

Wednesday Word 10/8/2025

**Revelation 6:9-11** *“When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the witness they had borne. They cried out with a loud voice, “O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before you will judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?” Then they were each given a white robe and told to rest a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brothers should be complete, who were to be killed as they themselves had been.”*

I must apologize for the tardiness of this Wednesday Word- I had my days mixed up.

I wanted to take a moment and ask us all to pray for our brothers and sister in Christ that are a part of the heavy persecution in Nigeria. As many of you know, the slaughter of Christians has become more common place in this nation, and the government is doing little about this.

Here are a few pieces of information to consider as we pray:

- There has been over 125 thousand Christians that have been executed since 2009 (International Society for Civil Liberties and Rule of Law)
- Over 19K churches have been destroyed, looted or forced to close.
- 7K Christians since January 1, 2025 have been killed
- On Father's Day, 238 Christians were slaughtered
- 15 million People have fled their homes in fear
- Islamic Jihadist groups such as Boko Haram and ISIS have targeted Christians as the work toward an Islamic Caliphate (Complete Government Takeover). -  
Nigeria's open boarder laws have allowed extremists to enter the nation unchecked.
- Fulani Herdsmen (Sunni Muslim sect) have attacked Christian farming killing, kidnapping and arson attacks.

This type of persecution is hard to comprehend here in America. We have freedom of religion in our constitution and as long as our constitution holds the power of the people, this freedom will remain. But we have a responsibility here in the United States as Christians to engage in the spiritual warfare around this situation.

Here are a few prayer points to focus on:

- 1) Pray for Christians who have lost loved ones to remain strong in their faith
- 2) Pray for Pastors who lead and work to encourage their churches
- 3) Pray for the repentance of these violent extremist groups

- 4) Pray for the Government and President of Nigeria, Bola Tinubu, that he will have compassion and act with immediate and swift protective force against this violence.
- 5) Pray that through this God would ignite a sweeping revival in this nation that grows and strengthens the church.

Finally, after we pray, we can call our Congressional Representatives and ask them to support House Resolution 220, that was presented by Chris Smith of New Jersey that: *“Expresses the sense of congress regarding the need to designate Nigeria a Country of Particular Concern for engaging in tolerating systematic, ongoing, and egregious violations of religious freedom, and other purposes.”*

Here are the names and numbers of our Washington State Congresswomen:

Patty Murray: 1-202-224-2621      Maria Catwell: 1-202-224-3441

Marilyn Strickland (District10): 1-202-225-9740

At the very root this is a spiritual attempt from Satan to silence the church in Nigeria and create fear in the heart of Christ followers worldwide. We are more than conquerors in Christ Jesus!

Let's pray! Let's advocate for our brothers and sisters! Let's pray even harder!

I love you and God loves you!

Pastor Eric Lundberg