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Latest: France Records 843 Anti-Christian Incidents as Pastors Warn of Hostile Climate

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

KEY SPIRITUAL TAKEAWAY

"France recorded 843 anti-Christian incidents in 2025, up 9% on the previous year, according to French government figures cited by OIDAC Europe, the Observatory on Intolerance and Discrimination against Christians in Europe"

(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

France recorded 843 anti-Christian incidents in 2025, up 9% on the previous year, according to French government figures cited by OIDAC Europe, the Observatory on Intolerance and Discrimination against Christians in Europe. The figures were reported by the Christian Post on 18 November 2026, drawing on a CBN report. Pastors on the ground say the numbers match a climate of hostility that French Christians feel every week.

The detail that stops you cold is a small one. A church in Paris told the authorities it would put a cross on its building - and officials asked it to add security and bulletproof windows. In France, displaying a cross has become something a church must defend with glass that stops bullets.

Evangelical Christians make up about 0.6% Of the French population. They are a tiny minority in a country that once called itself the eldest daughter of the Church, and the pastors who lead them say the air around them has grown colder year by year.

843 Anti-Christian Incidents In France: What The Numbers Show

France is the epicentre of anti-Christian violence in Europe. Annual totals run between 840 and 1,000 incidents, and the 2025 figure of 843 sits squarely in that grim range. The incidents include arson attacks on churches and a significant rise in physical assaults on individuals.

The 9% rise on the previous year is not a statistical wobble. It is the latest step in a pattern that has held for years, and it comes against a backdrop of political unrest. France has seen five consecutive weekends of protests, and the tension has spilled into the streets around churches as well as town halls.

Limoges made headlines in October 2026 when its 19th-century town hall was set on fire. In Marseille, protesters lit a fire in front of Eglise Saint-Vincent de Paul on 24 October 2026. These are not isolated acts of vandalism. They are part of a landscape in which Christian buildings and Christian people have become targets.

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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