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These are the defiant words of a young Christian mother, Rose Tagwi (pictured), who was widowed earlier this year when her husband was killed by Fulani militants in Plateau state, Nigeria. You can read Rose's story in October's [Voice](#) magazine.



Rose's husband, Matthew, a newly ordained pastor, appears to have been deliberately targeted along with other Christians. So far this year, at least 100 Christians have been killed in Plateau state and more than 300 in Kaduna state, Nigeria.

Each time a Christian is martyred, grieving family members are left behind, including widows and orphaned children. Rose is just one such widow. Her story is especially poignant as she was pregnant at the time of her husband's death and has since given birth to their third daughter, Patience. Rose chose her daughter's name as she is determined to wait patiently on the Lord for His strength and to see His purpose in her loss.

The Bible speaks of God's compassion for widows and orphans. We read one example in [Deuteronomy 24:19](#) where special provision is to be made for them at harvest time and we see this fulfilled in Boaz's actions towards Ruth, in [Ruth 2:1-9](#). The Psalmist also reminds us of how God sustains the fatherless and the widow ([Psalm 146:9](#)). Helping to provide support for the families of Christian martyrs, including widows like Rose, is one aspect of Release International's Ministry in Nigeria.

Release partner Revd Hassan John, from Nigeria, will be speaking live online to Release supporters over four separate evenings in November. He will share more about the situation for Christians living in Nigeria, the pressures and persecution they face and how your support makes a difference to people the Bible calls us to show compassion towards. We may not be able to do that by leaving some of the harvest in the field for them, as Boaz did for Ruth, but we can do it through prayer.

Rose knows that her husband was killed to stop him from sharing his faith: 'The evil men think killing a pastor will stop the gospel,' she explained. 'Nothing will stop the gospel of Christ.' If your faith has been challenged by Rose's determination to see God's purpose in her loss and to see the gospel spread, please join us online with Revd Hassan John next week. To book your ticket, please go to our website [here](#).

Thank you for your prayerful support.

Blessings,

Release Women Team
