

IRAN

Known as Persia until 1935, Iran became an Islamic republic in 1979 after the ruling monarchy was overthrown. The state is increasing its surveillance and control over people's lives, as recent protests by Iranian women have highlighted.

Muslim background believers must meet in secret, with the risk of being caught and prosecuted for 'crimes against national security'. Christians are forbidden from sharing their faith, and it is illegal to produce Christian literature or hold church services in Farsi. Church members have received long prison sentences involving physical and mental abuse.

The underground church in Iran is a source of hope and growing (300,000-1 million). It reminds us of God's parable that like a sowed mustard seed, His Kingdom grows large, even in the hardest of places (Matthew 13:31,32).



CAPITAL Tehran

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE Farsi

CURRENCY Iranian rial (IRR)

POPULATION 90.61 million, 98% Muslim

LEADER Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei

WORLD PERSECUTION RANK #8

please pray

“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people.”

—1 Timothy 2:1 ESV

- That Jesus will set hearts free in Iran, especially amidst all the current protests (2 Peter 3:9)
- That imprisoned believers will know God’s loving presence. Ask God to give them hope and encouragement.
- For strong faith and courage for the Iranian Christians meeting in secret—that they will be protected and given wisdom when sharing in their country (Acts 9:23-25).

Dear Lord, we ask that your hand would be upon all Christians in Iran. Please comfort them with your presence and sustain them with your peace. Amen.



Historic Protests
in Iran

Church in
Iran Podcast



Persian Food in Nashville

Edessa Restaurant
House of Kabob
Taste of Persia

Recommended Reading

Everything Sad Is Untrue
by *Daniel Nayeri* *audiobook
highly recommended