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# Today: 14 Christians Killed in Plateau State Nigeria

*A true story of faith under pressure. Read the first half below, then continue online.*

**KEY SPIRITUAL TAKEAWAY**

*"One year after the State Department designated Nigeria as a country of particular concern for the violent persecution of Christians, the attacks continue,"*

*(Transliterated from the original Hindi.)*

They had gathered only to pray. When prayer itself becomes the target, faith is proved not by words but by staying.

## The Story - Part One

Fourteen Christians are dead in Nigeria's Plateau State after gunmen struck four farming districts in a single weekend, killing nine people in one village on Sunday night and five more before Monday was over. The attacks came between November 15 and 16, in Mangu, Riyom, Barkin Ladi and Bokkos - and they came just two days after President Bola Ahmed Tinubu stood in Jos and asked the suffering communities for forgiveness.

Among the dead was a 79-year-old man named Da Ishaku Pam Vwos, killed in his own village as evening fell on Sunday. He had lived through decades of harvests and hardship in Sho village, in Barkin Ladi.

He did not live through that Sunday. Local people say armed men came into the village at about twenty past five in the afternoon, and by the time they left, the old man was gone.

The timing of the killings is what has made them hit so hard. On Saturday, November 14, Tinubu visited Jos for a political rally at Zaria Road Stadium and spoke directly to the people who have borne the worst of the violence.

He apologised for failing to visit the affected communities during an earlier trip to the state, and he promised to rebuild destroyed villages and bring displaced families back to their ancestral homes. Within forty-eight hours, gunmen were killing again in the same hills.

### Nine Killed In One Village On Sunday Night

The worst single attack fell on Zwagal community, in Jipal District of Mangu Local Government Area. Armed attackers invaded the village at about nine o'clock on Sunday night, November 15, and killed nine people. Community sources and local security groups say the gunmen targeted rural settlements and ambushed residents travelling between communities.

In Barkin Ladi, the killing of Da Ishaku Pam Vwos was reported by the Berom Youth Moulders Association, a local youth group that has been documenting the attacks village by village. In Bokkos, two more people died on Monday afternoon, including a unit commander of Operation Rainbow, the Plateau state-owned security outfit, killed in an ambush. The toll across the four local government areas reached fourteen, according to International Christian Concern, which reported the killings on November 17.

## The Turning Point - What Happens Next

The story reaches a life-changing moment that changes everything -- and what seemed like the end is only the middle. Two reports disagree on the numbers, and one question is left unanswered: will the CCTV footage ever come out? Read the full story to find out what happens next.

### PERSONAL REFLECTION & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When gathering to pray carries a real cost, what keeps a community coming together anyway -- and what would keep you coming?

2. The pastor's sister shielded him with her own body and fainted under the blows. What does costly, self-giving love look like in your own family or church?

3. When justice is delayed and a complaint is withdrawn under threat, how do believers hold on to truth without giving in to fear -- or to hatred?

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