



PRAY FOR PERSECUTED BROTHERS & SISTERS

Pray for the Persecuted Christians in Qatar

Remember the prisoners as if chained with them - those who are mistreated - since you yourselves are in the Body also.

(Hebrews 13:3)



Total Population: 2,930,524

Self-Proclaimed Christian Population: 6% – **Evangelical Witness: 1%**

What does persecution look like in Qatar?

(Open Doors) Christians in Qatar are primarily foreigners who tend to be migrant workers. These foreign Christians are much freer to live out their faith in Qatar than the nationals, although foreigners might also experience pressure. And foreign churches are often monitored by the government and limited to specific areas.

A small number of indigenous converts form the other group of Christians in Qatar. These believers face extreme pressure from their Muslim families and community. The country doesn't officially recognize conversion from Islam, which causes legal troubles and loss of status, child custody and property.

Foreign converts from Islam may be able to avoid some pressure by joining a more international community, but the bottom line is that in Qatar both indigenous and migrant converts risk discrimination, harassment and police surveillance for their faith.

Meet "Pastor Samuel," a minister to migrants who serves in Qatar
"In this Muslim country, we are limited in evangelizing too openly. But nobody can stop us from talking to our fellow workers and witnessing to them in our everyday lives. Every day, God gives us opportunities to show His love to others."

What has changed in Qatar?

Qatar jumped 11 spots from last year's 2022 World Watch List. Violence against Christians rose sharply because many churches were forced to stay closed after COVID-19 restrictions. The rest of the pressures faced by believers in Qatar are intense and a daily burden on those who follow Jesus.

Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

The risks faced by Christians, especially converts from Islam to Christianity, depend on the person's national origin. Native Qatari converts are the most vulnerable to danger, while foreign Christians may be somewhat freer to worship, as long as they do so in ways the government can tolerate.

Join us as we pray every day this week for our brothers
and sisters in Qatar.