



Iran

SOURCE OF PERSECUTION

Islamic oppression

LEADER

Ayatollah Ali Khamenei

TOTAL POPULATION

83,587,000

CHRISTIAN POPULATION

800,000 (<1%)¹

MAIN RELIGION

Islam



Christians jailed for their faith in Iran are often sent to Evin Prison, known as the country's "torture factory."



WHAT IS LIFE LIKE FOR CHRISTIANS IN IRAN?

The Iranian government sees the conversion of Muslims to Christianity as an attempt by Western countries to undermine the Islamic rule of Iran. Christians from a Muslim background are persecuted the most, primarily by the government. Secret churches are often raided, leading to arrests and long prison sentences for “crimes against national security.” Domestically, some new Christians in nominal Muslim families find acceptance, but converts from stricter Muslim families face more persecution at home.

PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for isolated believers. Many Christians don't know any other believers. They depend on online resources to learn more about God.
- Pray for Christians who are currently locked up in prison for their faith. The pandemic has only made prison conditions worse.
- Pray for those who advocate for the rights of Christians in Iran, both within and outside the country, that they would be listened to and that God would protect them.