

Week 1: Pray for Mehran Shamloui (Iran)



Mehran Shamloui (44) is an Iranian Christian convert who was sentenced to ten years and eight months in prison in March 2025 for his house-church activities. After sentencing he fled to Turkey but he was detained and deported back to Iran, where he was arrested in July and imprisoned.

Mehran was first arrested in November 2024 when intelligence agents raided his home in Tehran. He was transferred to Evin Prison where he underwent long, intensive interrogations before being released on bail a month later. The raid on Mehran's home was one of several concurrent raids on the homes of at least 13 Christians in the cities of Tehran, Karaj, Bandar Abbas, Shiraz and Mashhad, during which personal belongings including Bibles, crosses and musical instruments were confiscated.

Mehran, who is a musician, had equipment worth around €5,000 confiscated.

Mehran was tried in February 2025 at the Revolutionary Court of Tehran and in March he was sentenced to eight years in prison for "propaganda activities contrary to Islamic law through foreign relations" and two years and eight months for "membership of an opposition group" (a house church). He was also fined and sentenced to eleven years' deprivation of social rights such as access to healthcare, employment or education.

In April 2025 the Tehran appeal court upheld his sentence and in May he was summoned to Evin Prison to begin serving his sentence, but by this time he had fled to Turkey. Two converts who had been detained in the coordinated raids and who were tried and sentenced with Mehran (Abbas Soori and Narges Nasri) also fled the country before they were summoned to prison. Narges was pregnant at the time of her arrest and she received the harshest sentence, 16 years in prison.

Mehran was caught and detained in Istanbul while attempting to escape to Europe and on 3 July he was flown to Mashhad Airport in northeast Iran, where he was arrested. He was imprisoned in Greater Tehran Penitentiary to begin serving his sentence and in August he was transferred to Evin Prison when it reopened following repairs to part of the building that had been damaged in an Israeli missile strike in June.

Family

Information about Mehran's family is not available.

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In August 2025, Mehran was transferred from Greater Tehran Penitentiary to Evin Prison. The Supreme Court rejected his application for a retrial.

Prayer Diary

Sunday	Pray for protection and good health for Mehran in prison.
Monday	Pray for recovery from the trauma he has been through.
Tuesday	Pray for hope and encouragement for Mehran in prison.
Wednesday	Ask God to bless his witness to prisoners and guards.
Thursday	Pray that Mehran would be granted early release.
Friday	Pray for blessing and protection for Abbas and Narges.
Saturday	Pray for freedom for converts to meet for worship in Iran.

