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# Somalia

**Source of Persecution** Islamic Oppression  
**Population** 11,392,000  
**Christians** A Few Hundred, Unspecified  
**Main Religion** Islam  
**Government** Federal Parliamentary Republic  
**Leader** President Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed

## Profile of Persecution

Based on World Watch List 2018 Data

**Violence**



**Pressure**



## No Room for Christianity

Islam is the state religion and society expects all Somalis to be Muslim. Imams in mosques and madrasas as well as leaders of al-Shabab state publicly that there is no room for Christians in the country.

In Somalia, there are no safe places for Christians to practice their faith. It is a violent country where believers face horrific challenges, but Christians still choose to follow Jesus knowing these dangers.

## Prayer Points

- Somali Christians must hide their faith for protection. Pray for their safety and discipleship opportunities for these isolated believers.
- Pray that the Lord will raise up bold believers who share the gospel at great cost.
- Thank the Lord for His promise to build his Church, and pray that He will continue to draw many Muslims to the gospel.