

# Iraq - Window International Network (WIN)

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## Day 15

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#### PRAYER FOR THIS COUNTRY

Iraq is listed in 11<sup>th</sup> position in the World Watch report 2021 by Open Doors for Christian persecution. Modern Iraq occupies what was once ancient Mesopotamia and the world now knows Iraq less as a memorial to its vibrant history and more as a bloody battleground. The current president is Barham Salih. The incumbent Prime Minister of Iraq is Mustafa Al-Kadhimi, who holds most of the executive authority and appointed the Council of Ministers, which acts as a cabinet and/or government. In Iraq, the presence of Islamic extremist groups, and their ideology continue to influence society. Christians are pressured to conform to the Islamic way of life and are often faced with physical abuse or the threat of kidnapping. The Iraqi government discriminates against Christians in various contexts, from the workplace to travelling checkpoints across the country. Blasphemy laws can be used to punish Christians who try to spread the gospel.

#### Praise Report

We praise God for the Christian Believers standing firm in their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and those converted from a Muslim background to keep their faith in spite of the risk of losing their inheritance or the right to marry (The Bible, [Psalm 72:12](#)).

#### Prayer Request

Declare healing for the Iraqis suffering from the spread of COVID-19 and pray for divine protection upon His people (The Bible, [Psalm 69:32](#)).

Pray for wisdom for political leaders in Iraq so that they will save the people from the militias and IS. Pray that corruption will be abhorred in the country and their eyes are opened to God (The Bible, [Luke 24:45](#)).

## Call to Salvation

Call upon the Lord of host to raise an army of Christian Believers in Iraq to support and care for those seriously affected by persecution in the country and proclaim the Gospel courageously and vigorously (The Bible, [Acts 8:12](#)).

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## MORE ABOUT THIS COUNTRY

Iraq is known as the “cradle of civilization.” Modern Iraq occupies what was once ancient Mesopotamia. The Shiite, Sunni and Kurdish people groups composing the majority of modern-day Iraq have been in conflict with each other for centuries. The Assyrian Church of the East, the Syrian Orthodox Church, the Syrian Catholic Church, the Chaldean Catholic Church and the Armenian Orthodox Church are all seriously affected by persecution in Iraq, especially from Islamic extremist movements and non-Christian leaders.



### CHIEF OF STATE

President Faud Masum

### HEAD OF GOV.

PM Haider al-Abadi

### POPULATION

37,056,000

### CHRISTIANS

1.4%

### EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS

0.2%

### DOMINANT RELIGION

Shia Islam

### PERSECUTION RANKING

11

### REFUGEES

4,026,483

### LIFE EXPECTANCY

71.7 yrs

LITERACY RATE

80.2%

POPULATION BELOW POVERTY LINE

18.7%