



PRAY FOR ERITREA

Eritrea is one of the world's most difficult countries for Christians. The government recognizes only four religious groups, excluding most evangelical and Pentecostal communities, which are treated as illegal. Christians outside state-sanctioned churches face intense surveillance, violent raids, and indefinite imprisonment—often in shipping containers or underground cells, with no trial, medical care, or basic rights. Converts from Islam or the Eritrean Orthodox Church risk familial rejection and social exclusion in addition to state persecution. The militarised nature of society compounds repression. Indefinite national service, akin to forced labour, offers no exemption for conscience, and Christians who worship while serving are punished severely. Christians face a devastating dilemma: endure persecution and forced conscription at home, or flee through routes marked by trafficking, torture and danger.



1. Thank God for Eritrea and its people enduring under hardship. Pray for **hope to transform** the nation's challenging landscape.
2. Celebrate the **steadfast faith** of Eritrea's Christians, a majority in central and southern regions. Ask for strength to hold fast despite severe restrictions.
3. Praise God for the Church's **quiet resilience in sharing the Gospel** under surveillance. Pray for courage and creative ways to spread Christ's love.
4. Eritrea ranks 5th on the 2026 World Watch List, with extreme persecution from national policies and religious oppression. Pray for **endurance** for Christians facing these intense pressures.
5. Lift up pastors of non-recognized churches, targeted with arrests and torture. Ask for their **safety, wisdom, and comfort** as they lead in hostile conditions.
6. **Pray for Christian women**, especially converts, facing abduction, forced marriage, and detention in brutal military camps. Seek their protection and healing from violence and trauma.
7. **Support Christian men**, particularly those in mandatory military service, enduring beatings and imprisonment for their faith. Pray for their safety and support for families left vulnerable.
8. Ask for **strength for young Christians** forced to flee via dangerous routes through Sudan and Libya. Pray for safe passage and provision for those risking death to escape.
9. **Pray for youth** pressured by military conscription and government propaganda in schools. Ask the Church to guide them with faith to resist anti-Christian teachings.
10. Seek **restoration** for non-recognized churches, which are heavily monitored. Pray for safe spaces where believers can worship without fear of raids.
11. **Uphold converts** from Islam and Eritrean Orthodox backgrounds, facing family rejection and violence. Pray for their safety and communities to support their faith journey.
12. Pray for Sunni Muslims and other minorities, like Jehovah's Witnesses, facing bans and detention. Ask for **fairness and peace**, that Christians may share the Gospel with compassion.
13. Lift up families torn apart by arrests and forced flight. Pray for **reunification, emotional healing, and provision** for those left behind in a surveilled society.

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