







Mozambique

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On The World Watch List

Score: 63/100

Very High

Violence:		96%
Church Life:		66%
National Life:		47%
Community Life:		68%
Family Life:		46%
Private Life:		56%

Region:	Africa
Leader:	President Filipe Nyusi
Persecution Level:	Very High
Christian Population:	17,448,000 (54%)
Main Religion:	Christianity
Source of Persecution:	Islamic Oppression

Islamic extremism and organised crime are the main drivers of persecution in Mozambique. Christians face extreme violence, particularly in the country's north, and tens of thousands have been forced to flee their homes.

Extremism Destroying Lives

Violence has escalated in the past year and Islamic extremist groups like al-Sunnah wa Jama'ah are growing in influence. This has led Mozambique to rise 21 places on the World Watch List this year.

Extremists have looted and destroyed many Christian places of worship, Christian schools and Christian-owned businesses. Aid workers have also been targeted.

In April 2020, an Islamic extremist group with possible ties to the Islamic State attacked several villages, burning many down churches. 52 people died.

Faith In The Home

Those who leave Islam to follow Jesus are particularly vulnerable. If their faith is discovered, they can be forced into marriage with a non-Christian, forbidden from any church activities and even be subjected to violence for their faith.

How can we pray for Mozambique?

Pray for the physical, emotional and spiritual healing of those affected by extremism and violence.

Pray for God to transform the nation's extremists. Pray they will come to know and love Jesus.

Pray church leaders will be equipped with the courage to faithfully guide their congregations through persecution.

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