Pray with new believers who live under constant pressure to renounce their faith and return to Islam. Pray especially for new converts who are persecuted by their families.

Pray with church leaders who face threats of raids and arrests. Ask God to give them courage, wisdom and discernment as they serve the Church.

Pray that governmental pressure would lessen and that Christians would be able to practice their faith openly in peace.

Profile of persecution
Based on World Watch List 2020 data

RESTRICTIONS AND RAIDS
In this central Asian country, no religious activities beyond state-run and state-controlled institutions are allowed. Local authorities and police monitor religious meetings, detain believers, raid church meetings and confiscate religious materials. Here, Christians bear the brunt of persecution by the central government and from family, friends and community. Some converts are locked up by their families for long periods and beaten, and may eventually be expelled from their communities. As a result, converts are often secret believers.

SOURCE OF PERSECUTION
Dictatorial paranoia

POPULATION
9,292,000

CHRISTIANS
71,100

MAIN RELIGION
Islam

GOVERNMENT
Presidential republic

LEADER
President Emomali Rahmon

Profile of persecution

Violence 6.5%
Church life 78.5%
National life 74.5%
Community life 71%
Family life 73.5%
Private life 83%

PRAYER POINTS

Tajikistan