



NIGERIA

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As the seventh most populated nation in the world, more people call Nigeria their home than any other country in Africa. Located in West Africa on the east coast of the Gulf of New Guinea, the Niger and Benue Rivers converge and form a "Y" that separates the country into three sections and three major ethnic groups—the Hausa, Yoruba and Igbo. English is the official language, but the many tribal groups also speak 521 other languages. This former English colony holds the distinction for having more sets of twins born here than in any other country in the world.

WATCH & PRAY

GIVE THANKS

Thank God for Church growth and the millions who have come to know him in Nigeria.

Nigeria's prayer movement is one of the world's strongest.

Nigeria is one of the world's leaders in petroleum resources and exportation. Weak and corrupt governments have made the Nigerian economy far too dependent on the exportation of oil, and most of the oil profits have remained in the hands of the wealthy and powerful. Most of Nigeria's work force is engaged in agriculture and 70 percent of Nigerians are classified as living below the poverty line. In recent years, however, a new civilian government has renewed its focus on the people, and the Nigerian economy has become one of the fastest growing in the world.

The Nigerian population is split equally between Christianity and Islam with a small percentage that practice indigenous religions. Evangelicals represent 30% of the Christian segment. Many people have beliefs that reflect the influence of their indigenous roots and are part of their Christian and Muslim practices. Muslim and Christian relations in Nigeria are strained, and violence has resulted in loss of life in both groups. Facing Muslim persecution, Christians are working to reach the unreached people groups of Nigeria.

PRAY FOR:

- Wise, just, fair leaders who will help the country find a way through very serious challenges.
- God to raise up many who fear Him, and who have the courage to fight the evil of corruption which this nation is known for. The deep religious divide that separates Christians and Muslims and which brings so many killings and war especially in the North of Nigeria.
- That wicked strategies to destroy the Church and to overthrow the democratic government would be defeated.
- That humility, simplicity, and holiness might become the motto of the Nigerian Church.
- Pray for the prayer movement to keep growing.

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THE 10/40 WINDOW

A missionary to Nigeria said many Bible Colleges within the country have mobilized their students to evangelism work across the nation, experiencing much success in sharing the Gospel with their Muslim countrymen and women. This has given students and churches a vision to send missionaries from Nigeria into other North African Muslim nations.

- Praise God for the heart for missions that is rising.
- Pray that God will provide the financial support needed for churches to send out missionaries.
- Pray for ears to hear God's heart and strategies

[Matthew 28:16-20.](#)



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THE UNREACHED

Although there may be a few believers or even a few churches, they are a people group among which there is no indigenous community of believing Christians with adequate numbers and resources to evangelize their own people group.

A total of 96 People Groups are Unreached – 61,524,000 people who have limited or NO access to the Gospel.

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on the Open Doors WWL of countries who face the worst Christian persecution.



OPEN DOORS

- Pray for the protection of Nigerian Christians, particularly for women who are in danger of being abducted and forced to marry Muslim men.
- Pray for comfort for the thousands of Nigerian Christians displaced in targeted violence. Pray for wisdom for Open Doors partners as they serve these communities.
- In the northern states of Nigeria, that are majority Muslim, Christian communities are neglected and often left without clean water, clinics, and roads. Pray that the Lord would provide

PRAY FOR THE MUSLIM WORLD

Nigeria is a federal country with Christian majorities in the southern states and mainly Muslim majorities in the northern states. Twelve states have instituted sharia, partially or fully since 1999. Since Muhammadu Buhari became president in 2015, Nigeria's military campaign against Boko Haram has been relatively successful in dislodging the group from the territories it had occupied in the northern parts of the country.

Islamic Oppression is likely to persist in Nigeria in the foreseeable future, making especially northern Nigeria a dangerous place for Christians.

Until now, the government has taken no decisive measures concerning the violence of Hausa-Fulani Muslim herdsmen against mainly Christian farmers in the Middle Belt region.





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