

Located just north of the Horn of Africa, across the Red Sea from the Arabian Peninsula, Eritrea gained its independence from Italy in 1941, but did not formally become a nation until 1993.

In ancient times, Eritrea was part of the Land of Punt, which is believed to have included Somalia and Ethiopia, and which meant “land of the gods.” Eritrea means “red land.”

Despite the small geographic size of Eritrea, the nation ranks 11th on the Open Doors World Watch List 2010 of persecuted nations, for its notoriously brutal treatment of Christians.

“The Eritrean Marxist government ordered all independent Protestant church closed in May 2002,” reports The Voice of the Martyrs.

“In the past three years, religious repression has escalated further. Worshippers caught disobeying restrictions are arrested and tortured for weeks, months or even years.” It is estimated that as many as 2,000 Christians are imprisoned in Eritrea. The government keeps some of them in metal shipping containers during the hottest times of the year in order to cause them added suffering and convince them to renounce Jesus Christ.

Many have been martyred for refusing to deny their faith. Yet these courageous brothers and sisters continue to testify to the Truth and Power of Jesus Christ with their lives, and some even to the death.

PRAY

- Pray for this “land of gods” to become a Land of the One True and Living God. Pray for this “red land” to be washed in the precious blood of the Lamb. (I Peter 1:19)
- Pray for President Afwoki’s heart to be softened and for his eyes to open to the glory of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Pray for God to use Afworki to demonstrate His mercy and compassion to the people of Eritrea. (II Corinthians 4:4; Micah 6:8)
- Pray for the government to end its support of terrorism. Pray for leaders who fear God to be raised up to serve the people in this land. (Daniel 2:21)
- Pray for the eradication of poverty in Eritrea.
- Pray for Christians to be able to worship the Lord freely without backlash or retaliation from the government or insurgent groups.
- Pray the Kingdom of God will come in Eritrea as it is in Heaven.
- Pray for terrorist groups such as al-Shabaab and Hisbul-Islam to lose strength and all of its members. Pray for the Spirit of God to move in their ranks, transforming murdering “Sauls” in to bold and passionate “Pauls” who will bring Him glory. (Acts 26:14)
- Pray for the immediate release of all Christian Believers who are in jail for the cause of Christ, and the end of all torture techniques used on Believers, and for all Believers to be released from metal containers immediately. (Philippians 4:19)
- Pray for Believers who are imprisoned and undergoing torture to be comforted by the Lord’s presence. Pray the Lord will give them songs in the night, as He did Paul and Silas. Pray for their heart to be filled with His joy and for that joy to be their strength. (Psalm 16:11; Acts 16:25; Nehemiah 8:10)
- Pray for an immediate end to all corruption in Eritrea.
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Prayer Requests from a GDOP friend in Eritrea:

Please entrust the Nation of Eritrea and the Church in Eritrea in the almighty hand of the Lord with the listed prayer topics for the glory of God and the good of His people who are crying to Him for help and deliverance.

- ✂ The Conversion of the President and other government Officials
- ✂ The vindication of God in the release of religious prisoners in the land of Eritrea (there are more than 2000 professing Christians agonizing in the Eritrean Prisons)
Please pray for their release and strength
- ✂ The Opening of Churches which has been banned by the State Of Eritrea since May 2002
- ✂ God's protection on the secret activities of all the underground Churches
- ✂ The Comfort of those family members of the believers who became martyrs in the Eritrean Prisons
- ✂ The unity of believers, and Church leaders
- ✂ Political, Social, Economical stability in the Country
- ✂ The saving of souls in the Nation Of Eritrea under the given circumstances of persecution and opposition from the State of Eritrea towards the Churches and the gospel