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Iraq

Source of persecution Islamic oppression

Population 39,340,000

Christians 225,000

Main religion Islam

Government Federal republic

Leader Prime Minister Adil Abdul-Mahdi

Profile of persecution

Based on World Watch List 2019 data

Violence 



Pressure 



Rebuilding but not recovered from Islamic extremism

In Iraq, the territorial defeat of ISIS reduced the level of persecution across the country. However, threats from extremist groups make it difficult for returning Christians to feel safe and secure. In fact, the number of Christians killed during the reporting period slightly increased, and Christians continue to be physically or mentally harmed, threatened and harassed. This is especially true for Christians from Muslim backgrounds.

Prayer points

- Pray for the next generation of Christians in Iraq to find hope and security to remain in their country as salt and light.
- Thank God for the many internally displaced persons (IDPs) who have been able to return to their villages and rebuild their homes in the Nineveh Plain.
- Pray for priests and pastors ministering in Iraq, that they might be living examples of Christ's presence.