


ARISE AFRICA

WEEK OF PRAYER





**"I KNEW JESUS
WOULD PERFORM
A MIRACLE,
BECAUSE WE WERE
THERE PRAYING.
WE PRAYED
CONTINUOUSLY."**

Adam, who faces violent persecution and was twice kidnapped by Boko Haram fighters near his home in Cameroon

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PRAY EVERY DAY

Stand with your persecuted brothers and sisters

A crisis is unfolding in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Violent persecution is unprecedented, and Christians are under attack. Now, church leaders in the region are calling you to join with them.

Stand as one with your persecuted family.

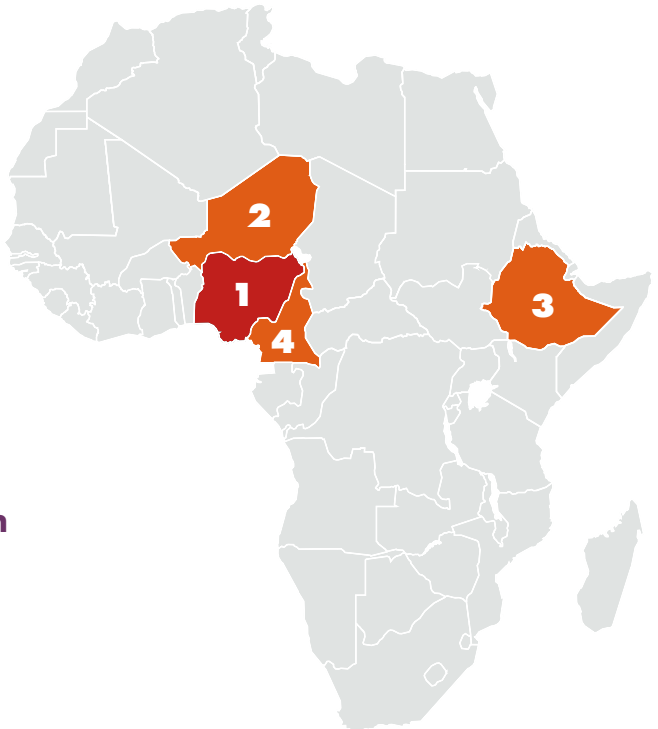
Rise up against violent persecution.

Pray.

When we pray together, we can stop the violence and start the healing. Thank you for praying this week.

YOU'LL PRAY FOR...

- 1** Nigeria
- 2** Niger
- 3** Ethiopia
- 4** Cameroon



“The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.”

JAMES 5:16



Sunday

PRAY FOR THE VIOLENCE TO STOP

“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.” Romans 12:21

SPOTLIGHT

The church in Sub-Saharan Africa is burning. Islamist terror groups want to eradicate Christianity from the region, and violent persecution is unprecedented.

Women are targeted with extreme sexual violence. Men face brutality, and attacks on their businesses damage their role as providers for the family.

PLEASE 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, and for wisdom among leaders.
- For the 16 million Christians forced to flee their homes in the region. Pray for God’s restoration and justice.
- For the survival of the church. Pray urgently that Christians will hold on to Jesus, knowing the global church has not forgotten them.



Monday

PRAY PRAY FOR THE HEALING TO START

**“The leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.”
Revelation 22:2**

SPOTLIGHT

Our brothers and sisters in Sub-Saharan Africa are in crisis. But, thanks to you, work to support them is scaling up, fast. By the end of the Arise Africa campaign, we want to directly help four million Christians affected by severe persecution.

PLEASE PRAY

- The need for trauma care far outweighs resources right now. Pray for more qualified workers to bring God’s healing where it’s needed most.
- That churches in Niger, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Nigeria and the rest of Sub-Saharan Africa would be places of hope and healing, which shine with Christ’s light.
- For the Holy Spirit to be at work among the Islamic militant and Fulani groups persecuting Christians. Pray they will be convicted of their need for Jesus.



Tuesday

PRAY FOR NIGERIA

“How long, Lord? Will you forget me forever?” Psalm 13:1-2



SPOTLIGHT

Pastor Barnabas lost everything when militants attacked his farm, killing his brother. He moved his family to a camp in northern Nigeria. They've been there for five years.

“Everything in my home was burned. Now I cannot take care of my family. I cannot feed them. My children no longer go to school,” said Pastor Barnabas.

“As a pastor, I am supposed to take care of my sheep. But people are losing their hope in God because of the situation they are in. I don't have anything to give them. We can only pray...”

PLEASE PRAY

- For Pastor Barnabas and his family, that their suffering will end and their lives will be filled with hope.
- For wisdom to find sustainable solutions for displaced communities. Pray for work to help families generate an income, so they can provide for themselves.
- Almost half the population in Nigeria are Christians – yet more believers are killed for their faith here than any other country. Pray for the church in a complex situation.

Wednesday

PRAY FOR ETHIOPIA

“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.” Psalm 46:1

SPOTLIGHT

One day. That’s all it took to destroy Jemal’s* home, business and the life he’d built...

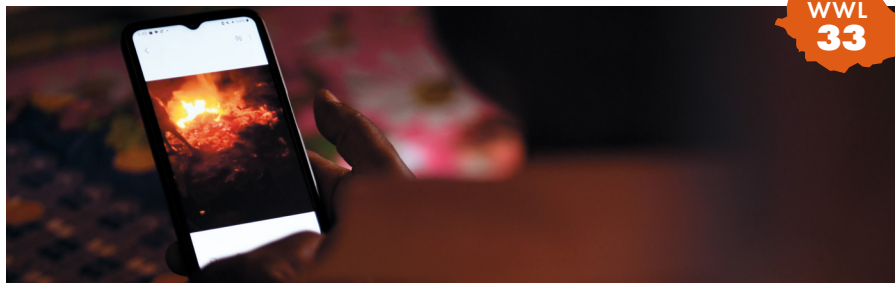
“They started setting fire to whatever they could find. In a single day, they turned everything to ash,” said Jemal (pictured on cover). “I lost all hope for the future. I gave up on everything.”

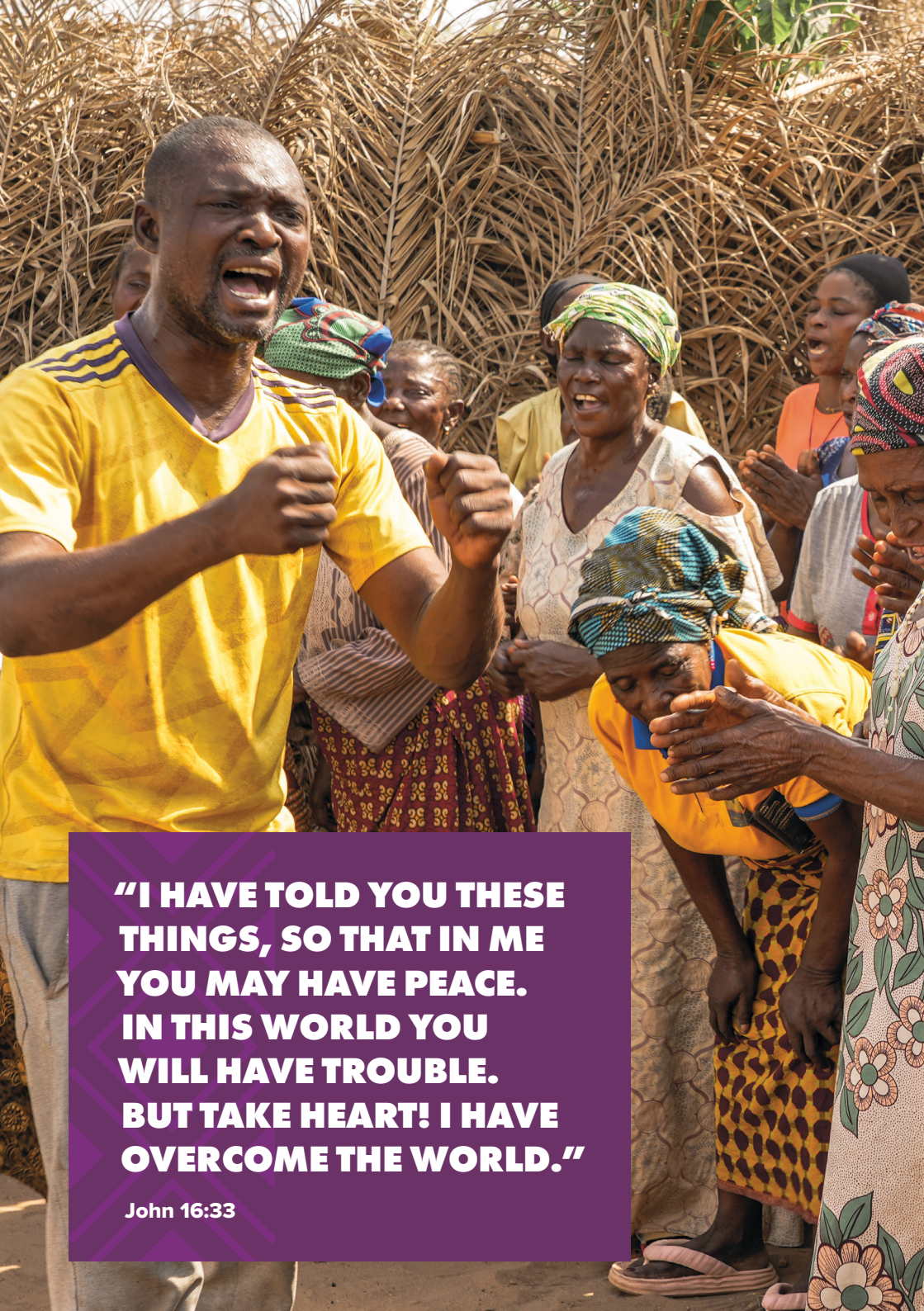
More than 370 Christian families were made homeless when Islamic militants set upon Jemal’s town, in central Ethiopia. No one came to help. For months afterwards, Jemal slept on the floor of a disused building. Now, he’s attempting to rebuild his life – but every day is hard.

PLEASE PRAY

- Give thanks for Jemal’s faith and courage, and ask God to strengthen him and his family.
- Ethiopia has a rich Christian history, yet many converts and non-traditional Christians suffer persecution. Pray these believers will have the strength to be salt and light in communities.
- For Ethiopia’s Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, who is an evangelical Christian. Pray he will serve people with love, mercy, truth and respect.

*name changed for his protection





"I HAVE TOLD YOU THESE THINGS, SO THAT IN ME YOU MAY HAVE PEACE. IN THIS WORLD YOU WILL HAVE TROUBLE. BUT TAKE HEART! I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD."

John 16:33



Thursday

PRAY FOR WOMEN

“The Lord is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.” Psalm 34:18

SPOTLIGHT

When extremists attacked Hakuri’s* village in Niger, she and her husband ran for cover with their children. “That’s when militants started shooting the men,” Hakuri remembers. Her beloved husband was murdered.

Now, Hakuri is all alone, caring for her 11 children. She’s poor, hungry and extremely vulnerable.

Killing the family breadwinner is one way that persecutors strike at women, leaving them isolated and exposed. Another weapon of persecution is sexual violence. Last year, at least 1,700 Christians in Sub-Saharan Africa were sexually assaulted or harassed. It’s a cruel and degrading form of violence, which leaves lasting trauma.

PLEASE PRAY

- For Hakuri and her children, for safety, security and good health. Ask God to fill them with courage and strength.
- Give thanks that trauma healing centres, supported by you, can bring healing to thousands of persecuted Christians each year.
- For women across Sub-Saharan Africa who have suffered sexual violence Pray for an end to the shame and stigma, and pray their burdens will be lifted.

*name changed for her protection



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Friday

PRAY FOR BENUE STATE

“We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed... persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.” 2 Corinthians 4:8

SPOTLIGHT

More than 200 people were killed and more than 6,000 others forced from their homes after a series of devastating attacks on mostly Christian villages in Benue State, Nigeria.

The attacks, by suspected Fulani militants, happened in early June. Armed men raided a displacement camp and then moved to a market area, where they set fire to buildings and attacked people with guns and machetes.

Our field worker, Virtue*, met survivors sheltering in an abandoned building. “What could I say?” she said. “The only thing I could do was pray.”

PLEASE PRAY

- For God’s comfort, peace and love to engulf those affected by these attacks, and that Christians wearied by suffering will hold fast to the hope and justice of God.
- For Nigeria’s political leaders to take prompt, urgent and decisive action towards protection, justice and restoration for Christians and other minorities.
- That the perpetrators of these atrocities will repent and turn from violence to Jesus.

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Saturday

PRAY FOR PEACE

“Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace at all times and in every way.” 2 Thessalonians 3:16

SPOTLIGHT

More Christians live in Africa than on any other continent. The largest Christian population on Earth faces an unprecedented level of violence amid continued volatility in the region.

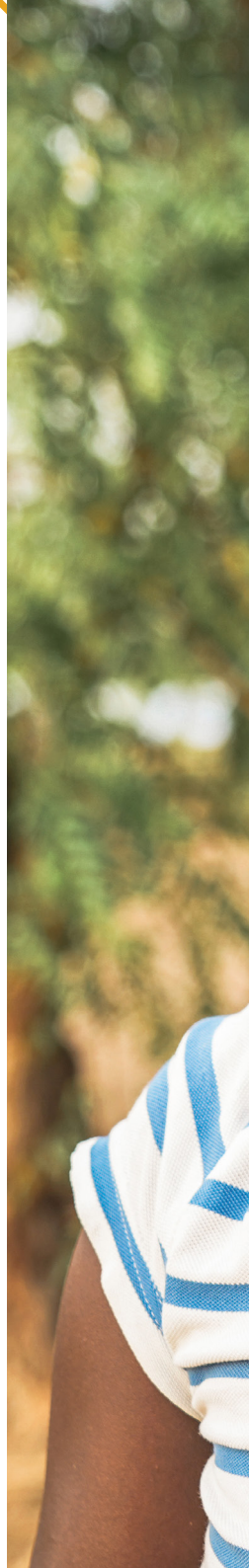
Conflict, lawlessness and chronic government instability have created a vacuum filled by Islamic militants who unleash violence in an unrestrained manner. Christians are attacked with impunity, plundered and driven from their homes, with no help or meaningful intervention from the government.

According to the most recent Open Doors research, the violence against Christians in Sub-Saharan Africa far exceeds violent persecution in any other region.

Open Doors’ goal through the Arise Africa campaign is to ensure the enemy doesn’t have the last word.

PLEASE PRAY

- For peace, security and stability in volatile regions. Pray for an end to wars and conflict.
- For displaced, traumatised Christians to be enveloped in the comfort and peace of Christ. Pray for God’s kingdom to come in Sub-Saharan Africa.
- For the militants and extremists to encounter Jesus and his saving grace. Pray for an end to their reign of terror and destruction.
- For governments and leaders to prioritise security and commit resources to fostering peace and restoration in the region.





Sunday

PRAY FOR ARISE AFRICA

“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.”
Isaiah 60:1

SPOTLIGHT

The Arise Africa campaign seeks to unite Christians like you with your brothers and sisters in Sub-Saharan Africa, to stand up to violent persecution.

By the end of the campaign, Open Doors aims to:

- **Support four million Christians** in Sub-Saharan Africa, spiritually, physically and emotionally.
- **Raise a million petition signatures**, calling for Christians in the region to receive protection, justice and restoration.
- **Awaken the global church** and get a million people praying for our persecuted brothers and sisters.

PLEASE PRAY

- That God will show you *your* role in Arise Africa – whether through ongoing prayer or other support.
- For the Lord to stir the church to action, in unity with our African brothers and sisters. Pray that Christians around the world will be convicted to pray, speak out and give.
- For the Lord’s protection over our Open Doors partners Nigeria, Niger, Ethiopia and Cameroon.
- For governments and leaders to engage meaningfully with the issue of violent persecution, and act to bring change and peace.



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THANK YOU

for joining the Arise Africa Week of Prayer

WHAT'S NEXT?

TELL SOMEONE

Tell someone what's happening to Christians in Sub-Saharan Africa. Tell someone in your church or family. Tear off the form below and pass it on, and encourage that person to add their name to the Arise Africa petition.



ADD YOUR VOICE (if you haven't already)

Scan here to add your name to the Arise Africa petition. We aim to present this petition to global leaders and national governments by the end of 2026.

Together we can raise a million prayers and petitions for our persecuted family.

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

Name:

Email:

Address:



Thank you for praying

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