

# Iraq

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## Day 15

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PRAYER FOR THIS COUNTRY

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

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### **MORE ABOUT THIS COUNTRY**

Iraq is listed in 14<sup>th</sup> position in the World Watch report 2022 by Open Doors for Christian persecution. Modern Iraq occupies what was once ancient Mesopotamia, but 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 is appointed to 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 traveling checkpoints across the country. Blasphemy laws can be used to punish Christians who try to spread the gospel.



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%