



PRAY FOR MOZAMBIQUE

The persecution of Christians in Mozambique stems from a complex convergence of jihadist insurgency, organised crime, repression, and unresolved post-conflict trauma. In northern Cabo Delgado, Islamist militants linked to Islamic State Central Africa Province (ISCAP) have launched systematic attacks on churches and Christian communities, burning villages, abducting clergy, and executing civilians. These acts aim to impose a radical religious order hostile to Christianity. Mozambique is also a major transit hub for drug trafficking. Criminal networks, embedded in local structures, target church-affiliated youth leaders and community advocates who challenge impunity. Church initiatives are met with threats, surveillance, and violence. In conflict zones, government counter insurgency efforts have displaced civilians and disrupted worship.

1. Thank God for Mozambique's vibrant culture and its **31,693,000 people**. Pray for peace and renewal to mend the nation's northern conflicts and economic struggles.
2. Celebrate the faith of Mozambique's **Christian majority**, thriving in southern and central regions. Ask for steadfastness to anchor communities amid rising violence.
3. Praise God for the Church's **bold efforts to share the Gospel** despite threats. Pray for courage and opportunities to extend Christ's hope across the nation.
4. Mozambique ranks 39th on the 2026 World Watch List, with persecution fuelled by Islamic militancy and government restrictions. Pray for **resilience for believers** facing these dangers.
5. **Lift up pastors and church leaders** in Cabo Delgado, targeted by jihadists for abduction and killing. Ask for their safety, wisdom, and strength to guide their flocks.
6. **Pray for Christian women and girls** in northern regions, vulnerable to abduction, rape, and forced marriage by Islamic militants. Seek their protection and healing from trauma.
7. **Support Christian men and boys**, especially in Cabo Delgado, facing death and forced militia recruitment. Pray for their safety and provision for families stripped of livelihoods.
8. Ask for **comfort for thousands of Christians** displaced by jihadist attacks, fleeing raided villages. Pray for resources, safe refuge, and restoration for those in need.
7. **Pray for youth** entangled in violence and drug cartel influence. Ask the Church to mentor them with faith and purpose to resist extremist and criminal pressures.
9. Seek **rebuilding for churches** vandalised and burned by al-Sunnah wa Jama'ah militants. Pray for secure spaces where believers can worship and serve freely.
10. **Uphold converts** from Islam and traditional African religions, facing family rejection and attacks in the north. Pray for their safety and support to live out their faith.
11. Mozambique's government under FRELIMO restricts religious expression and monitors churches. Pray for transparent leadership that upholds **freedom of worship**.
12. Pray for the Christians living with Muslims in northern provinces. Ask for mutual respect and peace, and that believers may **share the Gospel with love**.
13. **Lift up church youth workers** combating drug cartel influence. Pray for their protection and impact as they advocate for change in vulnerable communities.
12. Pray for those adhering to traditional African religions, many converting to Christianity. Ask for **open hearts and smooth transitions** as they embrace their new faith.



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