic Republic Of The Congo

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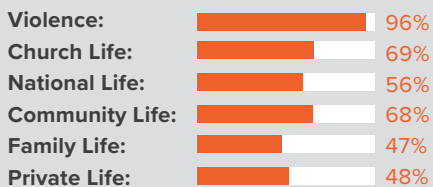
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**“With all this suffering, I remember what my husband used to say: God is in control.”**

– Mama Teseli, a believer from the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Score: 64/100

Very High



Some Islamic extremist groups are seeking to cleanse the country of religious minorities, like Christianity. Extremists attack churches and homes, kidnap believers and force women into marriage. Over a million people have now been displaced.

### Faith Over Fear

The militant group, Alliance for Democratic Forces (ADF), continued to grow in 2020. In ADF controlled areas, Christian children are pressured to abandon schooling and are forced to learn Islamic teachings. Extremists have also been known to target those wearing Christian symbols, including an Anglican priest who was killed in April 2020.

Region:	Africa
Leader:	President Felix Tshisekedi
Persecution Level:	Very High
Christian Population:	85,120,000 (95.1%)
Main Religion:	Christianity
Source of Persecution:	Islamic Oppression

### Pressure From Families And Communities

Converts from both Islam and tribal religions face pressure to take part in non-Christian religious activities. Those who refuse could find themselves socially isolated, rejected by their families, discriminated in the workplace or violently attacked.

## How can we pray for Democratic Republic Of The Congo?

Pray persecution will not discourage Christians, rather encourage them further into faith.

Pray for the physical, emotional and spiritual healing of those affected by extremism and violence.

Pray for provision over those who have lost their homes and livelihoods for following Jesus.

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