

# Central African Republic

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On The World Watch List

**"I will greet him and say, 'God forgives you, and He wants me to forgive you too.'"**

– Jeovani, a believer from Central Africa.

Score: 66/100

Very High

Violence:	93%
Church Life:	59%
National Life:	57%
Community Life:	78%
Family Life:	52%
Private Life:	54%

Region:	Africa
Leader:	President Faustin-Archange Touadera
Persecution Level:	Very High
Christian Population:	3,691,000 (75%)
Main Religion:	Christianity
Source of Persecution:	Islamic Oppression

The majority of the population in the Central African Republic are Christian. However, Islamic extremist groups and rampant criminal activity make daily life hard, especially for those who have converted from Islam. Fear of attack and oppression are a constant reality for Christians as the continuing civil war exposes them to violence.

## Life Is Constantly Uncertain

The Central African Republic has seen near-constant conflict and fighting, since 2013. Many armed groups in the country are responsible for a range of human rights abuses, and they specifically target Christians. Church buildings have been ransacked. Christians have been displaced and now live in camps. Life is constantly uncertain for believers.

In the Central African Republic, Christian leaders who have publicly denounced the violence have been threatened. Many believers also experience persecution from their families, who use violence to force Christians to renounce their faith.

## Increased Risk For Certain Communities

Persecution is most severe in the northern and eastern parts of the country, where the Muslim population dominates. Life is also difficult for Christians in the eastern part of the country that borders Sudan.

## How can we pray for Central African Republic?

Pray for believers who are targeted by violent, armed groups in the Central African Republic.

Pray God will touch the hearts of leaders in the Central African Republic and call them into a relationship with Him.

Pray that converts from Islam will be able to meet people who can help them grow and mature in their faith.

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