

Homa's Hope for Iran's Future



Representative image

Homa* is a young Iranian woman whose life was transformed when God met her in a moment of deep fear. Having lived through unrest, danger and personal loss, she now speaks of Jesus as the unshaking foundation of her hope for Iran's future.

Homa grew up believing God existed, but He felt distant. That changed when her mother collapsed suddenly and was rushed to hospital in critical condition. Alone at home the night before surgery, Homa prayed honestly for the first time in years: *"If You are really there, bring her back to me."*

That night she dreamt of Jesus reassuring her, *"Don't worry. Your mother will return."* The next morning she learned the operation had succeeded—something doctors later described as a miracle. This experience opened Homa's heart to Christ, and soon afterwards she chose to follow Him.

As protests spread across Iran, Homa found herself caught in the turmoil. She witnessed violence, fled from danger, and was struck by a plastic bullet. One of her friends was killed. The fear and grief became overwhelming, and her family encouraged her to leave Iran temporarily to recover.

Even in safety, she struggled with guilt: *"Why did I survive?"*

While abroad, Homa attended a Christian conference run by an Open Doors local partner. Surrounded by worship and prayer, she experienced peace for the first time in months. A speaker shared a picture of her sitting by a river, drinking the "water of life" and offering it to others. The words lifted her guilt and helped her see that God had preserved her life for a purpose.

Soon afterwards, she was baptised.

Many young Iranians dream of leaving the country. Homa understands why. She has seen fear and loss up close. Yet she believes God is calling her not to escape, but to return—with faith, hope and a desire to serve.

For her, Jesus is not only the one who saved her mother's life. He is the solid foundation on which she longs to see Iran rebuilt.

Please Pray

- For Homa to receive God's guidance and wisdom as she seeks to serve Him
- That young Iranians would encounter Christ and hold onto His love in uncertain times
- For peace, justice and protection for all people in Iran

**Names changed for security reasons.*

For more information go to <https://www.opendoorsk.org>

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Psalm 33.1-12: The Greatness and Goodness of God

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous. Praise befits the upright.

Praise the Lord with the lyre;

make melody to him with the harp of ten strings.

Sing to him a new song; play skilfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

**For the word of the Lord is upright,
and all his work is done in faithfulness.**

He loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

**By the word of the Lord the heavens were made,
and all their host by the breath of his mouth.**

He gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle;
he put the deeps in storehouses.

Let all the earth fear the Lord;

let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.

For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.

**The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing;
he frustrates the plans of the peoples.**

The counsel of the Lord stands for ever,
the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

**Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord,
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now and for evermore, Amen**



Readings for this Sunday

Genesis 12.1-9

Romans 4.13-25

Matthew 9.9-13, 18-26



Please pray for...

Brian Osborne, Jane Nichols, Sheila Bates, Margaret Brumby, Marie Rose Cubacub, Christine Evans, Sue Grainge, Annie Hall, Clive Hall, Robert Hitchens, Jane Knight, Imogen Matthews, Pat Reid, John Rowntree, Maggie Sharman, Amanda Thomson, Clive Walker, Judy Watson, Kevin Whitfield, King Charles III, and for any others whom we name in the silence of our hearts.

We give thanks for those on the road to recovery.

We remember Clifford Hitchens, and the souls of all the faithful departed. May they rest in peace and rise in glory; and we pray for those who mourn their loss.

Anniversaries

Weddings: Emma and Paul Taylor (2 years)

Baptisms: Grayson Hilton, Wilbur Guest (2 years)

Funerals: Peter Johnson, Dennis Wells (1 year); Walter Baxtor (2 years)

The Collect for this Sunday

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

The Prayer after Communion

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



Services for the next week in the Ringstone and Corby Glen combined Groups

Sunday 7th June	9.00am	Holy Communion	Swayfield
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Morton
	11.00am	Morning Worship	Corby Glen
	3.00pm	Friendship and Welcome Service, led by Morton School	Morton
	5.30pm	Evensong	Irnham
Wednesday 10th June	10.00am	Holy Communion	Corby Glen
	10.00am	Morning Prayer	Morton
Sunday 14th June	9.00am	Holy Communion	Haconby
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Irnham
	4.00pm	Holy Communion	Corby Glen
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer	Morton
Wednesday 17th June	10.00am	Holy Communion	Morton
	10.00am	Morning Prayer	Corby Glen

Friendship Service at St John the Baptist, Morton

Sunday 7 June at 3pm

This is a service for all ages, led by the children at Morton School. A joyous service around the theme of friendship and welcome, with tea and cake afterwards.

Please come along and support the children in their faith journey.



Did you know?.....

If you find it difficult (or forget) to bring things to leave in the drop off bin at the back of Morton church, you can go to the Foodbank website, and purchase items which will then be available in the foodbank. **Go to <https://bournefoodbank.org.uk/how-to-help>**



Urgently needed items – can you help?

Pasta Sauce UHT Milk Washing Powder

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