## Memorize God's Word with Iranian Christians

The Voice of the Martyrs recently received a list of 125 Bible verses that house church members and their leaders in Iran are memorizing. "They are recalling these verses when they are in jail or other places and are unable to access a Bible," a VOM worker said. You can memorize these same verses along with your Iranian brothers and sisters.

- 1. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. (*John 3:16*)
- 2. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. (*Ephesians 2:8–9*)
- 3. Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy. (*Proverbs 28:13*)
- 4. Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. (1 Thessalonians 5:18)
- 5. Who brought me out from my enemies; you exalted me above those who rose against me; you delivered me from men of violence. (2 Samuel 22:49)
- 6. The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? (*Psalm 27:1*)
- 7. Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. (*John 6:35*)
- 8. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. (1 Peter 2:9)
- 9. Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near. (*Isaiah 55:6*)
- 10. Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. (*Proverbs 3:5–6*)
- 11. But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. (James 1:22)
- 12. Who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. (*Philippians 2:6–7*)
- 13. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" (*Romans 8:15*)
- 14. For all who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. (*Romans 2:11–12*)



- 15. Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. (*Matthew 7:7*)
- 16. Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." (*John 3:3*)
- 17. You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. (*Matthew 5:13*)
- 18. But he answered, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." (*Matthew 4:4*)
- 19. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (*Matthew 28:18–19*)
- 20. Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. (*Matthew 5:17*)
- 21. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. (*John 15:16*)
- 22. If you love me, you will keep my commandments. (John 14:15)
- 23. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. (*Romans 11:29*)
- 24. Addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart. (*Ephesians 5:19*)
- 25. But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea. (*Matthew 18:6*)
- 26. Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. (*Psalm 1:1–3*)
- 27. But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. (*Luke 6:27–28*)
- 28. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. (*Acts 1:8*)
- 29. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. (*John 15:5*)

- 30. He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? (*Romans 8:32*)
- 31. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. (*John 13:14–15*)
- 32. And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. (1 John 5:11–12)
- 33. And Jesus answered them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance." (*Luke* 5:31–32)
- 34. And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. (*Romans 8:28*)
- 35. Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. (*Isaiah 41:10*)
- 36. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. (1 Peter 4:14)
- 37. That all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. (*John 5:23*)
- 38. I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world. (*John 16:33*)
- 39. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. (*Galatians* 5:24)
- 40. Let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins. (*James 5:20*)
- 41. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. (*Matthew 5:11*)
- 42. I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness. (*John 12:46*)
- 43. If your enemy is hungry, give him bread to eat, and if he is thirsty, give him water to drink, for you will heap burning coals on his head, and the LORD will reward you. (*Proverbs 25:21–22*)
- 44. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (*Romans* 8:38–39)
- 45. No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money. (*Matthew 6:24*)

- 46. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. (*Philippians 4:4*)
- 47. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. (*Isaiah 53:5*)
- 48. As it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one ... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (*Romans 3:10, 23*)
- 49. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (*Romans 6:23*)
- 50. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8–9)
- 51. There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. (*Romans 8:1*)
- 52. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. (*Romans 8:2*)
- 53. Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. (*Revelation 22:12*)
- 54. And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. (*Acts 2:17*)
- 55. For we are not, like so many, peddlers of God's word, but as men of sincerity, as commissioned by God, in the sight of God we speak in Christ. (2 Corinthians 2:17)
- 56. So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. (Romans 10:17)
- 57. And Jesus said to him, "If you can'! All things are possible for one who believes." (Mark 9:23)
- 58. For nothing will be impossible with God. (*Luke 1:37*)
- 59. And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. (*Hebrews 11:6*)
- 60. For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead. (*James 2:26*)
- 61. Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. (*Romans 5:1*)
- 62. He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you." (*Matthew 17:20*)
- 63. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. (*2 Corinthians 5:17*)

- 64. How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word ... I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. (*Psalm 119:9, 11*)
- 65. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. (Matthew 24:35)
- 66. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. (2 Timothy 2:15)
- 67. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. (John 15:3)
- 68. I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. (Psalm 34:4)
- 69. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. (*John 14:27*)
- 70. Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?" (*Hebrews 13:5–6*)
- 71. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. (1 John 4:18)
- 72. If you lie down, you will not be afraid; when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet. (*Proverbs 3:24*)
- 73. And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. (*Mark 11:25*)
- 74. Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven. (*Luke 6:37*)
- 75. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. (*Matthew 5:7*)
- 76. The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. (*Psalm 23:1*)
- 77. I have been young, and now am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken or his children begging for bread. (*Psalm 37:25*)
- 78. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. (*Matthew 6:33*)
- 79. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs. (1 Timothy 6:10)
- 80. And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. (1 John 5:14)
- 81. So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love. (*1 Corinthians 13:13*)

- 82. He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap. (*Psalm 113:7*)
- 83. I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!" (Psalm 122:1)
- 84. Not everyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord," will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. (*Matthew 7:21*)
- 85. There are six things that the LORD hates, seven that are an abomination to him. (*Proverbs* 6:16)
- 86. I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (*Romans 12:1–2*)
- 87. "All things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. (1 Corinthians 6:12)
- 88. No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it. (1 Corinthians 10:13)
- 89. Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. (*Luke 10:19*)
- 90. Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. (1 John 3:8)
- 91. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's. (Exodus 20:17)
- 92. He who commits adultery lacks sense; he who does it destroys himself. (*Proverbs 6:32*)
- 93. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life. (*Matthew 19:29*)
- 94. Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. (*1 Corinthians* 6:9–10)
- 95. Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body. (1 Corinthians 6:18–20)
- 96. Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. (*Hebrews 13:4*)

- 97. Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. (*Genesis 2:24*)
- 98. Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your works complete in the sight of my God ... I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. (*Revelation 3:2, 15–16*)
- 99. Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. (*James 1:19–20*)
- 100. A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger. (Proverbs 15:1)
- 101. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." (*Romans 12:19*)
- 102. But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, "You fool!" will be liable to the hell of fire. So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. (*Matthew* 5:22–24)
- 103. But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. (1 Thessalonians 4:13–14)
- 104. Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known. (*Jeremiah 33:3*)
- 105. And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. (*Philippians 4:19*)
- 106. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. (2 Corinthians 9:8)
- 107. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. (*Matthew 5:6*)
- 108. Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. (1 Corinthians 10:12)
- 109. Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. (*James 1:13–14*)
- 110. Be sober–minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. (1 Peter 5:8–9)

- 111. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. (James 4:7)
- 112. "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:55–57)
- 113. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. (*Ephesians 4:31–32*)
- 114. But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. (Revelation 2:4)
- 115. For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self–control. (2 Timothy 1:7)
- 116. Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved. (*Psalm 55:22*)
- 117. So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?" (*Hebrews 13:6*)
- 118. But they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint. (*Isaiah 40:31*)
- 119. Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble. (*Matthew 6:34*)
- 120. Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me. (*Isaiah 49:15–16*)
- 121. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. (*Isaiah* 55:8–9)
- 122. What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? (Romans 8:31)
- 123. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. (*Hebrews 10:23*)
- 124. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (*Hebrews 4:16*)
- 125. The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them. (*Psalms 145:18–19*)