

Afghanistan

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PRAYER FOR THIS COUNTRY

Praise Report

Praise God for the Christian Believers who remain in this nation. Pray for new leaders to emerge and for great wisdom upon them as they learn to navigate the current situation (The Bible, [Matthew 10:16](#)).

Prayer Requests

Pray for international NGOs who continue to serve this nation. Pray for cultural sensitivity and favor with the defacto government that will enable them to continue meeting the needs of the most vulnerable people (The Bible, [Proverbs 1:7](#)).

Pray that God will find ways to reach the Taliban with the Gospel. Ask for dreams and visions, for soft hearts, and for courageous transformation (The Bible, [Joshua 1:7](#)).

Call to Salvation

Father, as many people suffer greatly in this nation, we ask that You be the God of compassion and mercy, kindness, and grace and that many people will come to trust You and love You (The Bible, [Psalm 28:7](#)).

Sources:

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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 international sanctions are extreme and the lives of women and children are very difficult. Christians living in Afghanistan cannot easily meet for fellowship, but online services, resources, and outreaches continue to be highly effective.

CHIEF OF STATE

Hibatullah Akhundzada

HEAD OF GOV.

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POPULATION

32,225,560

CHRISTIANS

0.1%

EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS

0%

DOMINANT RELIGION

Islam

PERSECUTION RANKING

9

REFUGEES

1,324,996

LIFE EXPECTANCY

60.93 yrs

LITERACY RATE

31%

POPULATION BELOW POVERTY LINE

36%