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Today: 14 Christians Killed in Fresh Plateau State Attacks in Nigeria

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

KEY SPIRITUAL TAKEAWAY

"At least 14 Christians were killed in fresh attacks across four Plateau State local government areas - Mangu, Riyom, Barkin Ladi and Bokkos - between Sunday 15 and Monday 16 November 2026"

(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

At least 14 Christians were killed in fresh attacks across four Plateau State local government areas - Mangu, Riyom, Barkin Ladi and Bokkos - between Sunday 15 and Monday 16 November 2026. The killing began hours after President Bola Tinubu stood at a rally in Jos on Saturday and promised to end decades of violence against chiefly Christian villages. Then, on Monday afternoon, gunmen struck again while families were burying 12 of Sunday's victims.

The timing is what makes this wave so hard to hear. Tinubu had promised to rebuild destroyed communities and return displaced people to their ancestral homes. He had also appealed for forgiveness over failing to visit affected communities sooner. Within a day of those words, villages across the Plateau were counting their dead again.

Da Ishaku Pam Vwos was 79 years old. He was shot dead at Sho village in Barkin Ladi on Sunday evening, at about 5:20 p.M., In his own community. He was not a name in a report to the people who loved him. He was an elder, a neighbour, a man who had lived through decades of the Plateau's troubles and should have died in his own bed.

He was not the only one. At about 1:57 a.M. On Sunday, Dauda John Davou, 42, was killed at Sambak community in the Hoss District of Riyom. Then, at around 9 p.M. That same Sunday, gunmen invaded Zwagal community in the Jipal District of Mangu, killing nine people according to the International Christian Concern, while TruthNigeria put the Zwagal toll at ten. Other residents were reported missing, and counts were still being confirmed when the reports were filed.

The attacks did not stop when Sunday ended. On Monday afternoon, as 12 victims of Sunday's attacks were being buried, gunmen struck again, killing two more people. Among them was David Gambo Mashat, a commander with Operation Rainbow, who was ambushed on Monday. A burial - the one moment a community gathers to grieve in peace - became another crime scene.

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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