



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23RD, 2022

DAY OF PRAYER FOR IRAN

Thank you for joining with us in prayer for Iran. When it is hard to know what to pray, we have the gift of Scripture to inspire our intercession. We will pray for Iran using the words of Jesus himself when he taught us to pray, as found in Matthew 6:9-13 (ESV).

1. “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.”

“O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.” Isaiah 25:1

- Center your attention on God as you begin to pray, declaring His character and nature. Acknowledge His Lordship over all things.
- Thank Him for His past and present faithfulness. Praise and worship Him for all He is yet to do.

2. “Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”

“Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all.” 1 Chronicles 29:11

- Pray for healthy and just leadership to emerge in the nation and that God’s divine clarity, wisdom and blessing would be poured out upon those seeking to bring Godly justice, peace and reconciliation.
- Pray for grace, wisdom and God’s guidance for church leaders inside Iran and the wider region, as they seek to bring Christ’s presence and hope in the midst of trauma and profound questions.
- Pray for the church in Iran to declare with one voice, louder than ever, that ‘Jesus is Lord’ and that truest freedom is found in Him.

3. “Give us this day our daily bread...”

“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” Matthew 11:28

- Pray for comfort for Iranians, both in the country and around the world, who are hurting and grieving over what is happening in their nation. Pray for the hurting to find hope in Christ. Pray for those most deeply affected, such as women, young people and ethnic minorities.
- Pray for healing, safety, and physical needs to be met and for internet access to be restored.
- Pray in this time that the church in Iran would be able to do more than ever before to serve the poor and the oppressed, and that the church would keep the advance of the Gospel central.

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4. “And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.”

*“If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”
2 Chronicles 7:14*

- Pray that our brothers and sisters in the church in Iran will be filled with supernatural strength to take a posture of forgiveness and grace in the light of such difficult circumstances. Submit any anger you personally have about the situation to Christ.
- Pray that those who are hurting and have experienced injustice, pain, suffering and trauma would be able to find freedom through forgiveness in Christ’s name.
- Pray that those who are persecuting and oppressing people in Iran would have powerful, supernatural encounters with Jesus, repent and come to know him.

5. “And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.”

“Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people, from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!” Psalm 43:1

- Pray for an end to the injustice and oppression perpetrated by Iran’s government, and that all people in Iran would experience freedom through Jesus’ resurrection life.
- Pray that people would arise in every sphere of society who will bring God’s justice and peace.
- Pray that a new wave of intercession for Iran would break out at this time, with the global Church standing with the people of Iran and her church, fuelling transformation and justice.

6. “For yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.”

*“To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.”
1 Timothy 1:17*

- Pray that Iranians of all backgrounds would encounter the King of all kings and encounter His power and glory in each of their lives.
- Declare that amid all the darkness that we see at this time, the light of Christ shines brighter. Declare your trust in God’s plan for Iran.
- Yield all your prayers, spoken and unspoken, back to the One who is our Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.