

Afghanistan's Christians Continue to Call for Urgent Prayer Amid Taliban Persecution

Afghanistan's Christian community is in urgent need of prayer as many try to flee the country following the Taliban's stunning takeover of the country last week.

Life under Taliban rule would be extremely difficult for Christians and new reports of persecution against believers have already emerged, International Christian Concern reports.

Beatings, torture and kidnappings are common for Christians in Afghanistan—some are even martyred. Those who convert from Islam to Christianity are often murdered by their own family members or other Muslims.

"We are telling people to stay in their houses because going out now is too dangerous," an Afghan Christian leader told ICC. "Some known Christians are already receiving threatening phone calls. In these phone calls, unknown people say, 'We are coming for you.'"

Release International's spokesman, Andrew Boyd, says at least one Christian has been killed by Taliban fighters, including a Hazara.

"The Taliban have been checking phones to check if there are any Bibles downloaded onto their phones," Boyd said. "We have a report that at least one Hazara has been killed as a result of this."

According to The Times of London, Taliban fighters have been going house to house in search of anyone who may have

cooperated with Western forces “and were threatening to kill or harm their relatives if they do not surrender.”

Rex Rogers of SAT-7 USA, a satellite TV ministry to the Middle East and North Africa, says the situation is “dire.”

“We’ve seen the Taliban in the past, we know what they do,” he added. “We may not know why things that happened to us, or in the world, but we know the God who knows why. We trust the sovereign God of the universe, who’s also our Heavenly Father.”

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