

# INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

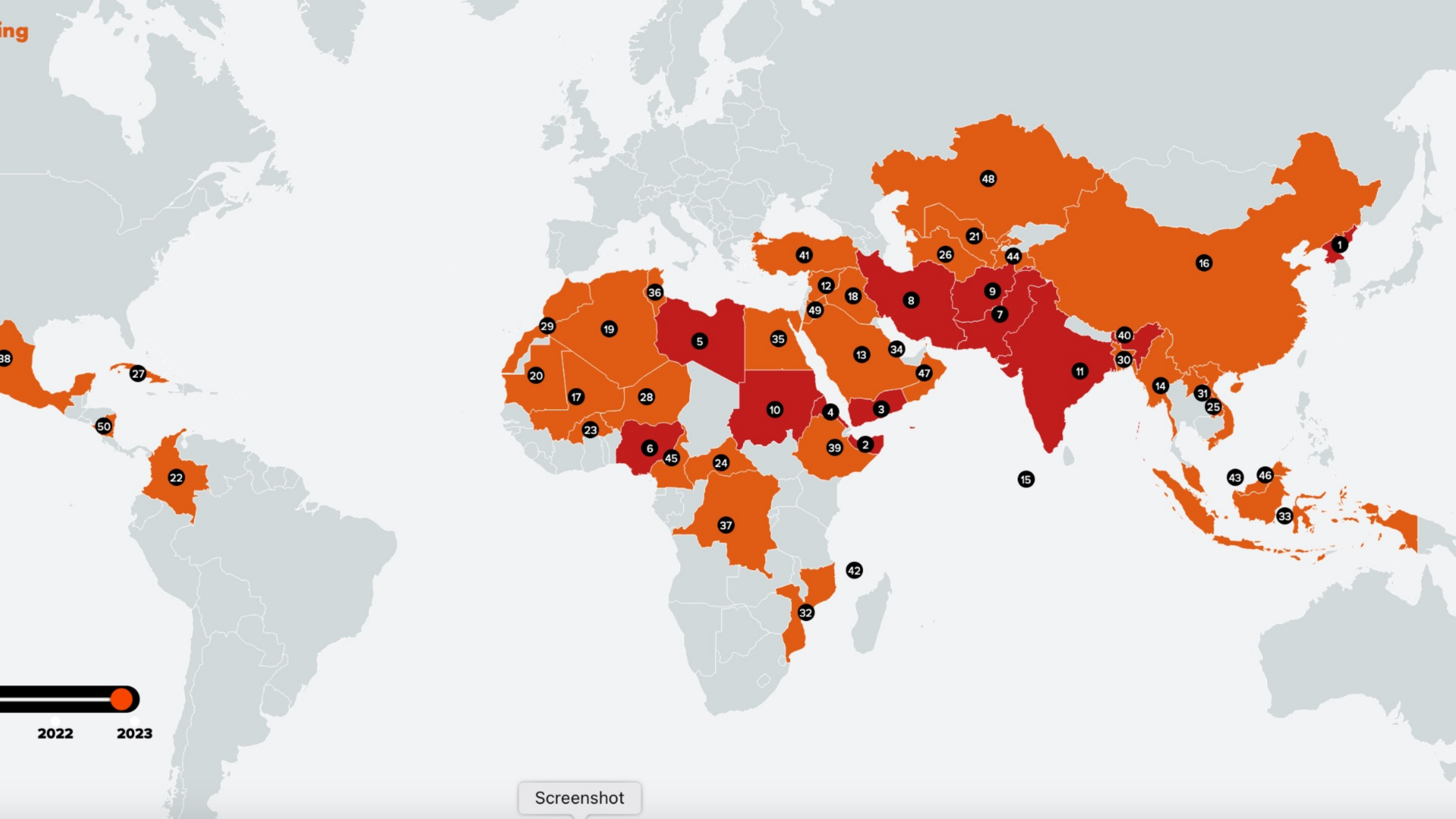
FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

**COURAGE** TO  
*rise above*  
JOSHUA 1:9



IDOP

**More than 360m Christians  
suffer high levels of  
persecution and  
discrimination for their  
faith.**



Screenshot

**Christian persecution has  
spread from 40 countries in  
1993, to 76 countries in  
2023**

**“Christianity is the most persecuted religion in the modern era.”**

*Bishop of Truro's Independent Review for the Foreign Secretary of FCO Support for Persecuted Christians.*

<https://christianpersecutionreview.org.uk/report/>

**5621**

**Christians  
were killed in  
2022 for  
their faith.**

UN, OXFAM, OPENDOORS.ORG, PERSECUTION.COM

**in 2022:**



**5,621**

Christians murdered



**2,110**

Churches attacked



**4,542**

Christians detained



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11<sup>th</sup> most dangerous place to be a Christian

# INDIA

Population: 1,406,623,000

Christians: 69,494,000

## PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for Indian believers and for effectiveness and boldness as they share the Good News in remote communities.
- Pray for those who are experiencing injustice with false accusations and imprisonments because of their faith.
- Pray for the persecutors, specifically for repentance and ultimately turning their lives to Christ.





6<sup>th</sup> most dangerous place to be a Christian

# NIGERIA

Population: 216,747,000  
Christians: 100,420,000

## PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for believers who are experiencing severe persecution; that God would meet their needs and give them opportunities to be a blessing to their communities.
- Pray for the persecutors, that they would be touched by the witness of Christian believers and would, despite their severe opposition, repent and become followers of Christ.



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50<sup>th</sup> most dangerous place to be a Christian

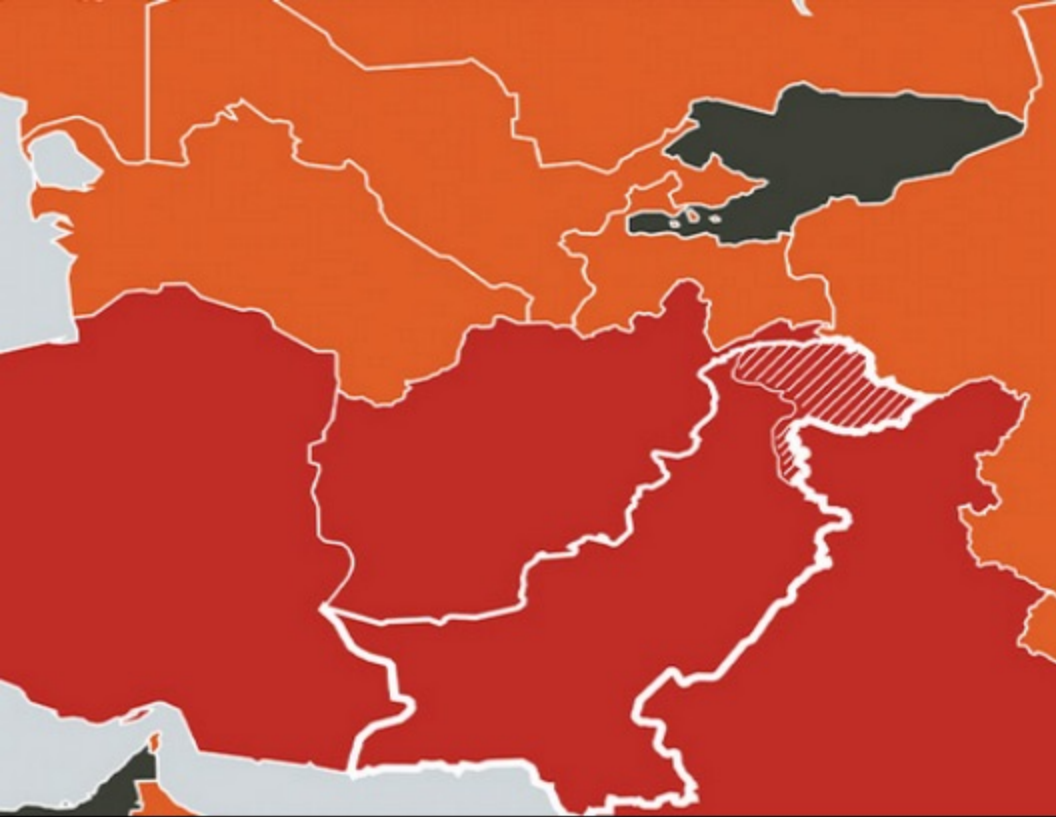
# NICARAGUA

Population: 6,779,000

Christians: 6,437,000

## PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for believers in Nicaragua: For boldness in their faith, despite government opposition.
- Pray for resolution of the conflict with the government and the church.



POPULATION OF  
CHRISTIANS  
4,194,000 (1.8%)



7<sup>th</sup>

MOST DANGEROUS PLACE TO BE A CHRISTIAN

- **Please pray that Pakistan's blasphemy laws will be changed so that Christians will be safe from false accusations**
- **Pray for protection for women who suffer domestic violence and girls who are forced into marriage. Ask God to work in the hearts of their husbands to treat them with kindness and respect**
- **Pray for wisdom and protection for those reaching out to help communities displaced by last year's floods.**