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On The World Watch List

“No matter what happens in my life, I can’t leave Jesus.”

– Islém, North African Christian.

Score: 67 / 100

Very High

The growing influence of Islamic extremism has increased hostility towards Christians in Tunisia. Believers who publicly profess their faith face job insecurity, and are often isolated from their friends, family and community.

Violence:		44%
Church Life:		79%
National Life:		69%
Community Life:		62%
Family Life:		78%
Private Life:		72%

A Dishonour To The Family

Converts from Islam are harassed, attacked, lose their inheritance and are even locked in houses by their families. To leave Islam is viewed as a betrayal and a dishonour to family and relatives will do anything to bring the believer back to their former faith.

Many Christians choose to keep their faith a secret. Muslim spouses threaten to divorce Christians and take their children away. Christians are also not likely to be treated equally in court, particularly when it comes to issues involving family law.

Region:	Africa
Leader:	President Kais Saied
Persecution Level:	Very High
Christian Population:	23,100 (0.2%)
Main Religion:	Islam
Source of Persecution:	Islamic Oppression

A Constricted Church

Though some churches operate freely, they often face practical difficulties, particularly when hiring staff and getting permission to publish and distribute Christian texts. Christian facilities and buildings are also monitored. Tunisia rose eight ranks this year due to a reported increase in violence against Christians. A larger number of Christian-owned homes, buildings and shops were also attacked.

How can we pray for Tunisia?

Many Tunisian Christians practise their faith alone. Pray they find fruitful fellowship.

Pray that God will reach the hearts of persecutors and bring them to know Him.

Pray that those who leave Islam to follow Jesus will withstand the pressure to return to their former religion.

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