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On The World Watch List

“Our lives and ministries are always at risk... but I hope in the Lord.”

– Nepalese pastor.

Score: 66/100

Very High

Violence:		51%
Church Life:		74%
National Life:		78%
Community Life:		76%
Family Life:		59%
Private Life:		74%

Region:	Asia
Leader:	Prime Minister Khadga Prasad Sharma Oli
Persecution Level:	Very High
Christian Population:	1,285,000 (4.2%)
Main Religion:	Hinduism
Source of Persecution:	Religious Nationalism

Instability Used For Persecution

Nepal has a great deal of political instability, driven by governmental infighting as well as a constant push-and-pull between its powerful neighbours, China and India. Hindu extremists take advantage of instability by attacking Christians.

Nepal has an anti-conversion law. This law says that anyone who causes an individual to convert to a different religion can be imprisoned, fined or deported and has been used to target believers. Many Christians who are foreign citizens have been deported based on this law.

In some areas, Christians were left out of COVID-19 relief that the government provided, re-emphasising their status as second-class citizens.

Breaking Culture To Follow Jesus

In Nepal, converts from Hinduism are put under the most pressure as they are seen to break culture and national identity. This is particularly seen in rural areas.

Converts experience pressure from family, friends, community and local authorities. Roman Catholic churches, as well as churches where more foreigners attend, often have fewer issues.

How can we pray for Nepal?

Pray that Christians will have wisdom and boldness in sharing their faith.

Pray that Christians in rural areas will stand strong in their faith, despite threats and persecution.

Pray that despite anti-conversion laws, many will come to know of Jesus and His saving love.

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