

# Uzbekistan

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## Day 12

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PRAYER FOR THIS COUNTRY

### Praise Report

Praise God for a small but growing number of Chinese missionaries who serve in Uzbekistan. Pray that God will help them with language learning and cause them to be highly effective for God's Kingdom (The Bible, [John 15:16](#)).

### Prayer Requests

Pray for Christians to not give in to fear, even when church services are subject to police raids, and ask God for protection and provision (The Bible, [Genesis 15:1](#)).

Pray for God's protection for our beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ who converted from Islam. Pray for Psalm 91 protection on them against physical violence and forced marriages (The Bible, [Psalm 91](#)).

Pray for Christian Believers that they will experience the power of God in their own lives, strengthening their resolve to share their experiences with others (The Bible, [Psalm 65:8](#)).

### Call to Salvation

Father God, we pray that Your Holy Spirit will sweep across this nation, softening hearts, opening eyes, giving dreams and visions, that many will come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ (The Bible, [Romans 5:5](#)).

### MORE ABOUT THIS COUNTRY

Uzbekistan is a former USSR state. Once renowned for its cotton harvests, at present, deals with serious environmental problems. Agriculture lands have reduced drastically, and only the Fergana Valley is fertile enough to sustain farmlands. Central and Western Uzbekistan are arid desert territories that are sparsely populated. Although the country is secular, conversion from Islam to Christianity has no legal ground. The government exercises control over churches, and only these congregations are immune to persecution. Most converts keep their faith a secret to avoid isolation by family and community. The Persecution Ranking stays the same despite attacks on individuals due to increased attacks, raids, and

imprisonment of pastors/church leaders/congregations from unrecognized Churches.  
Moreover, Muslim convert girls/women face family-approved abductions and marriage to Muslim men.

CHIEF OF STATE

President Shavkat Mirziyoyev

HEAD OF GOV.

PM Ulugbek Rozukulov

POPULATION

31,360,836

CHRISTIANS

1%

EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS

0.2%

DOMINANT RELIGION

Sunni Islam

PERSECUTION RANKING

21

REFUGEES

44,860

LIFE EXPECTANCY

75.55 yrs

LITERACY RATE

100%

POPULATION BELOW POVERTY LINE

14%