



PRAY FOR DRC

In the eastern regions of the Democratic Republic of Congo, notably in North Kivu, the situation for Christians has become increasingly perilous due to the presence of armed groups like the "Alliance for Democratic Forces" (ADF-NALU). This group, which has pledged allegiance to the Islamic State (IS), has been particularly aggressive in targeting Christians. The scale of attacks is alarming: Christian villages have been burned down, pastors, priests, and lay Christians have been abducted, and untold suffering has been inflicted on Christian communities by the ADF and other armed factions. The area is a hotbed for more than a hundred different armed groups, making it extremely dangerous for anyone who speaks out against these organisations. Additionally, converts from Islam as well as indigenous religions face societal and familial pressures to engage in non-Christian religious activities. Representatives from the Catholic Church, who have publicly called on the government to respect constitutional electoral deadlines, have also experienced verbal harassment and various forms of interference due to their advocacy



1. Thank God for the DRC's vast land and its nearly **120 000** people. **Pray for healing and peace to overcome decades of conflict and division.**
2. Celebrate the faith of Christians, who form nearly **95%** of the population, and are standing firm despite violence. **Ask for strength to remain a beacon of hope.**
3. Praise God for the Church's **resilience in sharing the Gospel** amid hostility. **Pray for boldness and opportunities to reach hearts in troubled regions.**
4. The DRC ranks **29th on the 2026 World Watch List**, with persecution driven by Islamic militias and corruption. **Pray for courage and clarity for Christians facing threats in North Kivu and Ituri.**
5. **Lift up pastors** targeted with abductions and intimidation by groups like ADF. **Ask for their protection, wisdom, and endurance to lead their flocks through danger.**
6. **Pray for Christian women and girls** in eastern DRC, vulnerable to abduction, rape, and forced marriage by armed groups. **Seek their safety and healing from trauma and shame.**
7. **Support Christian men and boys**, especially leaders, facing forced recruitment, torture, and killings. **Pray for their safety and provision for families crippled by economic loss.**
8. Ask for **comfort for thousands of displaced Christians**, whose villages and churches have been destroyed by militias. **Pray for resources and refuge for those in need.**
9. **Pray for youth** struggling with limited education and job access due to violence. **Ask the Church to guide them with faith and purpose to resist militia influence.**
10. **Seek restoration for churches** looted and vandalized in Kinshasa, Kasai, and North Kivu. **Pray for safe spaces where believers can worship and serve.**
11. **Uphold converts** from Islam and indigenous religions, facing family pressure and violence in North Kivu. **Pray for their safety and support to live out their faith in secret.**
12. **Pray for Muslims** and other minorities facing unequal treatment. **Ask for harmony and fairness, that Christians may build bridges while sharing the Gospel.**



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