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## Turkey



### About

In Turkey, Islam and strong nationalism co-exist. Christians often feel pressured to stay silent in their faith. Outspoken believers can face discrimination in their workplace and in the legal system. Some are also falsely accused of crimes they didn't commit. Although the marginalisation of Christians looks to be increasing, the church in Turkey remains faithful and is growing stronger each day.

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### Story

**“I am a Christian and we know there is persecution for us.”**

– Esther from Iran and living as a refugee in Turkey.

Esther and her family fled to Turkey after being threatened with imprisonment in Iran because of their faith. But life as a refugee in Turkey is difficult. It's tough to find work and they're often treated as second-class citizens.

#### Pray



Pray for God's provision for Christian refugees living in Turkey.

Pray the church continues to remain strong even if persecution increases in Turkey.

**Score**  
66/100



#### Source Of Persecution

**General Population**

**Christian Population**

**Main Religion**

**Region**

**Government**

**Leader**

Islamic Oppression

81.9 Million

194 Thousand

Islam

Middle East

Parliamentary Republic

President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan