

# **A Litany for the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the People of Iran**

Heavenly Father,  
we thank you that Cyrus, King of Persia,  
permitted freedom of religion,  
and allowed the Jews to return to Jerusalem  
and to rebuild the Temple.

**Praise the Lord, for his mercy endures for ever.**

We thank you that Persian Magi  
visited the Christ child at Bethlehem,  
and presented him with gifts from the land of Iran.

**Praise the Lord, for his mercy endures for ever.**

We thank you that Persians  
were in Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost,  
to witness the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles,  
and to hear the Gospel proclaimed in their own language.

**Praise the Lord, for his mercy endures for ever.**

We thank you for the Persian Church of earlier centuries,  
whose mission extended across Asia  
as far as India and China.

**Praise the Lord, for his mercy endures for ever.**

We thank you for all Persian martyrs,  
whose witness to Christ has been sealed with their blood.

**Praise the Lord, for his mercy endures for ever.**

We pray for the Persian people of Iran today,  
that they may hear the Gospel  
proclaimed in their own language.

**Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit upon them.**

We pray for the women of Iran,  
that their influence may be like yeast  
permeating the life of the nation.

**Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit upon them.**

We pray for the Supreme Leader,  
President and Government of Iran,  
that they may follow the example of Cyrus,  
and allow freedom of religion for all Persian people.

**Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit upon them.**

We pray for those today  
who are persecuted for their Christian faith,  
that they may know your presence and glory with them.

**Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit upon them.**

We pray for all churches and Christians of Iran,  
that their leaders may have wisdom  
and courage in their ministry.

**Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit upon them.**

We pray for those who distribute Gospels in Persian  
at great personal cost,  
and for those who write Persian Christian literature.

**Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit upon them.**

We pray for the producers  
of Persian Christian television and DVDs,  
that they may discern the spiritual needs of their viewers.

**Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit upon them.**

We pray for Persians  
who have come to Christian faith in exile;  
grant them abundant blessings  
so that, in the name of the living Christ  
their lives may bear fruit in their host churches  
and witness to their families living in Iran.

**Lord,  
pour out your Holy Spirit upon the Persian people,  
that your Name may be glorified throughout Iran.**