



PRAYER RESOURCES

YOU MAY FIND A MAP OF THE WORLD USEFUL THIS WEEK

Tuesday 8th September

I. Praying for the least reached to hear the Gospel (OM)

Pray for the Horn of Africa

"Though the mountains be shaken
and the hills be removed,
yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken
nor my covenant of peace be removed,"
says the Lord, who has compassion on you."

Isaiah 54:10 (NIV)

The Horn of Africa, a region located in the northeastern corner of the African continent consists of Somalia, Djibouti, Eritrea and Ethiopia and has an estimated total population of approximately 140.7 million people. The area has one of the youngest populations globally, around 60 per cent of its population is under the age of 25.

The Horn of Africa is plagued by conflict, famine and displacement, creating immense physical and emotional suffering.

Pray for peace and stability in the region, as well as for humanitarian aid efforts to be effective. Pray that these efforts would open doors for Christians to demonstrate the love of Christ and share the hope of the gospel.



2. Praying for freedom of religion or belief around the world (CSW)

Pray for protection for religious leaders

I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

Psalms 91:2

On 31 December 2025 Pastor Jose Otoniel Ortega was shot dead while he was celebrating New Year's Eve with his family in Santa Elena, Colombia. He was the eleventh church leader to have been assassinated in Colombia in just over a year. Many others are facing threats, extortion and even abduction at the hands of illegal, armed and criminal groups. These groups see the presence of a strong and growing church as a threat to their power.

In other parts of Latin America, such as Cuba, Nicaragua and Venezuela, religious leaders experience a different kind of hostility. The hands of repressive authoritarian regimes are determined to hold on to power by stifling anything they perceive as criticism, even if it's simply preaching about unity or justice. Even running foodbanks or social programmes could be seen as criticism, exposing the state's failures to meet people's needs.

Call on God the protector to watch over religious leaders whose work and influence often places them at risk, not just in Latin America but all around the world. Ask him to grant them wisdom to speak truth to power, while keeping them and their families safe from those who seek to do them harm.

