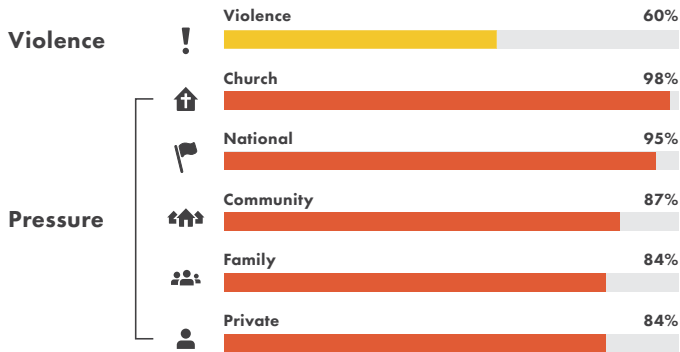




<b>Region</b>	Middle East
<b>Source of Persecution</b>	Islamic Oppression
<b>Population</b>	80,946,000
<b>Christians</b>	800,000
<b>Main Religion</b>	Islam
<b>Leader</b>	Supreme Leader Sayyed Ali Hoseini Khamenei
<b>Score</b>	85/100



### A Crime Punishable By Death

Iran is under Sharia (Islamic) law and the decision to follow Jesus is punishable by death. New believers worship in secret and many risk losing their family, job, and inheritance. Despite this, the church in Iran is one of the fastest growing churches in the world. Even children of political and Muslim leaders are coming to Christ.

### Prayer Points

- Pray for imprisoned Christians to show love towards prison guards and their inmates. May it lead them to Christ.
- Pray that the law will allow freedom of religion for all.
- Pray for Muslim families to value love over the shame it brings when family members convert to Christianity.