



2026 Bible Access List

A global assessment identifying where Bible access is most difficult and Bible shortages among Christians are greatest

MISSION STATEMENT



To provide a reliable, global view of Bible Restrictions and Shortages to inform the fulfillment of the Great Commission

CORE ASSESSMENTS

Bible Restrictions list



Block 1
(75% weight)
Restrictions imposed by Governments, extremists or other actors (e.g. banning Bible printing, distribution, ownership)



Block 2
(25% weight)
Socio-economic barriers (e.g. poverty, poor infrastructure, low literacy)

Bible Shortage list



Estimated number of Christians desiring a Bible but don't have one. Results expressed in ranges

METHODOLOGY AND DATA SOURCES

Primary data



Global surveys
Expert interviews
Field observations

Secondary data



World Christian Database
Open Doors' World Watch List
World Bank Indicators
Bible Translation Repositories

KEY OUTPUTS

Bible Restrictions List



A ranked scored list based on access restrictions

Bible Shortage List



A ranked scored list of where the shortage among the Christians is the greatest

Country Profiles



Narrative and visual summaries of Bible access realities and prayer needs



2026 Bible Restrictions List

Country	Rank	Score	Bible Access Status
Afghanistan	1	94.47	Maximum access restrictions
Yemen	2	94.47	Maximum access restrictions
Somalia	3	93.00	Maximum access restrictions
North Korea	4	92.50	Maximum access restrictions
Eritrea	5	90.88	Maximum access restrictions
Mauritania	6	90.66	Maximum access restrictions
Turkmenistan	7	85.41	Extreme access restrictions
Libya	8	85.19	Extreme access restrictions
Sudan	9	83.63	Extreme access restrictions
Iran	10	83.47	Extreme access restrictions
Comoros	11	82.69	Extreme access restrictions
Maldives	12	80.41	Extreme access restrictions
Algeria	13	78.88	Severe access restrictions
Tajikistan	14	76.16	Severe access restrictions
Tunisia	15	74.10	Severe access restrictions
Saudi Arabia	16	73.13	Severe access restrictions
Djibouti	17	72.94	Severe access restrictions
Niger	18	72.75	Severe access restrictions
Burkina Faso	19	72.44	Severe access restrictions
Uzbekistan	20	72.38	Severe access restrictions
Pakistan	21	71.44	Severe access restrictions
Kyrgyzstan	22	70.94	Severe access restrictions
China	23	70.66	Severe access restrictions
Morocco	24	70.35	Severe access restrictions
Syria	25	69.72	Severe access restrictions
Bhutan	26	69.19	Severe access restrictions
Azerbaijan	27	68.91	Severe access restrictions
Mali	28	68.47	Severe access restrictions
Oman	29	68.44	Severe access restrictions
Brunei	30	68.13	Severe access restrictions
Myanmar	31	67.16	Severe access restrictions
Nigeria	32	67.07	Severe access restrictions
Kazakhstan	33	66.44	Severe access restrictions
Qatar	34	66.41	Severe access restrictions
Chad	35	66.19	Severe access restrictions
Iraq	36	66.10	Severe access restrictions
Central Afr.	37	65.47	Severe access restrictions
Malaysia	38	65.38	Severe access restrictions
Laos	39	65.13	Severe access restrictions
India	40	63.51	Severe access restrictions
Kuwait	41	62.97	Severe access restrictions
Ethiopia	42	62.75	Severe access restrictions
Cuba	43	62.56	Severe access restrictions
Bahrain	44	61.72	Severe access restrictions
United Arab	45	61.72	Severe access restrictions
Mozambique	46	59.32	Considerable access restrictions
Bangladesh	47	58.41	Considerable access restrictions
Jordan	48	57.38	Considerable access restrictions
Palestinian	49	56.75	Considerable access restrictions
Vietnam	50	56.69	Considerable access restrictions
Nepal	51	55.94	Considerable access restrictions
Indonesia	52	53.35	Considerable access restrictions
Dem. Republic of Congo	53	53.16	Severe socioeconomic barriers and considerable Restrictions
Egypt	54	51.41	Considerable access restrictions
Cameroon	55	49.72	Considerable access restrictions

Country	Rank	Score	Bible Access Status
Venezuela	56	47.94	Considerable access restrictions
Togo	57	44.41	Considerable access restrictions
Türkiye	58	43.38	Considerable access restrictions
Lebanon	59	42.66	Considerable access restrictions
Tanzania	60	42.22	Considerable access restrictions
South Sudan	61	42.20	Extreme socioeconomic barriers and some restrictions
Malawi	62	41.97	Considerable access restrictions
Guinea	63	41.6	Considerable access restrictions
Guinea-	64	41.13	Considerable access restrictions
Kenya	65	40.66	Considerable access restrictions
Nicaragua	66	37.81	Some access restrictions
Russia	67	33.66	Some access restrictions
Côte d'Ivoire	68	33.01	Considerable socioeconomic barriers and some restrictions
Ukraine	69	31.85	Some access restrictions
Rwanda	70	31.44	Considerable socioeconomic barriers and some restrictions
Colombia	71	31.10	Some access restrictions
Uganda	72	28.91	Severe socioeconomic barriers and some restrictions
Senegal	73	28.72	Considerable socioeconomic barriers and some restrictions
Madagascar	74	28.06	Severe socioeconomic barriers
Sri Lanka	75	26.01	Some access restrictions
Benin	76	25.66	Severe socioeconomic barriers and some restrictions
Angola	77	24.56	Severe socioeconomic barriers
Sierra	78	24.00	Extreme socioeconomic barriers
Mexico	79	21.56	Some access restrictions
Burundi	80	20.25	Severe socioeconomic barriers
Liberia	81	20.25	Severe socioeconomic barriers
Ghana	82	18.56	Considerable socioeconomic barriers
Haiti	83	16.75	Severe socioeconomic barriers
Zambia	84	15.50	Severe socioeconomic barriers
Zimbabwe	85	14.25	Considerable socioeconomic barriers
Timor-Leste	86	13.00	Considerable socioeconomic barriers
Guatemala	87	12.00	Considerable socioeconomic barriers
Argentina	Assessed, not ranked		
Armenia	Assessed, not ranked		
Bolivia	Assessed, not ranked		
Brazil	Assessed, not ranked		
Chile	Assessed, not ranked		
Costa Rica	Assessed, not ranked		
Ecuador	Assessed, not ranked		
El Salvador	Assessed, not ranked		
Honduras	Assessed, not ranked		
Israel	Assessed, not ranked		
Lesotho	Assessed, not ranked		
Namibia	Assessed, not ranked		
Panama	Assessed, not ranked		
Paraguay	Assessed, not ranked		
Peru	Assessed, not ranked		
Philippines	Assessed, not ranked		
South Africa	Assessed, not ranked		
Thailand	Assessed, not ranked		
Uruguay	Assessed, not ranked		

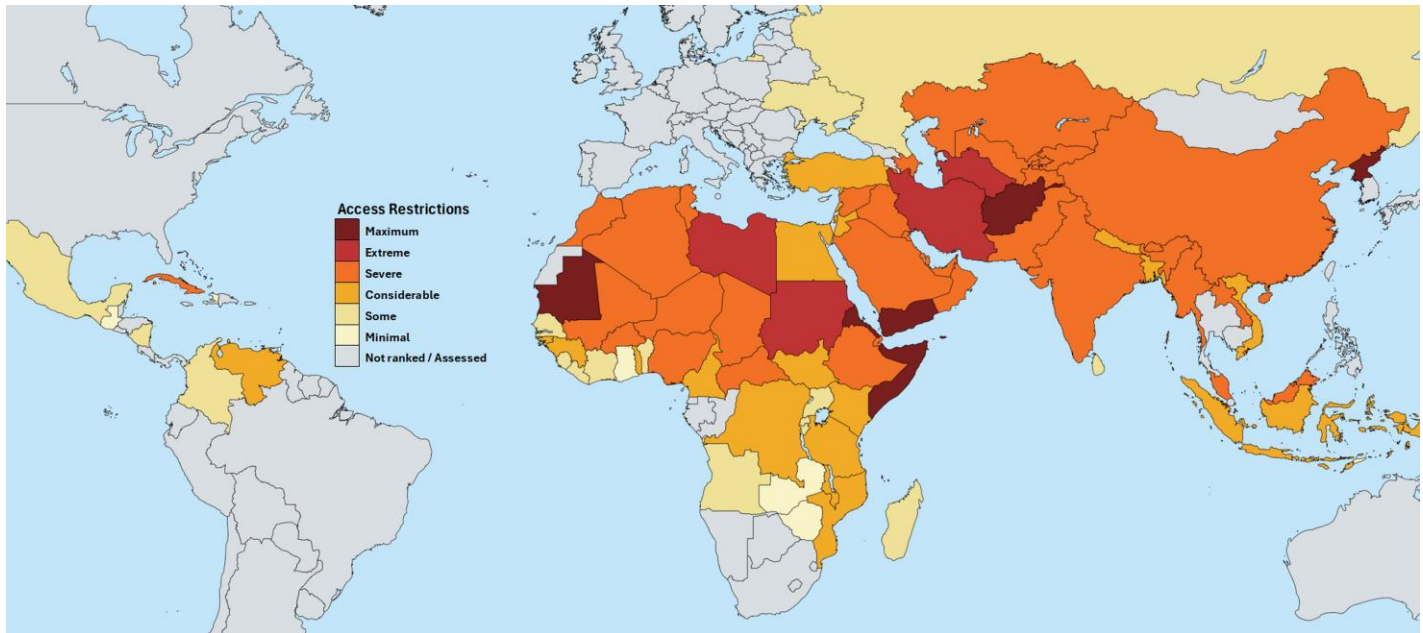


2026 Bible Shortage List

Country	Rank	Bible Shortage Range
DR Congo	1	>10 million
Ethiopia	2	>10 million
Nigeria	3	>10 million
India	4	>10 million
Uganda	5	5 - 10 million
Tanzania	6	5 - 10 million
China	7	5 - 10 million
Indonesia	8	3 - 5 million
Angola	9	3 - 5 million
Mozambique	10	3 - 5 million
Malawi	11	3 - 5 million
Rwanda	12	3 - 5 million
Madagascar	13	3 - 5 million
Kenya	14	3 - 5 million
Côte d'Ivoire	15	1 - 3 million
Burundi	16	1 - 3 million
Zambia	17	1 - 3 million
Zimbabwe	18	1 - 3 million
Haiti	19	1 - 3 million
Cameroon	20	1 - 3 million
Cuba	21	1 - 3 million
Ghana	22	1 - 3 million
South Sudan	23	500k - 1 million
Chad	24	500k - 1 million
Benin	25	500k - 1 million
Burkina Faso	26	500k - 1 million
Egypt	27	500k - 1 million
Central African Republic	28	500k - 1 million
Vietnam	29	500k - 1 million
Pakistan	30	250 - 500k
Sudan	31	250 - 500k
Togo	32	250 - 500k
Nicaragua	33	250 - 500k
Myanmar	34	250 - 500k
Bangladesh	35	100 - 250k
Malaysia	36	100 - 250k
Eritrea	37	100 - 250k
Iran	38	100 - 250k
Kazakhstan	39	100 - 250k
Liberia	40	100 - 250k
Nepal	41	100 - 250k
Sierra Leone	42	50 - 100k
Sri Lanka	43	50 - 100k
Saudi Arabia	44	50 - 100k
Mali	45	50 - 100k
Senegal	46	25 - 50k
Timor-Leste	47	25 - 50k
Guinea	48	25 - 50k
North Korea	49	25 - 50k
Qatar	50	25 - 50k
Türkiye	51	25 - 50k
Syria	52	25 - 50k
Uzbekistan	53	25 - 50k

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Kuwait	54	25 - 50k
Lebanon	55	25 - 50k
Azerbaijan	56	10 - 25k
Guinea-Bissau	57	10 - 25k
Laos	58	10 - 25k
Kyrgyzstan	59	10 - 25k
Bahrain	60	10 - 25k
Iraq	61	10 - 25k
United Arab Emirates	62	10 - 25k
Niger	63	<10k
Turkmenistan	64	<10k
Algeria	65	<10k
Jordan	66	<10k
Oman	67	<10k
Morocco	68	<10k
Bhutan	69	<10k
Tajikistan	70	<10k
Brunei	71	<10k
Libya	72	<10k
Afghanistan	73	<10k
Tunisia	74	<10k
Yemen	75	<10k
Mauritania	76	<10k
Palestinian Territories	77	<10k
Djibouti	78	<10k
Somalia	79	<10k
Maldives	80	<10k
Comoros	81	<10k
Argentina	Some Bible Shortages, no national estimate	
Armenia	Some Bible Shortages, no national estimate	
Bolivia	Some Bible Shortages, no national estimate	
Brazil	Some Bible Shortages, no national estimate	
Chile	Some Bible Shortages, no national estimate	
Colombia	Some Bible Shortages, no national estimate	
Costa Rica	Some Bible Shortages, no national estimate	
Ecuador	Some Bible Shortages, no national estimate	
El Salvador	Some Bible Shortages, no national estimate	
Guatemala	Some Bible Shortages, no national estimate	
Honduras	Some Bible Shortages, no national estimate	
Israel	Some Bible Shortages, no national estimate	
Lesotho	Some Bible Shortages, no national estimate	
Mexico	Some Bible Shortages, no national estimate	
Namibia	Some Bible Shortages, no national estimate	
Panama	Some Bible Shortages, no national estimate	
Paraguay	Some Bible Shortages, no national estimate	
Peru	Some Bible Shortages, no national estimate	
Philippines	Some Bible Shortages, no national estimate	
Russia	Some Bible Shortages, no national estimate	
South Africa	Some Bible Shortages, no national estimate	
Thailand	Some Bible Shortages, no national estimate	
Ukraine	Some Bible Shortages, no national estimate	
Uruguay	Some Bible Shortages, no national estimate	
Venezuela	Some Bible Shortages, no national estimate	

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