

Morocco

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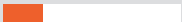




On The World Watch List

“Nothing can equal the life that Jesus gave me.”

– Kabil*, North African Christian.

Score: 67 / 100

Very High

Violence:		22%
Church Life:		84%
National Life:		74%
Community Life:		69%
Family Life:		81%
Private Life:		75%

Region:	Africa
Leader:	King Mohammed VI
Persecution Level:	Very High
Christian Population:	31,500 (0.1%)
Main Religion:	Islam
Source of Persecution:	Islamic Oppression

The Moroccan government looks at the church with suspicion. Citizens are expected to be loyal to Islam, king and country, so Christians are viewed as a threat. Moroccan Christians meet in house churches because they cannot meet publicly.

Risking Freedom For Faith

Christian faith is often met with hostility in Morocco, both by authorities and communities. Converts often face immense pressure from family and friends to return to Islam.

Leaders exhibit intolerance towards Christianity and do not fully recognise the right to religious expression. Believers are frequently detained, questioned or ostracised for following Jesus.

A Hostile Environment

Moroccan law criminalises “shaking the faith of a Muslim”. This puts many Christians who talk to other about their faith at risk of arrest.

Many keep their faith a secret, especially those in rural areas who face additional pressure and restrictions. Islamic extremists have been known to attack advocates for Christian rights and freedoms.

*Name changed for security purposes.

How can we pray for Morocco?

Pray that isolated Christians will have opportunities for fellowship and encouragement with one another.

Pray that God will reach the hearts of the country’s leaders and that they will be a vessel for His glory.

Pray that believers will have the courage to share their faith and that the Moroccan church will grow.

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