

UPSIDE DOWN KINGDOM
Week 1 Prayer Guide
The Kingdom Is Built Through Prayer
Luke 6:12

Before Jesus chose the Twelve, before He spoke blessing and warning, He prayed.

This week, we join Jesus in praying for the gospel to advance in places where following Christ is costly. This week, our prayers are centered upon the spiritual awakening that is happening in Iran. This past week, a friend who used to oversee International Mission Board missional work in that region sent me this info:

“Missionary co-workers are asking for concerted prayer now viewing Iran at a serious crossroad these days. My view is that MANY have turned to Christ in Iran these last years of tremendous economic & repressive hardships.”

As we pray for Iran, we remember that God’s kingdom is not limited by borders, governments, or fear.

Sunday Worship Prayer Moment

Lord Jesus, You prayed through the night before You formed Your people. Teach us to depend on You in prayer. As we lift up the nations today, remind us that Your kingdom is still advancing—quietly, powerfully, faithfully. Build Your kingdom among us as we seek You. Amen.

Monday — God’s Glory Among the Nations

Scripture: Psalm 67:1–2

Pray for:

- God’s name to be honored in Iran
- Hearts to be opened to the gospel
- Hope to rise among the people

Simple Prayer:

God of all nations, let Your saving power be known where You are least expected. Amen.

Tuesday — Courage for Believers

Scripture: Acts 4:29–31

Pray for:

- Boldness for Iranian believers
- Strength under persecution
- Peace in the midst of risk

Simple Prayer:

Lord, give courage to Your people and peace to their hearts. Amen.

Wednesday — Pastors and Leaders

Scripture: Ephesians 6:19–20

Pray for:

- Wisdom for leaders connected to Iran Alive Ministries
- Faithfulness in teaching and discipleship
- Protection and discernment

Simple Prayer:

Jesus, strengthen those who proclaim Your gospel in hard places. Amen.

Thursday — Families and Homes

Scripture: Joshua 24:15

Pray for:

- Households coming to faith together
- Children growing strong in Christ
- Homes becoming places of worship

Simple Prayer:

Lord, let Your presence fill homes with faith and courage. Amen.

Friday — Media and Gospel Access

Scripture: Romans 10:14–15

Pray for:

- Media ministries reaching Iran
- Safe and effective distribution
- Many hearing the name of Jesus

Simple Prayer:

God, use every means possible to make Your love known. Amen.

Saturday — Perseverance

Scripture: Galatians 6:9

Pray for:

- Endurance for weary believers
- Hope that does not fade
- Joy in the midst of trials

Simple Prayer:

Faithful God, help Your people not grow weary in doing good. Amen.