

**PRAY FOR THE PEACE,
PROSPERITY AND
STABILITY OF
OUR NATION**

STAND IN THE GAP! BLESS INDIA!





Trends in Global Persecution

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1. The shocking reality of persecution against women.

2. Islamic oppression continues to impact millions of Christians.

3. The world's two most highly populated countries rise on the World Watch List.

4. The spread of radical Islam across sub-Saharan Africa.

5. More laws added to control religion.

PERSECUTION BY THE NUMBERS

≈14%

The rise in the number of Christians in the top 50 countries on the World Watch List who experience high levels of persecution.



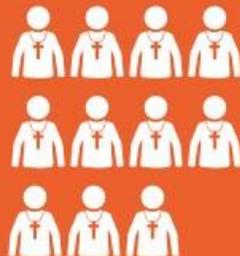
1 in 9 Christians experience high levels of persecution worldwide.



During the World Watch List 2019 reporting period, in the top 50 countries:

4,136

Christians were killed for faith-related reasons. On average, that's 11 Christians killed every day for their faith.

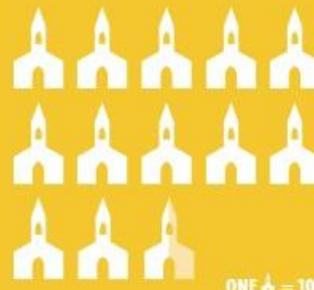


2,625

Christians were detained without trial, arrested, sentenced and imprisoned.

1,266

churches or Christian buildings were attacked.





Extreme persecution

Very high persecution

High persecution

The 50 countries where it is most dangerous to follow Jesus:

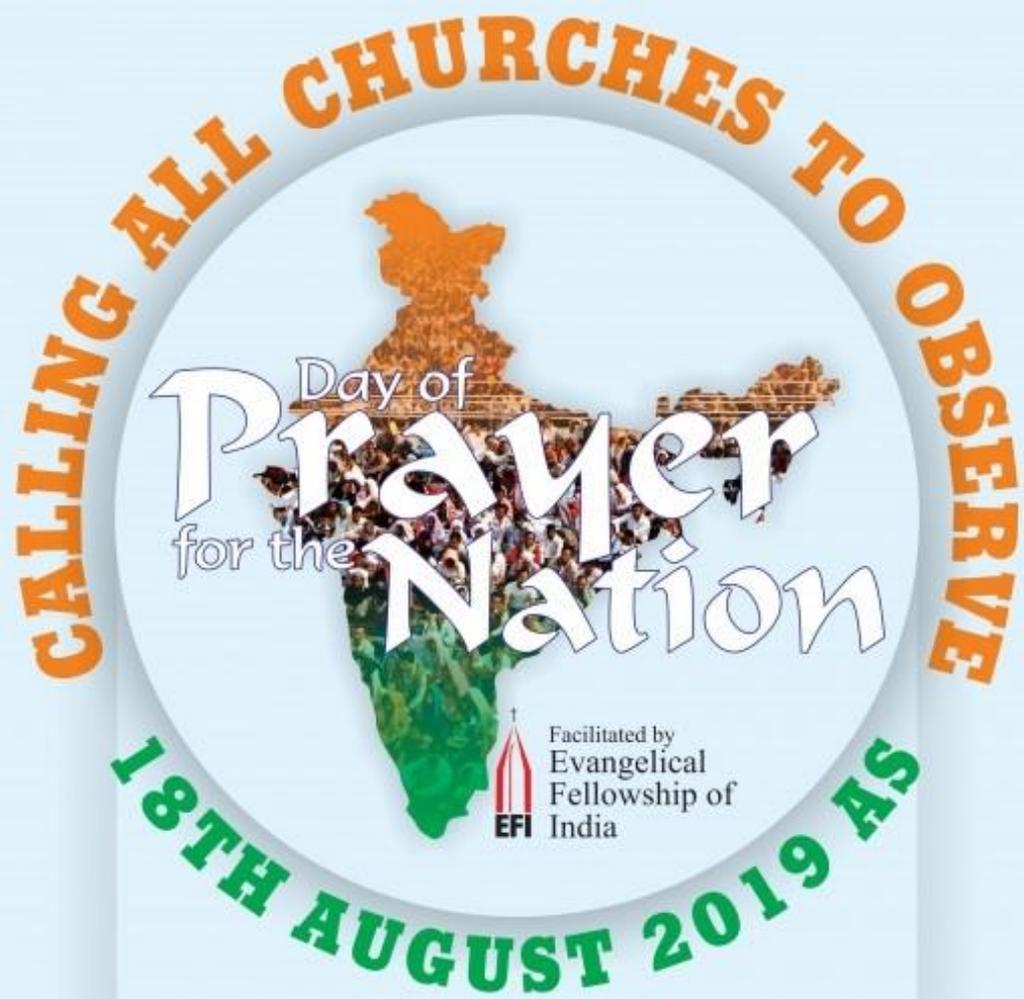
- 1 North Korea
- 2 Afghanistan
- 3 Somalia
- 4 Libya
- 5 Pakistan
- 6 Sudan
- 7 Eritrea
- 8 Yemen
- 9 Iran
- 10 India

- 11 Syria
- 12 Nigeria
- 13 Iraq
- 14 Maldives
- 15 Saudi Arabia
- 16 Egypt
- 17 Uzbekistan
- 18 Myanmar
- 19 Laos
- 20 Vietnam

- 21 Central African Republic
- 22 Algeria
- 23 Turkmenistan
- 24 Mali
- 25 Mauntania
- 26 Turkey
- 27 China
- 28 Ethiopia
- 29 Tajikistan
- 30 Indonesia

- 31 Jordan
- 32 Nepal
- 33 Bhutan
- 34 Kazakhstan
- 35 Morocco
- 36 Brunei
- 37 Tunisia
- 38 Qatar
- 39 Mexico
- 40 Kenya

- 41 Russian Federation
- 42 Malaysia
- 43 Kuwait
- 44 Oman
- 45 United Arab Emirates
- 46 Sri Lanka
- 47 Colombia
- 48 Bangladesh
- 49 Palestinian Territories
- 50 Azerbaijan



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India

Christians have been targeted by Hindu nationalist extremists more each year. Since the current ruling party took power in 2014, attacks have increased, and Hindu radicals believe they can attack Christians with no consequences. The view of the nationalists is that to be Indian is to be Hindu, so any other faith—including Christianity—is viewed as non-Indian. Additionally, in some regions of the country, converts to Christianity from Hinduism experience extreme persecution, discrimination and violence.

Prayer Points

- Pray for Christian converts from Hinduism who are forcefully pressured to return to their national religion.
- Pray with Christians in India for God's provision and protection as they preach the gospel in places with anti-conversion laws.
- Pray for the government of India, that they would open to religious liberty.



**THE
TANGIBLE KINGDOM
OF GOD**

PART 8 Changing Values

The Book of Acts... When the day of Pentecost arrived...

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Acts 5:14 *And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, **multitudes** of both men and women,*

And here's the Fact: **Every single one of us** trace our faith back to this moment that began with a handful of Christians in Acts 1-2. *Something happened... **what caused this?***

Values Changed!



Changing a Value is Hard

But... Change is not dependent on the Value

**Change is dependent on changing the “Paradigm”
that *produced the Value***

Define “Paradigm”:

A *paradigm* represents *How you see the world...* It’s like a pair of glasses. We put them on quite unconsciously as we grow up in our unique environments, traditions, and cultures.

A *Paradigm* can either *propel us into action* or it *can shut us down* and *limit what we do* and *what we think is possible*.

Your *Paradigm* *drives* your values... what *you* do.



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Change the **Paradigm** – You change the **Value**

Change the **Root** – You produce different **Fruit**

Based on John 15:1-15

Galatians 5:22-25

(ESV)

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. [opposed to this] ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

Verse 25 (AMP)

If we [claim to] live by the [Holy] Spirit, we must also walk by the Spirit [with personal integrity, godly character, and moral courage—*our conduct empowered by the Holy Spirit*].



	Western- Modern	Eastern	Post-modern	Kingdom
Why We Believe	Reason	Faith	Preference	Discovery
How We View Relationships	Autonomous	Holistic	Pluralistic	Inclusive Community
What We Value	Security	Legacy	Gratification	Eternity Now
How We Influence	Institutions	Tradition	Deconstruction	Modeling
How We Measure Success	Product	Process	Justification	Transformation



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When you realize the magnitude of what happened through this group of people, it raises a question: *What was it about them that enabled them to be so mightily used of God?*

A Kingdom Paradigm Change that changed their Values that changed them.



From Acts 1-2... The early church

1:8 “you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth”

KEY 1: They had a **faith** that produced **obedience**. *(they trusted God-did what God said)*

*1:14 “All these with one mind and one purpose **were** continually devoting themselves to prayer”*

KEY 2: They had a **passion** that produced **unity**. *(one mind: one will, one heart, one passion)*

KEY 3: They had a **desperation** that produced **prayer**. *(they didn't stop until God showed up)*



THE TANGIBLE KINGDOM... *part 8* **4 steps in acquiring a Kingdom Paradigm...**

From Acts 1-2... The early church

1:8 “you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you”

2:4 “they were all filled with the Holy Spirit “

KEY 4: They had a **Spirit** that produced **power**. (*they were em-powered*)

“When I read the book of Acts, I see the church as an unstoppable force. The church was powerful and spreading like wildfire. Not because of clever planning, but by a movement of the Spirit. Riots, torture, poverty or any other type of persecution couldn't stop it. Isn't that the type of church movement we all long to be a part of?”

- Francis Chan (Book - Forgotten God)



The early church had a **faith that produced obedience.**

They had a **passion that produced unity.**

They had a **desperation that produced prayer.**

They had the **Spirit of the living God that produced power.**

They had a **New Paradigm that produced a change in Values**

They had a **Kingdom Paradigm that produced Transformation.**



Mission-

A special assignment or duty given to a person or group of people

Missionary -

One who is **sent** on a **mission**

Mission-al -

Relating to or connected to a **mission**

Missional Christian -

Is someone who recognizes that they have been sent as a Christian **missionary**...

“In **the same way** the Father sent Me, **I Am** now **sending you.**”

- John 20:21b



Missional: describes “being sent to *embody the mission* and *message of Jesus everywhere*.”

also...

*Believing and Accepting and Becoming a **Missionary***

Do you “*believe*”
you are a “*Sent One*”?

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Say “Yes” to Jesus Moments

