

ARISE **AFRICA**



WEEK OF PRAYER



OpenDoors



"THERE IS POWER IN YOUR PRAYER."

Pastor Josiah, a survivor of violent persecution in Nigeria. He was kidnapped and escaped. His wife and three sons were murdered.

Cover: Deborah, Pastor Michée and Nathalie hold pictures of their loved ones who were murdered by Fulani extremists in Burkina Faso.

PRAY EVERY DAY

Stand with your persecuted brothers and sisters.

More Christians live in Africa than anywhere else on the planet – but they are in danger.

Across Sub-Saharan Africa, our brothers and sisters face extreme persecution. There's a pattern of targeted violence against churches, and we've documented the brutal and widespread killing of Christians. Weak governments fail to protect people against militant Islamic extremists, and right now, persecution continues unchecked.

The church in Sub-Saharan Africa is in terrible danger. But it is not defeated, nor helpless.

Today, church leaders in the region are calling *you* to stand with them.

**STOP THE VIOLENCE.
START THE HEALING.
PRAY THIS WEEK WITH YOUR PERSECUTED FAMILY.**

**“If we ask anything
according to God’s
will, he hears us.”**

1 JOHN 5:14

ABOUT ARISE AFRICA

In 2023, in response to an invitation from church leaders in Sub-Saharan Africa, Open Doors launched the Arise Africa campaign.

Since then, we've called on Christians everywhere to stand against violent persecution. To pray, give, and speak out alongside our African brothers and sisters.

Because of your support, more than 1.2 million people have been directly helped since the campaign began. But as Christians continue to be targeted, we must pray. Boldly. Urgently. Faithfully. Thank you.

DAY 1

PRAY TO STOP THE VIOLENCE

Before the end of today, a Christian is likely to be murdered because of their faith.



Deborah holds a photo of her husband Abel, who was murdered in Burkina Faso. Abel played the drums in church and was a loving father.

In fact, not just one.

Twelve of our brothers and sisters are killed every day, on average, in Sub-Saharan Africa. Simply because they follow Jesus. (In 2025, at least 4,491 Christians were killed for their faith in Sub-Saharan Africa).

- Pray for efforts to stop the violence in Sub-Saharan Africa. Governments are not doing enough to protect communities or bring attackers to justice. Pray for an end to unrestrained, unchallenged violence.
- Pray for all those grieving loved ones martyred for their faith. Pray the people left behind will know God is near to the broken-hearted.
- Believers in the region specifically ask you to pray that their faith and testimony amid persecution would be a light for Christ.

"If one part suffers, every part suffers with it."

1 CORINTHIANS 12:26

DAY 2

PRAY TO START THE HEALING

The Arise Africa campaign aims to support four million Christians affected by severe persecution.

Open Doors' trauma care is bringing hope to people whose loved ones have been murdered. Since the campaign began, more than 1.2 million people have received vital practical support, and spiritual and emotional help, thanks to you.

Please pray that our persecuted brothers and sisters will find true healing in Christ.

Lord God,

In attacks across Sub-Saharan Africa, thousands of people have lost wives, children, siblings and neighbours. Jesus, our Saviour, be their great comforter. Be their well of peace. Be their encourager and hope.

Lord, please, will you start the healing today.

Amen

"He heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds."

PSALM 147:3



DAY 3

PRAY FOR JOSIAH

Pastor Josiah's wife and three sons were murdered by Fulani extremists, in Nigeria.

Josiah himself was kidnapped and abused, but managed to escape. Now he has this message for you:

"My brethren in Christ, we see the power of God in your prayers. We feel your prayers, and understand the love of believers. Your prayers reach anywhere."

- All we want is for the killings of Christians in Africa to stop," says Josiah. Pray for an end to the violence which has claimed the lives of 3,400 people in Nigeria this year.
- Give thanks that Josiah is starting to find peace, thanks to Open Doors' trauma healing. Pray he will continue to forgive, trust in God, and grow in faith.
- "I have made an oath to continue preaching the Word of God," says Pastor Josiah. "Pray that God will give me the might to complete the promise I have made."



**"Be joyful in hope,
patient in affliction,
faithful in prayer."**

ROMAN 12:12

DAY 4

PRAY FOR POGNIAGOU

“We thought the extremists would not enter the church because we were praying...”

But they entered the building and killed two men while we were still praying with our eyes closed.

“I looked up and saw the men, blood flowing. The next moment everyone was panicking.”

Pogniagou lost her beloved husband, Hamadou, in the attack. She’s been helped by trauma care – but Pogniagou, now a single mother, needs your prayers...

- Pray for God’s peace and healing over Pogniagou. “If I could see where Hamadou is now, I would long to be there as well,” she says. “That comforts me.”
- Lift up Pogniagou’s young son and daughter, growing up without a father. Ask the Lord to protect them and fill them with strength and faith.
- Pray for Pogniagou’s church community, in Burkina Faso, which scattered after the attack. Pray that through trauma care, they will be restored and strengthened.



“The Lord is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.”

PSALM 34:18

DAY 5

PRAY FOR PASTOR MICHÉE

Michée's beloved father, Filibert, was murdered by Fulani extremists in Burkina Faso.



**"Because of the
Lord's great love
we are not consumed,
for his compassions
never fail."**

LAMENTATIONS 3:22

All because he followed Jesus.

"I recognised my father by his shoes," says Michée. "My heart was deeply in pain."

The attack rocked Michée's foundations. "Untreated trauma is contagious," says Michée. "It felt like God had let us down." Michée needed urgent trauma care – and now he needs your prayers.

- Pastor Michée says, "Thousands of Christians are being killed across Africa. We are talking about it. Will you?" Pray the world will wake up to what's happening in Sub-Saharan Africa.
- Give thanks that Pastor Michée is doing well since receiving trauma healing. "My relationship with God was revived," he says. "I re-found hope in God."
- Pray for the church in Burkina Faso, where Michée lives. Ask the Lord to help believers shine with the light and hope of Christ.

DAY 6

PRAY FOR ASABE

What happened to Asabe* was unthinkable.

On April 14, 2025, Fulani extremists attacked her home, in Nigeria. Asabe's 14-year-old son Jerry was captured and slaughtered. Her two small boys, James, 10, and Jacob, aged two, were burned alive. Her husband Moses died after their home was set on fire.

And yet, with God, Asabe is rebuilding her life. "My anger reduced after trauma healing. My bitterness reduced, and I have freedom," she says. Please pray for Asabe.

Please pray for me because sometimes I relive the incident as if it happened today, and I continue to cry. Pray for my daughter Joanna, who survived with me. Pray she will grow to know Jesus.

"There are many widows like me in Nigeria. Pray God will strengthen us and make these attacks stop so we can go back to our home."

"He will wipe every tear from their eyes."

REVELATION 21:4



*Name changed

DAY 7

PRAY FOR THE ARISE AFRICA PETITION

In just over seven weeks the *Arise Africa* petition will be presented to leaders and governments around the world.

We have until **Monday, November 2** to hit the target of a million signatures.

The petition calls for urgent protection, justice and restoration for Christians in Sub-Saharan Africa. Please sign it, share it – and pray for its impact.

- Pray we'll hit the target of a million names on the *Arise Africa* petition. Pray Christians everywhere will seize this opportunity to speak out – united and powerful.
- Ask the Lord to stir the hearts of everyone who receives the *Arise Africa* petition, and prompt leaders to take meaningful action to address violent persecution.
- Pray the *Arise Africa* campaign will achieve its aim to support four million persecuted Christians, spiritually, physically and emotionally.

“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.”

ISAIAH 60:1

THANK YOU

for joining the **Arise Africa Week of Prayer**

What's next?

SPEAK OUT

Tell someone what's happening in Sub-Saharan Africa. Tell someone in your church or family.

RALLY SUPPORT

Encourage someone to add their name to the *Arise Africa* petition by sharing this Week of Prayer devotional.

JOIN US

Are you one of the million names on the *Arise Africa* petition?

If not, there's still time to add your name!

The deadline is **Monday, November 2.**



**Scan the QR
code now.**

ARISE AFRICA PETITION

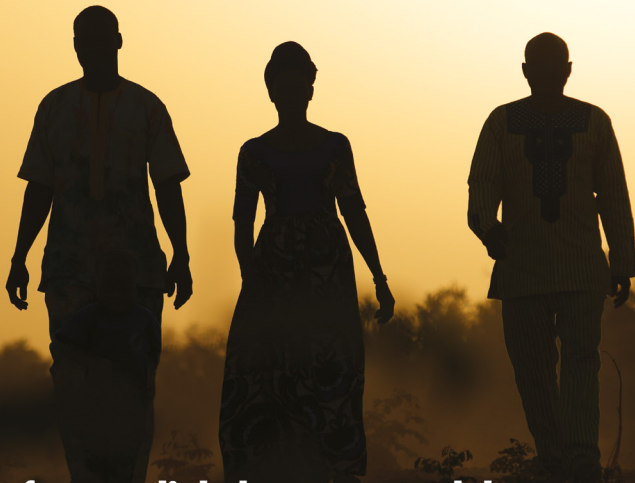
I call upon the global community to ensure that Christians and other vulnerable individuals in Sub-Saharan Africa are treated with dignity and respect through:

PROTECTION: Providing robust protection from violent militant attacks

JUSTICE: Ensuring justice through fair prosecutions of the attackers

RESTORATION: Bring healing and restoration to all affected communities

THANK YOU FOR PRAYING



**"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the
glory of the Lord rises upon you."**

ISAIAH 60:1
