

# Remember Eritrea PowerPoint script

This script is for use with the *Remember Eritrea* PowerPoint presentation, produced by Release International. The presentation (Eritrea.ppt) can be found in the PowerPoint folder of the Docs directory on the *Remember Eritrea* DVD. It can also be downloaded from:

[www.releaseinternational.org/resources](http://www.releaseinternational.org/resources)

## USING THE POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

The PowerPoint presentation has been designed to be presented using Microsoft PowerPoint 2000 upwards, using a Windows PC or laptop. If you do not have your own copy of PowerPoint, a Viewer is included on the DVD (see below). (The Viewer can also be downloaded from the Microsoft PowerPoint page at [www.microsoft.com/powerpoint](http://www.microsoft.com/powerpoint)).

Please note the free Viewer will only play the presentation: it cannot be used to create or amend slides.

Open the Docs directory on the DVD, and you will see the PowerPoint folder. Copy this PowerPoint folder to the computer you will be using for your presentation and open it. If you are using the player, double click on the file pptview.exe. This launches the player. Select the PowerPoint file prayerconcert.ppt, which is in the same PowerPoint folder.

Your presentation should now run from Slide 1. To **advance** the presentation to the next slide, press the space bar, or the forward arrow key. To **go back** to the previous slide, press the back arrow key. To **jump** to a particular slide during the presentation, type the number of the slide, followed by return. To **exit** the presentation, press the escape key (esc).

These same commands can also be accessed by **right-clicking** with the mouse during the presentation.

The Docs directory also includes these resources: Eritrea petition, mini poster, and sign up form for *Witness* magazine.

## PRESENTER/FACILITATOR

The PowerPoint presentation needs to be made by a presenter/facilitator, who reads the script. Depending on your set up, the reader may also advance the slides, or you may have an assistant do this for you. It is important to practise in advance.

## SCRIPT

The PowerPoint presentation includes a script for you to read as part of the presentation. If you are using the full paid-for version of PowerPoint (not the free Viewer), this is displayed in the notes pane in PowerPoint.

You will need to print this script out separately in advance. The script is included on the DVD in the Docs directory as eritreascript.pdf (Adobe Acrobat format) and eritreascript.doc (Word format).

We have provided a script to maintain the pace of the presentation. We suggest sticking to the script alone. However if you use additional material, do not talk for too long with each slide, since this may make the presentation too long, and you may lose the interest of your audience.

We suggest you thoroughly familiarise yourself with the content of the PowerPoint presentation in advance of your event.

Words in **bold** indicate when to move forward to the next slide (press SPACEBAR, or right arrow key).

1.	Title: Remember Eritrea	
2.	Map	Eritrea is a small African nation which, after years of civil war, gained independence from neighbouring Ethiopia in <b>1993</b> .
3.	Photo: Woman praying	The country has a population of 4.6 million, more or less evenly split between Muslims and Orthodox Christian. Evangelicals make up a tiny minority – just one and a half <b>per cent</b> .
4.	Photo: Padlock	The government is Marxist in style, and President Isaias Afewerki is increasingly cracking down on unregistered churches. It is estimated that 1800 Eritrean Christians are currently detained because of their faith in Jesus <b>Christ</b> .
5.	Photo: Man and Bible	The state only recognises three Christian churches: Orthodox, Roman Catholic and Evangelical Lutheran. As a result, dozens of independent churches and congregations have been closed, and many individual church leaders and believers have been detained without <b>trial</b> .
6.	Photo: metal container – similar to those used in Eritrea	Some have been tortured, with some believers being held in metal containers, which heat up to almost unbearable temperatures in the desert <b>sun</b> .
7.	Photo: Refugee camp	Many Christians have fled to neighbouring countries, such as Sudan or Ethiopia, often to refugee camps. The government seems determined to wipe out evangelical and Pentecostal churches in <b>Eritrea</b> .

8.	Text	As one BBC reporter observed, the Eritrean government seems to be <i>'afraid that people who consider their highest allegiance to be [to] God, at some point may not be patriotic and follow the state's <b>instructions.</b>'</i>
9.	Text	Christian Solidarity Worldwide has described Eritrea as: <i>'one of the most repressive on the African <b>continent</b>'</i>
10.	Photo: Helen Berhane	RI is calling on supporters in the UK and Ireland to pray for Eritrea, and to take action to support persecuted Christians.  Helen Berhane, for example, is a young Christian gospel singer. She was detained in May 2004, shortly after she released an album of Christian <b>music</b> .
11.	Text	She was arrested when she refused to stop her Christian activities, and is alleged to be one of the believers who has been held from time to time in a metal container. While in detention, a military commander informed Helen: <i>'You will receive no visitors, and you will rot <b>here</b>'</i>
12.	Photo: Tesfoam	Tesfoam, now a refugee in Ethiopia, has also experienced physical torture at the hands of the Eritrean <b>authorities</b> .
13.	Photo: Tesfoam	Because of his faith in Christ, he was held for two years in an underground prison. His cell held one hundred prisoners. There was one door, and no <b>windows</b> .
14.	Photo: Pastor Tesfatsion Hagos	Pastor Tesfatsion Hagos, who led the Rema Evangelical Church in the capital Asmara, was detained without charge in May <b>2004</b> .
15.	Photo: Fantu and children	His wife Fantu and three young daughters are today refugees in Ethiopia. <i>'I need my husband, and our</i>

		<i>three young children need their Father', she <b>says.</b> 'I would also ask for your help in whatever way that you can, to get him released from his <b>imprisonment.</b>'</i>
16.	Photo montage	Helen, Tesfoam and Pastor Hagos and his family are just some of the believers persecuted by the Eritrean authorities because of their faith in <b>Christ.</b>
17.	Photo: refugee (Hagos)	RI knows of many more in similar situations, who despite tremendous pressures to renounce their faith, continue to stand <b>firm.</b>
18.	Photo: refugee camp	What's more, these testimonies of endurance are also a powerful Christian witness to others.  Benjamin, for example, is another refugee, now living in Ethiopia, and a former conscript in the Eritrean army. He was beaten on several occasions because he refused to deny his <b>faith.</b>
19.	Photo: Benjamin	<i>'.. It is hard to resist when they beat us. But I know Christ myself, I believe in Christ, Christ is my saviour. I didn't stop my faith, always I refused.'</i>  Benjamin saw many of his comrades in the army turn to Christ. <i>'So many people believed,'</i> he says. <i>'Those who received Jesus Christ, there are very, very many. So many Christians are saved there, when they saw our <b>faith.</b>'</i>
20.	Photo: Pastor Daniel and church building	Pastor Daniel leads a small congregation of believers in a refugee camp near Ethiopia's northern border with Eritrea. He too has seen many come to <b>Christ.</b>
21.	Photo: inside the church	When the congregation started, they had just 15 members. Today they have some 250. <i>'All of the believers, every day and night, pray,'</i> says Daniel. <i>'In the church its not only the leaders, all of the people talk about <b>Jesus.</b>'</i>

22.	Photo: refugee camp	Thanks to the financial gifts of Christians in the UK and Ireland, Release International is helping to support this refugee church. RI is also asking supporters to pray for persecuted Christians in Eritrea, and to take practical action to help <b>them</b> .
23.	Photo: Helen Berhane	Please pray for Helen Berhane, that she would continue to stand firm, and not renounce her faith. Pray that she is released from prison <b>soon</b> .
24.	Photo: Tesfoam	Pray for Tesfoam, and other Eritrean refugees in Ethiopia, that God will meet their needs, and give them wisdom for the <b>future</b> .
25.	Photo: Fantu and Pastor Hagos	Pray for Fantu, her children, and her husband Pastor Tesfatsion Hagos, imprisoned in Eritrea since May 2004. Pray that he will be released and reunited with his <b>family</b> .
26.	Photo: inside refugee hut	Pray for Pastor Daniel, as he leads the growing church in the refugee camp. Pray that many more will come to know Christ in the midst of their <b>suffering</b> .
27.	Text	In addition to praying, RI is also asking supporters to write to President Afewerki, requesting that all those detained only on religious grounds should be released <b>immediately</b> .  Further details of how to write are given on RI's web site <a href="http://www.releaseinternational.org">www.releaseinternational.org</a>
28.	Photo: <i>Witness</i> magazine	Thank you for your concern and your prayers. If you would like to keep informed about the situation in Eritrea, and other countries where Christians face persecution, please request our free magazine <i>Witness</i> and accompanying prayer diary <i>Prayer Shield</i> .
29.	Text	RI also provides a free monthly email

		<p>alert service which highlights an individual Christian prisoner of faith, giving both prayer and action points.</p> <p>To receive any of these, please telephone RI, or use the form on our web site. Thank <b>you</b>.</p>
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