## December 2021 Missionary Prayer Calendar for Central African Republic (CAR)

The Central African Republic is located in the middle of Africa and has a population of roughly 4.9 Million people, with 3.6 million being Christian. Is number 35 out of 50 on the Most persecuted countries list. According to the Open Doors ministry, the major source of persecution is Islamic oppression.

WHAT IS LIFE LIKE FOR CHRISTIANS IN CAR? The Central African Republic has seen near-constant conflict and fighting since 2013. Much of the country is occupied by various armed militia groups, who—whether Islamic extremist or otherwise—specifically target Christians, so life is constantly uncertain for believers in areas under militia control. Christian leaders who have publicly denounced the violence have been threatened; church buildings have been burned and ransacked. Additionally, converts to Christianity from Islam also face persecution from their immediate family and community.

## **PRAYER POINTS**

- Pray for Christians in the Central African Republic, as they endure violence and conflict that seem to never end.
- Pray for followers of Jesus who are targeted by various groups in violent attacks.
- Pray for peace in CAR, and that God would touch the hearts of leaders of every group.
- Pray for converts from Islam, that they would be protected from oppression.
- Pray that Christians driven from their homes will be able to forgive their persecutors
- Pray for Christians seeking to return home after their villages were attacked
- Pray for churches as they encourage thousands of displaced Christians.
- Pray that Christians in remote areas will have access to Bibles.
- Pray for pastors who refuse to flee, staying behind to shepherd the remaining believers.

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