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**“I am the fruit of prayers. I felt the prayers of others during my time in prison. The most important thing you can do is pray.”**

– Motjaba from Iran

**Region** Middle East

**Christian population** Less than 1%

**Main religion** Islam

**Sources of persecution** Islamic oppression  
Dictatorial paranoia

**Violence**  **62%**

**Pressure**  **89%**

**Score**  **85%**

## About Iran

Christianity is seen as a Western influence and a threat to this Islamic Republic. All ethnic Persians are considered Muslims. Here, Christians are forbidden from sharing their faith with non-Christians. Converts from Islam face persecution from the government. Many Christians are forced to flee the country due to the harsh restrictions on church life.



Pray that God will stir the hearts of those in government and authority, that they'll allow for more freedom of religion.

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## Our Work

Open Doors supports the Church in the Persian Speaking World through things such as advocacy, Bible distribution, discipleship training and Christian multimedia initiatives for the region.

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