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On The World Watch List

**“I am grateful for Open Doors. I have received maize, rice, beans, oil, as well as onions and tomatoes. God bless you.”**

– Ninka, a believer from Kenya.

Score: 62/100

Very High

Violence:		77%
Church Life:		61%
National Life:		48%
Community Life:		63%
Family Life:		55%
Private Life:		71%

Region:	Africa
Leader:	President Uhuru Kenyatta
Persecution Level:	Very High
Christian Population:	43,991,000 (82.2%)
Main Religion:	Christianity
Source of Persecution:	Islamic Oppression

In Kenya, Christianity is the majority religion, but that hasn't stopped the spread of persecution. Particularly, Christians with a Muslim background in the northeast and coastal regions live under constant threat of attack — even from their closest relatives.

### Violence Escalating

The situation for Christians in Kenya has remained dire over the last three years and violence has increased significantly. Christians in Kenya are often attacked and forced to flee their village. The Islamic extremist group, al-Shabaab, has infiltrated the local population to monitor the activities of Christians in those areas. Organised crime is also a serious problem. Corrupt officials often fail to take measures against persecutors which allows for further incidents against Christians to occur.

### Pressure Surrounding Daily Life

For believers in Kenya, daily life is filled with pressure — especially in their private and social lives. And in some regions like the northeast, church life is very difficult and can also include the threat of violence. Christians living in and around the northeastern part of the country, live with the fear that they can be targeted at any time. Local informants often assist in organising attacks on churches and Christians.

## How can we pray for Kenya?

Please pray for the Lord's continued grace for new believers in Kenya. Pray that through trials and persecution they would see the Lord's faithfulness.

Pray for Christians in the northeast who face threats of deadly attacks from al-Shabaab.

Pray that the church in Kenya would be equipped to disciple believers, to train godly leaders and to effectively share the gospel with their neighbours.

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