

Afghanistan

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PRAYER FOR THIS COUNTRY

Brave women who have dared to protest the Taliban treatment of women have reported being threatened, abused, and tortured while held in custody after being arrested for protesting. Immediately after their return to power, the Taliban began rolling back the freedoms women and girls have experienced in recent years. Women have been prevented from choosing certain career paths by limiting their access to certain subjects at the university. Pray for mercy. Pray for a movement towards moderate interpretations of Islam to come from within the Taliban. Pray for protection around Christian Believers (The Bible, Psalm 10:2).

Source: [Women Protesters Detail Taliban Abuse \(HRW\)](#) and [Taliban ban women from many university subjects \(BBC\)](#)

MORE ABOUT THIS COUNTRY

Afghanistan is perhaps best known as the birthplace of the Islamic extremist group, the Taliban. Originally a group of radical Islamic scholars, the founders of the Taliban intended to bring political and economic stability to the nation after nearly two decades of conflict. However, its radical practices brought oppression and the country's poverty worsened. The subsequent 20 years of military intervention from international troops protected the development of an elected government. However, troop withdrawals in mid-2021 saw a rapid collapse and a return of the Taliban to power, prompting one of the most extreme large-scale evacuations of foreigners and vulnerable national staff. More than 2 million refugees have sought shelter in neighboring nations. Since the Taliban returned to power, the economy has failed to recover. Combined with the global food and fuel insecurity as a result of Russia's war in Ukraine, Afghanistan is now on the brink of famine.



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POPULATION

32,225,560

CHRISTIANS

0.1%

EVANGLICAL CHRISTIANS

0%

DOMINANT RELIGION

Islam

PERSECUTION RANKING

2

REFUGEES

1,324,996

LIFE EXPECTANCY

60.93 yrs

LITERACY RATE

31%

POPULATION BELOW POVERTY LINE

36%