

#REDWEDNESDAY

WHAT WOULD YOU RISK FOR YOUR FAITH?

BREAK THE SILENCE ON CHRISTIAN PERSECUTION



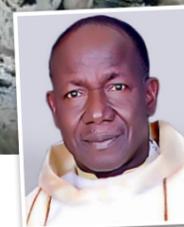
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Make your #TEAMRED PLEDGE

FACT MILITANT ISLAMIST VIOLENCE IN AFRICA IS AT RECORD LEVELS †

Modern-day martyr: Father Isaac Achi (inset) was burned alive in January 2023 when extremists set fire to his home.



RedWednesday – 22nd November

This November will you help us:

- Raise £100K for Christians in Africa who are in urgent need?
■ Pledge your prayers and support?
■ Break the Silence on Christian and religious persecution in Africa and worldwide?



YOUR ACTION COUNTS!



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ON CHRISTIAN PERSECUTION IN AFRICA

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12-14 Benhill Avenue, Sutton, Surrey SM1 4DA Aid to the Church in Need is a Pontifical Foundation of the Catholic Church and a registered charity in England and Wales (1097984) and Scotland (SC040748)

MARGARET ATTAH RISKED HER LIFE TO GO TO MASS

#GO2MASS



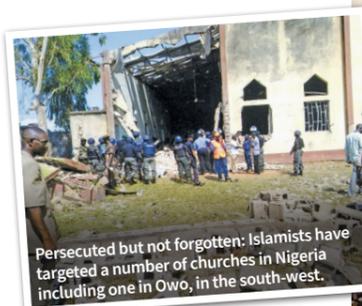
In June 2022, anti-Christian militants stormed St Francis Xavier's Church, Owo in south-west Nigeria killing 41 people, including six children. Amongst the 70 people injured, Margaret, a nurse and mother-of-four, lost both her legs and her sight in one eye.



I THANK GOD FOR WHAT ACN IS DOING. I THANK GOD I AM ALIVE. I HAVE SO MANY REASONS TO BE THANKFUL TO GOD."



Margaret lost both legs and an eye when extremists struck during Mass at her church.



Persecuted but not forgotten: Islamists have targeted a number of churches in Nigeria including one in Owo, in the south-west.

MARGARET NEEDS YOUR HELP ...

... AND SO DO THE MILLIONS OF CHRISTIAN AND OTHER RELIGIOUS MINORITIES DISPLACED IN AFRICA - DRIVEN FROM THEIR HOMES BY VIOLENCE OR ECONOMIC NEED.

- ACN provides trauma counselling and practical and emergency support to Christian communities across Africa where they have been attacked.
■ We support refugees who have been made homeless and destitute due to targeted violence and especially to families where the father and adult sons have been murdered.



Women in Nigeria, widowed by attacks, learn new skills to help them support their families.

PRAYER



PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS URGENTLY NEED YOUR SPIRITUAL SUPPORT - PLEASE HELP THEM.

- Please pledge to go to an extra Mass or prayer service for Christians in Africa who are prevented from going due to threats of violence.
■ Join our #RedWednesday Rosary Campaign

For prayer ideas and parish and school liturgies and to pledge your prayer actions www.acnuk.org/redwednesday

Photo: Ismael Martinez Sanchez

ADVOCACY



A year on from the Pentecost Sunday church massacre in Nigeria, Baroness Caroline Cox and Fiona Bruce MP (centre), joined ACN to hand in a petition at 10 Downing Street, calling for justice.

In many parts of Africa there has been an explosion of anti-Christian violence, with millions displaced and living in fear.

The UK Government has the ability to create real, meaningful, and long-lasting change for the persecuted and dispossessed across the African continent, by working with their counterparts to drive progress at the legislative and policy levels.

We need your support in reaching out to MPs, to raise awareness about the plight of our African brothers and sisters, and to urge the Government to take action. If you're willing to help, please email daniel.beurthe@acnuk.org, and request to be added to our advocacy mailing list.

ACTION

#TEAMRED

22ND NOVEMBER - MAKE A STAND FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS AND OTHERS!

This #RedWednesday please join our #TeamRed by wearing an item of red, lighting your building red, or organising red-themed activities. Let's create national and local social media noise to highlight the plight of Margaret and others like her in Africa and around the world.

For ideas and inspiration, your free #TeamRed Toolkit and to pledge your ACTION, visit www.acnuk.org/redwednesday

For details of our London and Scotland #RedWednesday events and School Livestreams visit www.acnuk.org/events

PLEASE JOIN US

#redwednesday #breakthesilence #TeamRed

£100K 'MATCHED' CHALLENGE4AFRICA

Can you help us raise £100k by Christmas? We are very fortunate to have generous funders who will match your donations and fundraising (up to £100k) - making your contribution go even further. Take part to provide trauma counselling, practical help and emergency aid to help refugees and people like Margaret in ACN priority countries in Africa.

Your gift - whatever you can afford will make a huge difference.

Schools and parishes Just 200 gifts of £500 will help us unlock the 'match'!

If we raise more than our Challenge total, funds will be used towards other similar projects..

To find out how to donate and how your gift will help, fold out this leaflet for our Africa map.

