

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH | 1 NOV 2026

Pray Alongside Iran's Courageous Church

Seven urgent ways to pray alongside Iranian Christians whose courageous faith threatens the enemy's schemes.

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DANGEROUS CHRISTIANS

Risking everything to follow and share Jesus

Iran's underground Christians face surveillance, raids, arrest, imprisonment, torture and death. Despite the risks, they continue to share the gospel and disciple new believers.

And Iran's Church is the world's fastest growing. There are no lukewarm Christians in Iran! They have counted the cost and consider Jesus Christ worth everything.

STAND WITH THEM

- Protection and courage for believers, house churches and secret gatherings.
- Wisdom and boldness for leaders and discipleship mentors.
- Endurance and deep-rooted faith for new believers under pressure.
- Damascus Road encounters — even among those persecuting the Church.

For more: [Unsilenced: Iran's Underground Church](#)



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REMEMBER THOSE IN PRISON

Standing with believers imprisoned for their faith

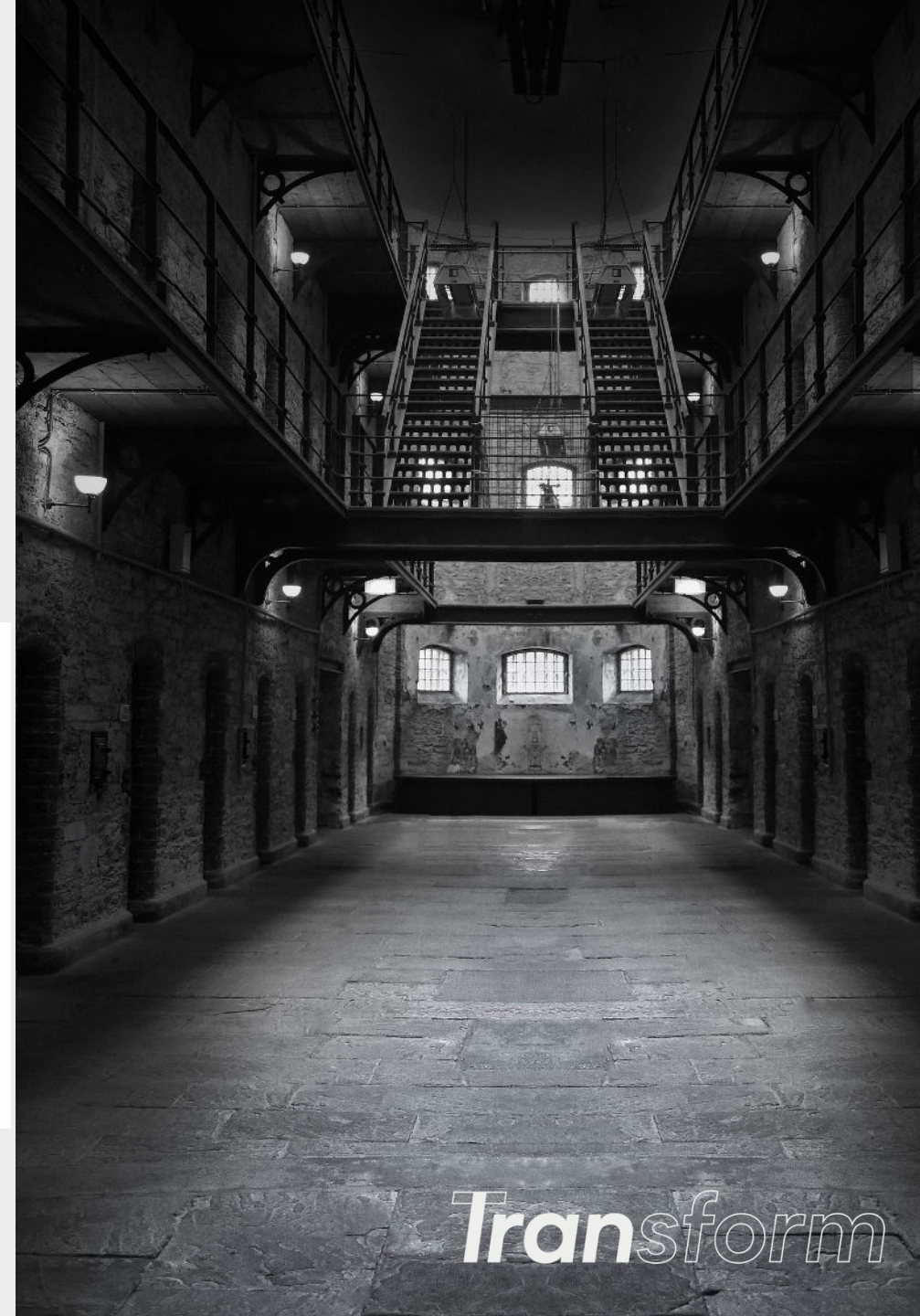
Iranian Christians continue to face arrest, torture, imprisonment and execution for following and sharing Jesus. Recent protests have intensified the crackdown, with authorities targeting anyone they consider a threat.

Yet even inside Iran's prisons, believers continue to share Christ.

PRAY FOR THOSE IN CHAINS

- Protection, courage and endurance for imprisoned believers.
- God's presence and peace in interrogation, isolation and uncertainty.
- Strength and comfort for families separated from loved ones.
- Opportunities for imprisoned Christians to share the hope of Christ.
- Freedom for those detained because of their faith.

For more: [Underground Church Leader Arrested in Iran: Miracles in Evin Prison](#)



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SAFE PASSAGE FOR PASTORS WHO GO

Taking the gospel to isolated believers and communities

Iran's vast geography and intense persecution leave Christians isolated. Our digital church provides connection — but internet restrictions and surveillance make access difficult.

Our pastors travel at great personal risk to reach isolated believers — sharing the gospel, discipling converts, strengthening emerging churches and bringing practical help.

SEND THEM SAFELY

- Protection and discernment for pastors travelling across Iran.
- Open doors to share the gospel.
- Isolated believers to be strengthened and discipled.
- New believers and church communities to be established and grow.

For more: [Relief for the Church in Iran](#)



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OPEN HEARTS FOR THE HARVEST

A nation searching for truth

Decades of religious control have left Iranians deeply disillusioned with Islam and searching for truth. But many voices compete for their attention. Even just asking questions about Christianity is high risk.

Yet many are searching and finding Jesus!

BRING IN THE HARVEST

- The Lord to draw searching Iranians to Himself.
- Seekers to recognize Jesus as the truth they are searching for.
- Seekers to connect with the gospel safely through our outreach media (e.g. Kairos and satellite TV).
- New believers to be discipled and equipped to reach others.

For more: [From Questions to Faith: How a Seeker Found Christ Safely in Iran](#)



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PROVISION WHERE THERE IS VERY LITTLE

Serving a nation carrying extraordinary loss

Iranian families have had an extraordinarily devastating year: huge personal loss, ongoing conflict, fear and uncertainty, extreme financial pressure.

Providing even bare essentials for their families has become a daily struggle. Through our trusted networks, the Church is reaching families with practical help and the hope of Christ.

PROVIDE FOR THOSE IN NEED

- Food, warmth and essential provision for struggling families.
- Comfort for those grieving profound loss.
- Wisdom for leaders to identify and meet the most pressing needs.
- The Church to demonstrate Christ's love in practical ways.

For more: [Life in Iran Amid War and Humanitarian Crisis](#)



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HEALING OPPRESSION'S WOUNDS

Supporting a persecuted Church carrying deep wounds

Iranians have lived with decades of societal and religious oppression, abuse and control. Women and children are particularly vulnerable.

Christians face intense surveillance, fear, separation, loss and physical torture. Our expanded Trauma Recovery program serves to meet the high and rapidly growing demand.

RESTORE THE BROKEN

- Healing and restoration for Christians carrying the wounds of persecution.
- Those suffering in silence to find safe access to help.
- Wisdom and compassion for those caring for traumatized families.
- Reach, capacity and provision as we expand our Trauma Recovery ministry.

For more: [Pearl of Persia](#)



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EQUIPPING FOR THE DAYS AHEAD

Preparing for the harvest — and everything that comes with it

The need is enormous — spiritual, pastoral, humanitarian and emotional. When Iran opens, that need will surface at unprecedented scale alongside an extraordinary gospel harvest.

We have been preparing for this moment: evangelizing and discipling seekers, training leaders, strengthening churches, translating Scripture and building capacity to meet practical need.

EQUIP HER FOR THE HARVEST

- Leaders equipped to shepherd rapidly growing churches.
- Disciples ready to disciple others.
- Resources and capacity to meet spiritual and practical need at scale.
- Strength, wisdom and provision for us as we accelerate preparations.

For more: [Our Work | Transform Iran](#)

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