

# Tajikistan

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## Day 16

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### PRAYER FOR THIS COUNTRY

Amidst the mounting strife between Russia and Ukraine, Russia has also been increasingly criticized and snubbed by the nations of the former Soviet Union. The President of Tajikistan delivered a long speech at a regional summit attended by Putin, demanding that he show greater respect for Central Asian nations who have traditionally been his allies. The President said Russia was treating Central Asia and enacting policies that made them feel like the Soviet Union, rather than the independent nations they actually are. Pray that the Holy Spirit will give wisdom and insight to the leaders of the Central Asian nations as they walk a line between Russia and Europe. Pray that they will also be convicted of their own sins and failure to lead their own nations with righteousness (The Bible, [Matthew 20:26-28](#)).

**Source:** [Putin Confronted by Frustrated Tajik President Demanding Respect \(Newsweek\)](#)

### MORE ABOUT THIS COUNTRY

Central Asia's poorest nation, Tajikistan has never recovered from the Soviet era. After five years of civil war following the 1991 Soviet collapse, an UN-brokered peace deal resulted. Secular forces dominate, but economic stability hasn't returned. Tajikistan voted to allow its president to rule indefinitely. Each year greater legislative restrictions oppress the Tajik masses. Secular forces also dictate religious law. Although the constitution guarantees religious freedom, oppression is widespread. Literature confiscation is a primary tool the government uses against Christians. Churches must register to be legal, a near impossible task. However, both registered and unregistered church gatherings continue to take place.



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President Emomalii Rahmon

HEAD OF GOV.

PM Kokhir Rasulzoda

POPULATION

8,192,000

CHRISTIANS

1.3%

EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS

0.1%

DOMINANT RELIGION

Sunni Islam

PERSECUTION RANKING

33

REFUGEES

3,590

LIFE EXPECTANCY

67.39 yrs

LITERACY RATE

99.7%

POPULATION BELOW POVERTY LINE

35.6%