

# Iran

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## Day 8

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### PRAYER FOR THIS COUNTRY

A month after protests began in Iran, they show no sign of slowing down despite the government's brutal crackdown. More than 200 people have died, including 32 children. The recent deaths of two 16-year-old girls taking part in a protest has further fueled the public's fury, demanding a change in regime and an end to repression. As the people cry out for change, pray that God will bring about both changes in the physical political scene, but also in the spiritual atmosphere of the nation. Pray that this may be a season where many people encounter the love, grace and freedom found in Jesus Christ (The Bible, [Ephesians 3:12](#)).

**Source:** [Iran's Uprising Gains Steam \(Foreign Policy\)](#).

### MORE ABOUT THIS COUNTRY

Formerly known as Persia, Iran retains its identity as one of the greatest empires of the ancient world. They have maintained their language, culture, and Shia interpretation of Islam. In recent years there has been an increasing internal divide between hard-line and moderate Muslims. Internationally backed US sanctions have taken a significant toll on the economy resulting in protests on the street and greater dissatisfaction with the Islamic clerics. Protests were brutally squashed, only fuelling the tensions. The COVID-19 virus has ravaged the nation, further exposing the government to criticism, however, elections that took place this year returned a hard-line government to power. The evangelical church has continued to see incredible growth. House churches carry great influence and their growth has resulted in ongoing arrests and restrictions on Christians.



CHIEF OF STATE

Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei

HEAD OF GOV.

President Hassan Rouhani

POPULATION

81,824,000

CHRISTIANS

0.8%

EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS

0.4%

DOMINANT RELIGION

Shia Islam

PERSECUTION RANKING

8

REFUGEES

982,085

LIFE EXPECTANCY

71.15 yrs

LITERACY RATE

86.8%

POPULATION BELOW POVERTY LINE

18.7%