

PRAYER FOR Central Africa

ARISE AFRICA

Central Africa, a region of vibrant cultures and resilient people, faces profound challenges. In the Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Cameroon, millions endure conflict, instability, and persecution. Islamic militias like ADF-NALU in the DRC, ex-Séléka in CAR, and Boko Haram in Cameroon target Christians, burning churches, abducting leaders, and displacing communities. Corruption cripples governance, with the DRC ranking 169th and CAR 140th on the 2023 Corruption Index, while Cameroon's Anglophone crisis fuels unrest. Converts from Islam face violent rejection. Yet, the Church radiates hope: 93,396,000 Christians in the DRC, 62% of Cameroon's population, and CAR's Catholic sanctuaries stand firm. Pray for protection, justice, and peace. We invite you to STOP THE VIOLENCE AND START THE HEALING by joining us in prayer for the countries and Christians of Central Africa.



Cameroon

1. Thank the Lord for Cameroon and its vibrant Christian community. Pray for God's blessing on the nation, that peace and unity prevail despite conflicts.
2. Christians, about 62% of the population, contribute through churches and community work. Thank God for their steadfastness in persecution. Pray for strength and opportunities to bless their communities.
3. Cameroon ranks 43rd on the 2025 World Watch List due to Islamic oppression and government restrictions. Pray for grace and wisdom for Christians facing threats from Boko Haram and separatists.
4. Pastors face violence, abductions, and suppression for opposing injustice. Pray for their protection, provision, and comfort amidst loss and trauma.
5. Christian women in the Far North face abduction and forced marriage by Boko Haram. Pray for their safety, release, and emotional and physical healing for survivors.
6. Christian men, especially church leaders, are targeted for abduction, torture, and murder. Pray for their protection and Church support for affected families.
7. The Anglophone crisis has displaced over 500,000 Christians. Pray for comfort and provision for the displaced and hosts, and wisdom for sustainable solutions.
8. Youth face limited education and job access due to violence. Pray for Church-led discipleship and guidance to help them resist radicalization.
9. Violence disrupts Christian activities in the Northwest and Southwest, with churches attacked. Pray for restoration of safe worship spaces.
10. Peaceful Christian-Muslim relations are strained by radicalization. Pray for the Church to foster love and reconciliation while sharing the Gospel.
11. Cameroon's long-standing rule under President Biya faces corruption and instability. Pray for transparent, democratic governance protecting all citizens.
12. Boko Haram and separatists target Christians with impunity. Pray their resources are cut off and many encounter the Gospel and turn to Christ.
13. Corruption, with Cameroon at 142nd on the 2022 Corruption Perceptions Index, harms Christians. Pray for government transparency to protect vulnerable communities.
14. Converts from Islam face harassment and forced divorce. Pray for their safety, courage, and support as they practice faith secretly or relocate.

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Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)

1. Thank God for the DRC's vast land and its 98,152,000 people. Pray for healing and peace to overcome decades of conflict and division.
2. Celebrate the faith of 93,396,000 Christians, nearly 95% of the population, standing firm despite violence. Ask for strength to remain a beacon of hope.
3. Praise God for the Church's resilience in sharing the Gospel amid hostility. Pray for boldness and opportunities to reach hearts in troubled regions.
4. The DRC ranks 35th on the 2025 World Watch List, with persecution driven by Islamic militias and corruption. Pray for courage and clarity for Christians facing threats in North Kivu and Ituri.
5. Lift up pastors targeted with abductions and intimidation by groups like ADF-NALU. Ask for their protection, wisdom, and endurance to lead their flocks through danger.
6. Pray for Christian women and girls in eastern DRC, vulnerable to abduction, rape, and forced marriage by armed groups. Seek their safety and healing from trauma and shame.
7. Support Christian men and boys, especially leaders, facing forced recruitment, torture, and killings. Pray for their safety and provision for families crippled by economic loss.
8. Ask for comfort for thousands of displaced Christians, whose villages and churches have been destroyed by militias. Pray for resources and refuge for those in need.
9. Pray for youth struggling with limited education and job access due to violence. Ask the Church to guide them with faith and purpose to resist militia influence.
10. Seek restoration for churches looted and vandalized in Kinshasa, Kasai, and North Kivu. Pray for safe spaces where believers can worship and serve.
11. Uphold converts from Islam and indigenous religions, facing family pressure and violence in North Kivu. Pray for their safety and support to live out their faith in secret.
12. The DRC's government under President Tshisekedi grapples with corruption and impunity, ranked 169th on the 2023 Corruption Index. Pray for just leadership to protect all citizens.
13. Pray for Muslims and other minorities facing unequal treatment. Ask for harmony and fairness, that Christians may build bridges while sharing the Gospel.





Central African Republic (CAR)

1. Thank God for the Central African Republic and its diverse people. Pray for stability and hope to rise above the ongoing violence and regional conflicts.
2. Give thanks for the enduring faith of CAR's Christian majority, standing strong despite chaos. Ask for resilience to shine as a light in dark times.
3. Praise God for the Church's courage to share the Gospel amid threats. Pray for open doors and boldness to reach communities with Christ's love.
4. CAR ranks 27th on the 2025 World Watch List, with anarchy and militia violence fueling persecution. Pray for strength and guidance for Christians facing dangers in northern and eastern regions.
5. Lift up Christian leaders who risk their lives speaking against militia abuses. Ask for their safety, wisdom, and comfort as they guide their flocks through fear.
6. Pray for Christian women and girls in Muslim-dominated areas, vulnerable to rape, abduction, and forced marriage. Seek their protection and healing from trauma and shame.
7. Support Christian men, particularly pastors, targeted for killing or forced recruitment by groups like ex-Séléka. Pray for their safety and support for families facing poverty.
8. Thousands of Christians are displaced, living in makeshift camps after losing homes. Pray for provision, refuge, and restoration for those uprooted by conflict.
9. Ask for hope for youth caught in violence and economic hardship. Pray the Church equips them with faith and purpose to resist militia influence.
10. Pray for the rebuilding for churches burned and looted by ex-Séléka and anti-Balaka groups. Pray for safe havens where believers can worship and serve freely.

11. The government under President Touadera controls only Bangui, with militias ruling elsewhere. Pray for effective governance and peace to protect all citizens.
12. Pray for Muslims and other minorities facing discrimination. Ask for mutual respect and peace, that Christians may share the Gospel with compassion.

The Arise Africa Campaign

1. Pray for greater global awareness about the plight of Christians in regions across Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) facing targeted violence.
2. Pray that we will make a strong and clear case to state actors, media, and churches around the globe about the specific targeted violence Christians face in parts of SSA.
3. The narrative in media is often oversimplified, failing to give sufficient attention to the targeting of Christians. Pray for increased opportunity and wisdom to speak up.
4. Violence in the affected areas of SSA often takes place without restraint. Governments do not sufficiently protect communities or bring perpetrators to justice. Pray for discernment and protection for workers at various levels.
5. Pray for efforts to create greater understanding of and respect for Freedom of Religion or Belief (FoRB) and to equip Christians to speak up when it is violated, especially where Christians are targeted by jihadists for their faith (different groups, same ideology).