

# Christian Worldwide

# Persecution

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**Open Doors**, an international organization that tracks the persecution of Christians worldwide, reports that 1 out of 8 Christians are persecuted. That translates into 250 million followers of Christ throughout the world. Out of the top 15 countries only one, North Korea, is non-Islamic. The other 14 nations are Muslim majority nations. Islam is responsible for 95% of all the horrendous religious persecution taking place in the modern world.

What shall we as Christians do about this problem? First of all, we need to pray for sisters and brothers undergoing these terrible trials. This action needs to take place in our private devotional lives. But even more importantly, we should lift up the plight of our sisters and brothers to the Lord. If

your church does not pray publicly for the persecuted, speak to your pastor and ask he or she to do so.

Finally, Muslims need to stop these execrable practices. Islam needs to leave the 7th Century and join the modern world. It should be the God-given right for every man, woman and child to choose freely and without coercion their religious affiliation.