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PRAYER FOR THIS COUNTRY

The Maldives is Asia's smallest country by area and population known for its lucrative tourism industry. It is an extremely closed country, claiming to be 100 percent Muslim, and heavily repressing any Christian influence. Only a handful of secret Believers live in the Maldives. With dozens of Maldivians joining IS in recent years, the island nation is believed to be "fertile ground for recruitment" to radical Islam. Surprising results in general elections a few years ago saw the opposition leader Ibrahim Mohamed Solih defeating the former president, Abdulla Yameen who faces corruption charges. The new government has begun reforms, but has struggled to see any real effective change take place. COVID-19 had a significant impact on the tourism industry in the first half of 2020 and attempts to recover in 2021 were hampered by the severe outbreaks in India.

Praise Report

Give praise for the few Christian Believers who can meet in secret. Pray that their faith may be strengthened (The Bible, [Acts 4:31](#)).

Prayer Requests

Conversion to Christianity results in a loss of citizenship. Churches and Christian gatherings are illegal and prohibited so Maldivian Christian Believers live in fear of being discovered. Pray for religious freedom in Maldives. (The Bible, [Isaiah 43:1](#)).

Pray that the government will be moved to pursue genuine change and usher in an era of greater openness. Bless the government with wisdom and integrity (The Bible, [2 Corinthians 1:12](#)).

Call to Salvation

Pray that despite the closed nature of the country, that Maldivians will have opportunities to hear the Gospel (The Bible, [Luke 7:22](#)).

Sources:

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CHIEF OF STATE

President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih

HEAD OF GOV.

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POPULATION

393,000

CHRISTIANS

0%

EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS

0%

DOMINANT RELIGION

Sunni Islam

PERSECUTION RANKING

15

REFUGEES

45

LIFE EXPECTANCY

75.37 yrs

LITERACY RATE

99%

POPULATION BELOW POVERTY LINE

16%