

Azerbaijan

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PRAYER FOR THIS COUNTRY

Praise Report

Praise God for brave Christians who have boldly shared the Gospel. This has resulted both in many hearing the Good News for the first time, but also landed Christians in court cases and receiving fines (The Bible, [2 Timothy 4:5](#)).

Prayer Requests

Pray for growing dissatisfaction among the general population about the state of their nation, and the lack of freedoms they experience. Pray that God will attract the dissatisfied to study the Bible (The Bible, [Psalm 91:16](#)).

Pray for those who live in and near the contested border regions, to be protected from government propoganda, but instead work for peace and right relationships (The Bible, [2 Corinthians 13:11](#)).

Call to Salvation

Praise God that He is Light and no darkness is in Him. Ask God to draw many people into the Light of Christ (The Bible, [2 Corinthians 4:6](#)).

Sources:

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MORE ABOUT THIS COUNTRY

Azerbaijan has been riding the line for years between democracy and fiefdom. Its New Azerbaijan Party is accused of authoritarianism and bribery. It imprisons corruption-busting journalists and human rights advocates. Friction with neighboring Armenia over the disputed Nagorno-Karabakh disputed territory turned into an outright war from September to November 2020. Though a peace deal was negotiated, relations between the two nations have continued to be tense. Oil export revenues have aided the Azeri

population, elevating living standards and increasing military strength. Yet, poverty and corruption plague the nation. The Church experiences ongoing restrictions, especially with raids on church meetings and homes of church leaders, and detentions of Christians continue.



CHIEF OF STATE

President Ilham Aliyev

HEAD OF GOV.

PM Artur Rasizade

POPULATION

9,781,000

CHRISTIANS

2.7%

EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS

0.2%

DOMINANT RELIGION

Shia Islam

PERSECUTION RANKING

Not Ranked

REFUGEES

628,170

LIFE EXPECTANCY

72.2 yrs

LITERACY RATE

99.8%

POPULATION BELOW POVERTY LINE

6%