

Sudan

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On The World Watch List

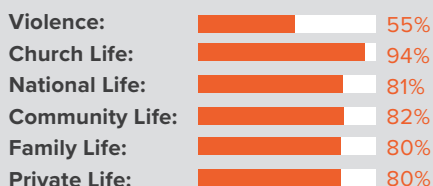
“We need you to remember the Christians here and consider their suffering.”

– A church pastor from Sudan.

Score: 79/100

Very High

Although Sudan has taken significant steps towards religious freedom in the past year, many Christians still face extreme persecution.



A Secret Faith

Many Christians keep their faith secret to protect themselves and their families. Some believers even choose not to raise their children as Christians, wary of backlash from the community. This fear of exposure means some Christians, who converted from a Muslim background, will even have an Islamic funeral in a Muslim cemetery when they die.

New Steps Forward

Since a change of government in April 2019, there have been significant steps towards freedom of religion. After 30 years, Sharia (Islamic) law will no longer dictate religious freedoms in Sudan, meaning Muslims who choose to convert to Christianity will no longer face the death penalty. While persecution continues in Sudan, these steps towards religious freedom have led to Sudan dropping six ranks in the World Watch List 2021.

Region:	Africa
Leader:	Lt. Gen. Abdel Fattah al-Burhan
Persecution Level:	Very High
Christian Population:	1,970,000 (4.5%)
Main Religion:	Islam
Source of Persecution:	Islamic Oppression

How can we pray for Sudan?

Praise God Sudanese authorities are demonstrating a willingness to allow Christians to live for Jesus, in safety.

Pray for protection and strength over Christians from a Muslim background to withstand persecution and continue to follow Jesus.

Pray church leaders will be bold and equipped with wisdom as they lead their congregations through persecution.

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