

Prayer Diary: Iran

19-25 April 2026



Sunday 19 April

The Iranian government launched a lethal response to widespread peaceful protests which began on 28 December 2025. Over 6,000 were killed and tens of thousands arrested, in what has been described as possibly the deadliest crackdown since the 1979 revolution. Cry out to God for peace, accountability and freedom. Iran protests

Monday 20 April

Ask the Lord to comfort all who have lost loved ones in the violence. Among those killed in January was 42-year-old Christian convert Moshen Rashidi, a husband and father of three girls, who was shot while trying to recover the body of a friend. The authorities did not allow Moshen's family to hold a funeral for him, nor mark his burial site with a gravestone.

Tuesday 21 April

Praise God that the UN Human Rights Council passed a resolution in January, renewing a Fact-Finding Mission and Special Rapporteur on Iran. Please pray for these UN experts as they continue to uncover and report on violations.

Wednesday 22 April

CSW, Article 18, Middle East Concern and Open Doors recently published a report on the scapegoating of Christians following the October 2024 Israeli attack. The report was launched at the EU during an event on the situation of religious and belief communities in Iran. Pray that policy makers will act on its recommendations.

Thursday 23 April

'Awake, and rise to my defense! Contend for me, my God and Lord.' (Psalm 35:23) Ask God to powerfully intervene for Christians in Iran – especially those who convert from Islam – who continue to be arrested, imprisoned and even tortured because of their faith.

Friday 24 April

Pray for the Baha'i community, Iran's largest non-Muslim religious minority. Since the Iranian revolution, Baha'is have been targeted with hate speech, arbitrary detention and a raft of discriminatory and repressive policies, including restrictions on education and destruction of burial sites.

Saturday 25 April

As Response goes to print, war has broken out, with reports of the killing of Iran's Supreme Leader and ongoing airstrikes across the Middle East.

Please keep praying and check online for updates. *Almighty God, nothing is impossible for you! Bring peace, freedom and justice, and protect the most vulnerable. Amen.*