

Turkmenistan

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PRAYER FOR THIS COUNTRY

Praise Report

Praise God for the small number of Christian Believers walking faithfully with the Lord in this nation. May they deeply know that God loves them and watches over them (The Bible, [Psalm 121:5](#)).

Prayer Requests

According to Human Rights Watch, “Turkmenistan is one of the most repressive countries in the world.” Pray for an end to the totalitarian regime of President Berdimuhamedov (The Bible, [Isaiah 10:13](#)).

Pray for Christian mission groups seeking to find a way to minister in Turkmenistan. Pray that the Lord will lead them to the right opportunities and that He will open the door for more workers to go to this harvest field (The Bible, [Isaiah 45:13](#)).

Call to Salvation

Pray that those who are seeking spiritual truth and meaning in life will be drawn to the Gospel (The Bible, [Romans 2:8](#)).

Sources:

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MORE ABOUT THIS COUNTRY

Although a country with mighty oil and gas reserves, in the past two years its struggling economy has resulted in widespread food shortages. Turkmenistan is one of the most isolated and consolidated authoritarian regimes in the world. It lacks basic freedoms, judicial independence, and accountable institutions, and it discriminates against ethnic minorities. Turkmenistan’s dictator seeks to control every aspect of life. The government justifies its tough methods with a need to prevent an escalation of radical Islam. On the

World Watch List persecution ranking, Turkmenistan fell from 19 to 25, however, the country is still one of the world's most oppressive. Christians are often labeled as "extremists" and face persecution from authorities and local communities. There are only about 1000 Christian Believers in this nation.



CHIEF OF STATE

President Serdar Berdimuhamedow

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POPULATION

5,231,000

CHRISTIANS

3.1%

EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS

0.1%

DOMINANT RELIGION

Sunni Islam

PERSECUTION RANKING

23

REFUGEES

7,546

LIFE EXPECTANCY

69.78 yrs

LITERACY RATE

98.8%

POPULATION BELOW POVERTY LINE

30%