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PRAYER FOR THIS COUNTRY

Ethiopia is listed in 36th position in the World Watch report 2021 by Open Doors for Christian persecution. The current president of Ethiopia is Sahle-Work Zewde and the Prime Minister is Abiy Ahmed. Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed's Prosperity Party won the most seats in Ethiopia's parliamentary election, a victory that assures him another term in office. It was the country's first free and fair election after decades of repressive rule. However, an opposition boycott, war in the northern region of Tigray, ethnic violence and logistical challenges in some areas overshadowed the election. He lifted a ban on opposition parties, released tens of thousands of political prisoners and took steps to open up one of Africa's last untapped markets. The ongoing armed conflict in Tigray in Northern Ethiopia that began in November has left many dead and injured and about two million people displaced.

Pray for Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2019, to find a timely and peaceful resolution to this war. Pray for organizations, the church and local believers to be able to bring God's love and hope as well as practical help. Pray for God's intervention and his presence to be felt for those affected and those still in danger.

Please pray that the Gospel of peace would proceed forth throughout Nigeria, Ethiopia, Burkina Faso, and other African nations on this incredible continent. May the beautiful feet of those who bring Good News be readied with peace. Pray for upcoming Al Massira trainings in Malawi. May they further equip the local Churches for discipleship and evangelism to advance the spread of the Gospel. Pray for the AM resources being translated into several African languages. May they bear fruit for the Kingdom. Pray the AM App would be fully provided for and ready for widespread use throughout Africa.

Voting did not take place in three of Ethiopia's 10 regions.

Abiy's party won 410 of 436 parliamentary seats, election board deputy chairperson Woubshet Ayele announced in the capital Addis Ababa. Chairperson Birtukan Mideksa said the board had delivered a credible election.

Opposition leader Berhanu Nega said his Ethiopian Citizens for Social Justice party (Ezema) had filed 207 complaints after local officials and militiamen blocked observers in the Amhara region and Southern Nations, Nationalities and Peoples' region.

The election was the first test of voter support for Abiy, who promised political and economic reforms when he was appointed prime minister by the governing coalition in 2018.

He now faces international pressure over the war in Tigray and accusations from rights groups that his government is rolling back some new freedoms, which it denies.

Abiy's newly formed Prosperity Party faced a fragmented opposition of dozens of mostly ethnically-based parties. The opposition parties Ezema and the National Movement of Amhara (NAMA) each won less than 10 seats.

Voting in the Harar and Somali regions was delayed until September over security concerns and problems with ballot papers.

No date has been set for voting in Tigray, where the military has been battling forces loyal to the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF), the region's former ruling party, since November. The fighting has displaced 2 million people, and the United Nations has warned of famine conditions in parts of the region.

Praise Report

Praise God that the Inter-Religious Council of Ethiopia has declared the week of prayer. The prayer initiative has already drawn participation from not only religious leaders but from national government officials as well (The Bible, [Luke 10:19](#)).

Prayer Report

We declare God's mighty authority and rule over the country of Ethiopia. Pray for the current conflicts in the country, religious and ethnic tensions, lack of readiness for a national election, the alarming rate of COVID-19 cases, regional tensions and other national issues to be resolved (The Bible, [Proverbs 1:33](#)).

Pray that calls for peace to be amplified on all fronts as the prayers are broadcast on religious and secular television channels and the ethnic battle will stop. Pray that the frightened people will receive encouraging counselling to release their stress and anxieties in productive ways (The Bible, [1 Peter 5:7](#)).

Call to Salvation

Pray that in new regime multitudes of Ethiopians will hear the Gospel and many of them will accept Jesus Christ as their Savior. Let them be trained to grow in faith through the efforts of the Churches (The Bible, [2 Peter 1:16](#)).

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MORE ABOUT THIS COUNTRY

On a cold blustery summer morning, heightened fears of the COVID-19 pandemic blended with a glimmer of hope shroud the Ethiopian capital Addis Ababa. The wailing sirens of the speedy emergency ambulances that transport COVID-19 patients from different corners of the city to treatment and quarantine centers throughout the rainy day cause uneasiness across the city. To fight fears, some people of the bustling metropolis with an estimated 5 million people, which has not seen a COVID-19 total lockdown, have begun flocking to Alem Art café and gallery.



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POPULATION

99,466,000

CHRISTIANS

60.1%

EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS

17.4%

DOMINANT RELIGION

Christianity

PERSECUTION RANKING

36

REFUGEES

665,240

LIFE EXPECTANCY

57.64 yrs

LITERACY RATE

39%

POPULATION BELOW POVERTY LINE

39%