

Prayer Guide

11 Days of Prayer for the People, Church & Government of Iran

"Thus saith the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him... I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight."

ISAIAH 45:1-2

Iran carries the legacy of ancient Persia — a land God has moved in before, through kings like Cyrus, Darius, and Artaxerxes, and through faithful believers like Daniel and Esther who prayed and interceded from within a foreign court. Today, Iran is in one of the most turbulent seasons in its modern history: a nation gripped by economic collapse, waves of protest and government crackdown, regional conflict, and an underground Church that continues to grow despite fierce persecution. This 11-day guide invites us to intercede for Iran the way Daniel once did — with fasting, humility, and confident hope that the Lord who moved Cyrus's heart still reigns over Persia today.

Prayers for the People, Church & Government of Iran

DAY 1

Peace & Justice Amid Unrest. Iran has seen months of protest over economic collapse and government repression, with human rights groups reporting mass casualties in the crackdowns. Pray for an end to violence against protesters, for restraint from Iran's security forces, and for comfort for the many families grieving those killed, injured, or imprisoned.

2 Chronicles 36:22-23 — *"The LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia... Whosoever there is among you of all his people... let him go up."*

DAY 2

Prisoners & the Condemned. Courts in cities such as Isfahan have handed down death sentences to detainees arrested in recent protests. Pray for mercy, for unjust sentences to be overturned, and that prisoners awaiting execution or trial would encounter the hope and presence of Christ in their darkest hour.

Psalms 102:19-20 — *"He hath looked down from the height of his sanctuary... To hear the groaning of the prisoner; to loose those that are appointed to death."*

DAY 3

The Underground Church. Believers who have converted from a Muslim background face the greatest risk of arrest, interrogation, and imprisonment for their faith. Pray for protection over Iran's house churches, for wisdom for believers under surveillance, and for boldness that does not waver under threat.

Daniel 6:10 — *"Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house... and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime."*

DAY 4

Seized & Shuttered Churches. Historic congregations, including St. Peter's Evangelical Church in Tehran and the Evangelical Church of Mashhad, have been confiscated, demolished, or ordered closed by the regime. Pray for the restoration of what has been taken, and for God to raise up new places — seen and unseen — where His people can gather.

Ezra 6:14 — *"They prospered through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah... according to the commandment of the God of Israel, and according to the commandment of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia."*

DAY 5

Farsi Bibles & Scripture Access. It remains illegal to print, sell, or distribute the Persian-language Bible inside Iran, so most believers rely on smuggled copies, satellite broadcasts, and digital and audio Scripture to grow in their faith. Pray for the continued flow of Farsi Bibles into the country by every means — print, app, and airwave — and for a fresh hunger for God's Word among Iran's new believers.

2 Timothy 2:9 — "Wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, even unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound."

DAY 6

Iran's Leaders and Government. Ask the Lord to move in the hearts of Iran's rulers — for wisdom in place of fear, and for restraint in place of further bloodshed. Pray for any within the government who quietly long for justice and change.

Proverbs 21:1 — "The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will."

DAY 7

Economic Hardship. Workers, farmers, drivers, and retirees across Iran have been striking over unpaid wages, inflation, and the collapse of the rial. Pray for daily provision for struggling families, for corruption to be exposed, and for the Lord to be a Provider where the government has failed.

Ezra 1:1-2 — "Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia... the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom."

DAY 8

Regional Peace. Tensions between Iran, Israel, and their neighbors — including fears over Iran's nuclear program — continue to threaten wider war. Pray for the Lord to restrain further conflict, to be a shield over civilians on every side, and to confound plans rooted in vengeance rather than peace.

Daniel 10:12-13 — "Fear not, Daniel... thy words were heard... But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days."

DAY 9

The Diaspora & Refugees. Many Iranians have fled the unrest, joining a large global diaspora. Pray for their safety and provision in host nations, and that many — for the first time freed from surveillance and fear — would encounter Jesus and find a Church family.

Esther 4:14 — "Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

DAY 10

Spiritual Awakening. Iran is reported to have one of the fastest-growing evangelical movements in the world, with many Muslims coming to faith through dreams, visions, and the witness of believers. Pray for this movement to accelerate, and for new believers to be quickly discipled and protected.

Isaiah 45:4-5 — "I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me... I am the LORD, and there is none else, there is no God beside me."

DAY 11

Iran's Future. Pray over whatever transition or change may come to Iran's government, that it would lead toward greater freedom, justice, and openness to the Gospel — and above all, that Christ would be exalted and a healthy, multiplying Church would flourish among the Persian peoples.

Nehemiah 2:4-5 — "Then the king said unto me, For what dost thou make request? So I prayed to the God of heaven. And I said unto the king... that thou wouldest send me."

LORD, HAVE MERCY ON IRAN. MOVE AS YOU DID IN THE DAYS OF CYRUS — AND BE GLORIFIED AMONG THE PERSIAN PEOPLE.