The Islamic State introduced the caliphate (strict Islamic leadership) in large parts of Syria and Iraq at the end of June 2014 and a strict version of Sharia law was implemented. Since then, most Christians have fled areas controlled by the Islamic State. Christians are kidnapped out of financial, political and ideological motives. Many Christians have been abducted, physically harmed and killed. Amidst all violence and persecution, there are also sparks of hope, however. Though many Christians have left the country, a growing number of people are converting to Christ in the deplorable situation of civil war.

**PRAY**

- For Christians who are displaced within the country or are refugees in camps outside of Syria
- For Open Doors workers, who partner with churches and other Christian organizations, providing food, shelter and trauma counseling to the refugees
- That there would be an end to the horrific civil war which has been waged for approximately four years

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