



PRAY FOR SOMALIA

Christians in Somalia face extreme persecution in a challenging security and political landscape. Al-Shabaab, despite previous losses, has resurged, exploiting any fragmentation and tensions. The group continues its campaign to eliminate Christianity, enforcing strict Sharia law and targeting Christian converts, especially Muslim-background believers. Social surveillance reinforces this threat: conversion is seen as a betrayal of clan and identity, often resulting in community-driven violence. Al-Shabaab's survival is bolstered by criminal networks, allowing it to sustain governance, fund operations, and continue its violent suppression of all Christian presence. There is no legal or social protection for Christians. Worship must take place in total secrecy.



1. Thank God for Somalia's **17,339,000 people** and their resilience amid turmoil. Pray for peace and renewal to touch this fractured nation.
2. Give thanks for the small, hidden Christian community, numbering only hundreds, who **cling to faith** despite extreme danger. Ask for courage to persevere.
3. Praise God for the **quiet bravery of Christians sharing their faith** in secret. Pray for wisdom and openings to spread the Gospel in a hostile land.
4. Somalia ranks 2nd on the 2026 World Watch List, with intense persecution from Al-Shabaab and societal rejection. Pray for **strength for believers** facing life-threatening risks.
5. Lift up Christian leaders, prime targets for execution by Islamic militants. Ask for their **protection, discernment, and endurance** to guide others in faith.
6. **Pray for Christian women**, especially converts, facing rape, forced marriage, and house arrest. Seek their safety, freedom, and healing from trauma and shame.
7. **Support Christian men** suspected of conversion, at risk of torture, abduction, and death. Pray for their safety and provision for families facing boycotts and loss.
8. Ask for hope for Christians forced to hide their faith or flee due to Al-Shabaab's control. Pray for **safe havens and resources** for those in constant fear.
9. Pray for youth pressured to join Al-Shabaab or attend Islamic training. Pray that many would **come to faith in Christ** and feel extremist influence.
10. Believers are unable to gather or rebuild churches. Pray for **safe spaces to worship** in secret.
11. Uphold converts from Islam, viewed as betrayers and often killed on discovery. Pray for their **safety and support to practice faith** in complete secrecy.
12. Somalia's government enforces Sharia and bans other faiths. Pray for **open-minded leadership** and reforms to allow religious freedom.
13. **Pray for peace** within Somalia. Conflict between the Sunni Muslim majority and other minorities like the Shia, in addition to ongoing Al-Shabaab control over many areas has made it a volatile place for everyone.

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