

Iraq

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PRAYER FOR THIS COUNTRY

Praise Report

We praise God for the Christian Believers standing firm in their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and those converted from a Muslim background to keep their faith despite the risk of losing their inheritance or the right to marry (The Bible, [Psalm 72:12](#)).

Prayer Request

Pray for healing for the Iraqis suffering from continuous setbacks and pray for divine protection upon His people (The Bible, [Psalm 69:32](#)).

Pray for wisdom for political leaders in Iraq so that they will save the people from the militias and IS. Pray for the eradication of corruption. Pray for the Holy Spirit to prepare the hearts of Iraqis to receive the Gospel message (The Bible, [Luke 24:45](#)).

Call to Salvation

Pray to the Lord of host to raise an army of Christian Believers in Iraq to support and care for Christian Believers terribly affected by persecution and boldly proclaim the Gospel to others (The Bible, [Acts 8:12](#)).

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MORE ABOUT THIS COUNTRY

Modern Iraq occupies what was once ancient Mesopotamia, but the world now knows Iraq less as a memorial to its vibrant history and more as a bloody battleground. It ranks 18th in the World Watch Report 2023 by Open Doors for Christian persecution. The current president is Barham Salih. The incumbent Prime Minister of Iraq is Mustafa Al-Kadhimi, who holds most of the executive authority. In Iraq, Islamic extremist groups continue to impose their ideology to influence society. Persecuted Christians were pressured to conform to the Islamic way of life. They often face physical abuse or threats of kidnapping. The Iraqi

government discriminates against Christians in various contexts, from the workplace to traveling checkpoints throughout the country. Blasphemy laws are available to punish Christians who try to spread the Gospel message.

CHIEF OF STATE

President Faud Masum

HEAD OF GOV.

PM Mohammed Shia al-Sudani

POPULATION

41,266,109

CHRISTIANS

1%

EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS

0.2%

DOMINANT RELIGION

Shia Islam

PERSECUTION RANKING

18

REFUGEES

1,496,664

LIFE EXPECTANCY

73.45 yrs

LITERACY RATE

85.6%

POPULATION BELOW POVERTY LINE

25%