



***"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you...."***

~ Matthew 5:43-44 ESVUK

### SPECIAL MEDIA PRESENTATION

#### Part One of a Two-Part Series

*The Voice of the Martyrs Canada production team has filmed on location in Nigeria a special two-part "Persecution & Prayer Alert" video series. We invite you to view this presentation, and then join us in prayer for our persecuted Nigerian brothers and sisters in Christ who are – with God's empowerment and the prayers of His people – resiliently overcoming intense persecution in this beleaguered nation.*



Nigeria is considered the most dangerous country in the world to be a Christian. Each year, more believers are killed for their faith in this West African nation than in all the other countries of the world combined. The dangers are most prevalent in the northern region of the country where violence and targeted attacks are part of daily life.

This week's featured video report focusses on Northern Nigeria where persecution is evident in many forms. Not only do Christians frequently face systemic discrimination in their workplaces and schools, girls and young women are often kidnapped, forcibly converted to Islam, and then married to Muslim men against their will. And, every year, thousands of believers are killed for following Jesus. These persecution tactics are intended to demoralize and silence the Nigerian church in the north.

Yet, in spite of the many challenges, persecution has not stopped the growth of the church in this region. Rev. Joseph John Hayab, the Chairman for the Christian Association of Northern Nigeria, leads us in prayer for the persecuted church in the north.

**Watch the Video Now**

- *Pray that followers of Jesus in Northern Nigeria will continue to reach out with the compassion, hope and peace of Christ – spreading the "Good News" of the Gospel throughout the region.*
- *Intercede on behalf of pastors and their church members, asking that they would be given the spiritual strength to stand firm in the midst of persecution.*
- *Pray that God's people will continue to reflect the heart of Jesus by extending grace, love and forgiveness towards those who persecute them.*

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