

# Iran

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## Day 8

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PRAYER FOR THIS COUNTRY

### Praise Report

Praise God for the Christian women in Iran who are being trained in leadership. As half of the church in Iran are women, pray that these women will be effective to teach and disciple other women (The Bible, [Acts 16:14-15](#)).

### Prayer Requests

Christians involved in Iran report ongoing hunger and openness to the Gospel. Pray that those who are eager to know more about Jesus will meet another Christian, or find Christian media channels (The Bible, [Luke 6:21](#)).

Pray that the increased dissatisfaction in the nation will also be a reflection of ever-deepening dissatisfaction with the Islamic faith (The Bible, [Psalm 107:9](#)).

### Call to Salvation

Iran, come, now is the time to seek the Lord and find salvation in Jesus Christ. Now is the time to change the future of your nation by following after God (The Bible, [Matthew 4:19](#)).

*Sources:*

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[Transform Iran equips women to lead \(MNN\)](#)

### 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%