

# WORLD WATCH LIST 2016



## Guide to Global Persecution

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### TURKEY

#### PERSECUTION IN TURKEY

The presence of radical Islam, the ethnic conflict, and a regime that aims to Islamise the country are all affecting the church in Turkey. The renewed fighting between the government's military forces and the Kurds is stimulating Turkish nationalism to new heights, which is impacting all believers, but converts from Islam most of all. Pressure on them from both family and community is especially acute. The presence of Islamic fundamentalists in Turkey has already proved to be a huge threat for Protestant pastors; Muslim-background believers can expect similar treatment.

**Leader:** President Recep Tayyip Erdogan  
**Population:** 79.6 million (219,000 Christians)

**Main Religion:** Islam  
**Government:** Republic

**World Watch List Rank:** 45

**Source of Persecution:** Islamic extremism/ Religious nationalism



#### PLEASE PRAY...

- Praise God for signs of reconciliation between Armenian and Turkish Christians; ask Him to make the church in Turkey healthy and strong
- For God to protect and give courage to believers who have received death threats on social media
- For politicians and leaders to wisely govern the country for the benefit of all sectors of society.

## THE WORLD WATCH GUIDE 2016

*The World Watch Guide 2016* highlights the 50 countries where it is most difficult to live as a Christian. Based on the World Watch List, the most rigorous and detailed report of its kind uses data from Open Doors field workers and independent experts to track the deep structures of persecution, measuring the degree of freedom Christians have to live out their faith in five spheres of life: private, family, community, national and church life. It's an ideal resource for individuals wanting to discover more about the world of the persecuted church.

*The World Watch Church Pack* is the perfect way to introduce the persecuted church to your church. It includes: a step-by-step Church Service Guide, with prayers, readings, talk outline and discussion questions; a DVD featuring the World Watch film, with testimony from North Korean Christians; and a poster-sized World Watch Map, perfect for displaying in your church.

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