



PRAY FOR MALI

Mali's crisis comes from long-standing problems as well as global changes. While the majority of Malian Christians reside in the southern regions around Bamako, Sikasso, and Kayes, they are increasingly affected by the expansion of jihadist influence from northern and central Mali. Northern areas like Timbuktu, Gao and Kidal, have seen militant Islamist groups extend southward, particularly in rural zones, bringing violence, intimidation and the threat of religious cleansing closer to Christian population centres. Central regions such as Mopti and Ségou have become targets, where attacks on churches, abductions of pastors and the closure of Christian institutions have intensified.

1. Mali has a rich cultural, natural and human heritage. People of varying religious backgrounds have **lived together in peace for decades**. Thank the Lord for the country and her people. Pray for the Lord's blessing on this nation and for peace.
2. Christians form a small minority in Mali – less than 3%, but they have been **active in advocacy** and in seeking every opportunity to engage their government. Thank the Lord for the courageous Church in Mali.
3. Thank the Lord for every pastor who has equipped and **faithfully disciplined the Church**. Pastors ask us to pray for fruit on their work that the Church may experience a spiritual awakening.
4. Mali is in 15th on the 2026 World Watch List. Islamic oppression is the most prominent form of persecution Christians face. Pray for **wisdom and courage** to navigate changing circumstances.
5. Christian women and girls face increasing risk of kidnapping and forced marriage to militants. Pray for captives to be released. Until then, may they experience the **Lord's daily provision in miraculous ways**. May they experience His nearness in their trouble. Pray that released survivors may receive sufficient emotional and physical care. Pray for families awaiting the return of loved ones.
6. Christian men and boys are exposed to death threats and physical violence because of their faith. Please pray for **protection and discernment** to live and minister under these circumstances. Pray for God's provision.
7. Church leaders in areas under Islamic extremist control are closely monitored and face tight restrictions on movement, especially in remote areas. As leaders seek ways to continue ministry, pray for **godly wisdom and courage**. Pray that they would experience His nearness. As the safety and wellbeing of their families are always on their minds, pray for God's peace that surpasses human understanding.
8. Targeted attacks on Christian homes and businesses are effective in impoverishing families, leaving both men and boys at risk of recruitment by jihadist groups and forceful conversion to Islam. The loss of Christian men and boys weakens families financially and injures the health of the wider church. Pray that the plans of the adversary will be thwarted, and that **God will continue to build and strengthen His church** and His children.
9. Mali was once a beacon of relative tolerance, but under the jihadist threat communities have become less trusting of each other. Pray for Christians to be able to **retain their footing and good relationship** with their neighbours or work hard to restore it where it has broken down.
10. Church-run schools have had to shut down, further exacerbating the community's sense of siege. Pray for the **Lord's encouragement and spiritual strength** to know that they are not abandoned by God or the wider Body of Christ. Pray for opportunities for them to enjoy fellowship and care from the wider Christian community (locally and globally).
11. Pray for the Lord to reveal Himself to perpetrators of violence and that many may come to **salvation in Christ**.



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