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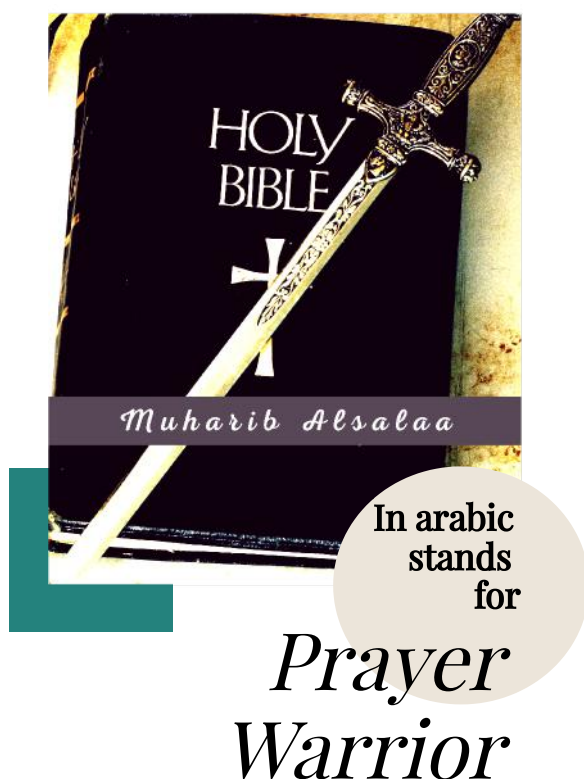
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Guide to the MENA



MENA stands for Middle East and North Africa

Window International Network includes 27 countries (Nine in North Africa, Seven in the Arabian Peninsula, and Nine in the Middle East) in the MENA region of the 10/40 Window.

Although classified as South Asian countries Afghanistan and Pakistan are sometimes counted as belonging to MENA.

The other countries that feature in MENA are,

- **North Africa:** Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, South Sudan, Sudan, Tunisia, and Western Sahara.
- **Middle East:** Gaza Strip, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Turkey, and West Bank.
- **Arabian Peninsula:** Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, and Yemen.

Afghanistan

DOMINANT RELIGION

I S L A M

POPULATION

32,225,560

0.2%

CHRISTIANS

2ND

in the
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Devotional

Afghanistan is now under the rule of the Taliban. Their atrocities increase with every passing day. Everyone who represented the two decades of progress in Afghanistan has become a marked target in a door-to-door hunt by Taliban fighters. Women who believe in a progressive future for Afghanistan are, particularly at risk. The Taliban started pursuing their old habits of oppression and extreme patriarchy. They have shed their guise of a "progressive" regime. Afghan girls as young as twelve are wrenched from their families and handed over to Taliban fighters as wives.

Poverty and starvation stare at the majority of Afghan citizens. The present situation provides the right atmosphere for narco-terrorism to flourish. The cash-strapped Taliban is unlikely to resist it if cartels want to set up base in Afghanistan. Other extremists such as the Islamic State stepped up their attacks on innocent Afghan citizens who once more find themselves in the crossfire. Global prayers for Afghanistan are the only recourse to reverse this extreme suffering.

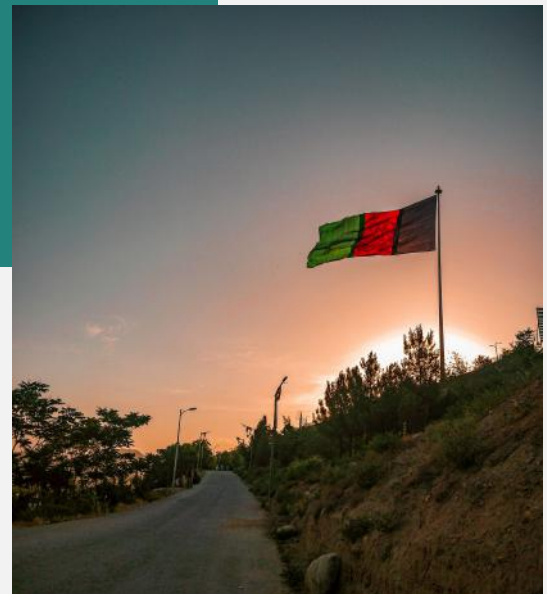
Call to Salvation

Bless the media ministries that have so incredibly reached many Afghans with the Gospel in the last 20 years. Bless the internet and communication channels to remain open.



Praise Report

The Taliban rule in Afghanistan has been destructive for its people. We hear horror stories with increasing concern, yet some reports offer hope. Thousands of Afghan Christian Believers refused to leave the country. They want to share the Gospel message with the Taliban. Praise God for raising His Children even at this time of great turmoil (The Bible, Deuteronomy 31:6).



Prayer Requests

Bless the Taliban and those who align with them with dreams and visions of Jesus. Bless them to have encounters with the love of Jesus that put their feet on a fresh path of righteousness.

We bless Afghanistan to know the ever-present love of God in these uncertain days of Taliban rule.

Pray for a protection and covering, strength and power to fall on Christian Believers in this nation (The Bible, 1 Chronicles 29:12).

Algeria



DOMINANT RELIGION

I S L A M

POPULATION

39,542,000

1.5%

CHRISTIANS

24TH

in the
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Devotional

Algeria is listed in 24th position in the World Watch report 2021 by Open Doors for Christian persecution. Abdelmadjid Tebboune is the president of Algeria and Aymen Benabderrahmane is the prime minister. Algeria is the largest nation in Africa. The Berbers were the native people and the nation's first inhabitants. Islamic expansions during the 8th and 11th centuries were highly influential, as the new religion and Arabic language were brought to the region. French ethos and socialist ideas became expressive during French colonial rule, which began during the 19th century, which similarly affected Algerian culture and thought. The struggle for political control cost the lives of over 100,000 people. Islamist factions continue to emerge, and the government, which identifies itself as Islamic, is making concessions to these extremists at alarming rates. The serious influence of Islam in Algeria and the government's promotion of extremist ideals continue to determine the nation's spiritual climate. Corruption, food shortages, and the threat of war. This is what Algerians face today.

Call to Salvation

Pray for the Church and the small group of Christian Believers in Algeria to endure the hardships of possible punishment for religious beliefs or for practicing their faith (The Bible, [Acts 9:31](#)).

Praise Report

Bless the surprise visit of the French foreign minister to Algeria. May it ease tensions between France and Algeria.



Prayer Requests

Bless the leaders of Algeria to bring hope and economic improvement into the lives of Algerians for a better tomorrow.

Bless Christian converts with the Holy Spirit's power to withstand the repressive law used to prosecute them. Pray for the release of a sentenced Christian convert, Foudhil Bahloul.

Bahrain

DOMINANT RELIGION

I S L A M

POPULATION

1,347,000

8.2%

CHRISTIANS

NOT RANKED

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Devotional

Bahrain is not ranked in the World Watch list because it is relatively religiously tolerant compared to its neighbors in the Persian Gulf. It is a majority Islamic country mainly with Shia Muslims, but the ruling family is Sunni Muslim. Hamad bin Isa bin Salman al-Khalifa is the king of Bahrain. The Kingdom of Bahrain is the most open island country in the Gulf region and opened its doors to some Christian influence. The constitution of Bahrain officially grants freedom of religion, but a provision also states that this freedom cannot violate established customs, policy or morals, all of which are influenced by Islam. Only a few expatriate Christians in the country experience relative freedom to worship but are under close surveillance by the government and security forces. Converts from Islam experience the most severe persecution, as family members and local communities pressure them to recant their Christian faith.

Call to Salvation

Pray for Bahraini people to force their way into the Kingdom of God and accept Jesus Christ, the King of kings (The Bible, [Luke 16:16](#)).

Praise Report

Bless the first Bahrain-Israel humanitarian cooperation. They are working together to help expand treatment for children in need of life-saving heart care.



Prayer Requests

Bless the kingdom of Bahrain and the government with protection as they take stringent measures to prohibit passenger entry from other countries.

Praise God for the new milestone that a cathedral was consecrated in Bahrain. Bless the king of Bahrain, Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, who took part in the inauguration ceremony.

Egypt

DOMINANT RELIGION

I S L A M

POPULATION

88,487,000

13%

CHRISTIANS

16TH

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Devotional

Egypt is listed in 20th position in the World Watch report 2021 by Open Doors for Christian persecution with a slight increase in overall opposition to Christians. The current president of Egypt is Abdel Fattah el-Sisi. Although Egypt's government speaks positively about Egypt's Christian community, the lack of serious law enforcement and the unwillingness of local authorities to protect Christians leave them vulnerable to all kinds of attacks. Due to the dictatorial nature of the regime, neither church leaders nor other Christians are in a position to speak out against these practices. Christians of all backgrounds face difficulties in finding new places for communal worship. The difficulties come both from state restrictions, as well as from communal hostility and mob violence. Christians from a Muslim background often have great difficulty in living out their faith since they face enormous pressure from their families to return to Islam. The state also makes it impossible for them to get any official recognition of their conversion.

Call to Salvation

Pray for the Egyptians to understand their dire need to commit their lives to Christ amid unending human suffering and uncertainty. (The Bible, [Numbers 16:48](#)).

Praise Report

Loving Jesus, bless the Egyptian youngsters with the realization that they can worship the true living God who has overcome the sins of humanity on the cross.



Prayer Requests

Bless the efforts of the government of Egypt for establishing a laboratory for improved agriculture and innovative crops.

Bless the firm decision of Egypt to establish tough efforts to eliminate ISIS, dry up funding resources, and protect innocent people from their attacks.

Gaza Strip

DOMINANT RELIGION

ISLAM

POPULATION

1,869,000

1.7%

CHRISTIANS

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Devotional

The Gaza Strip is a narrow strip of land along the Mediterranean Sea in the Middle East, bordered by Egypt to the southwest and Israel to the north and east. Ismail Haniyeh is the president and Mohammad Shtayyeh is the Prime Minister in Gaza. The Gaza Strip residents are severely constrained by the political rights and civil liberties. Blockade of the territory, periodic military incursions by Israel have imposed serious hardship on the civilian population. The Islamist political and militant group Hamas gained control of Gaza following its victory in the legislative elections and a subsequent conflict with Fatah, the ruling party in the West Bank. The subsequent schism between Hamas and the Fatah-led Palestinian Authority has contributed to legal confusion and repeated postponement of elections, which have not been held in Gaza. Israel launched a month-long air campaign against sites in Gaza in early August 2021, in response to a rocket attack launched from the territory. Israeli authorities tightened restrictions on the flow of materials, including fuel and construction materials, into Gaza

Call to Salvation

Pray for those facing enormous hardship and pain to experience God's comfort and joy. Pray they will embrace the love of Christ (The Bible, [2 Corinthians 1:3](#)).

Praise Report

Bless the Gazans, celebrating the fall olive harvest festival, with joy and thankfulness to Christ, the giver of all good things.



Prayer Requests

Bless President Mahmoud Abbas and Gaza's governing leaders to make Hamas commit to a ceasefire. May electricity, gas, and clean water be restored to the people of the Gaza Strip.

Bless children suffering from water-related infections with needed treatment. Multiple wars, skirmishes, and a 14-year blockade have kept this from happening.

Iran

DOMINANT RELIGION

I S L A M

POPULATION

81,824,000

0.8%

CHRISTIANS

8TH

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Devotional

Formerly known as Persia, Iran retains its identity as one of the greatest empires of the ancient world. They have maintained their language, culture and Shia interpretation of Islam. In recent years there has been an increasing internal divide between hard-line and moderate Muslims. Internationally backed US sanctions have taken a huge toll on the economy resulting in protests on the street and greater dissatisfaction with the Islamic clerics. Protests were brutally squashed, only fueling the tensions. The COVID-19 virus has ravaged the nation, further exposing the government to criticism, however elections that took place this year returned a hard-line government to power. The evangelical church has continued to see incredible growth. House churches carry great influence and their growth has resulted in ongoing arrests and restrictions on Christians.

Praise Report

Bless the Iranian Christians in prison with special encounters with Jesus in their cells. May these encounters give them joy, hope, and peace in their suffering.

Call to Salvation

Father God, bless the Iranian Church that they may be able to commit all their ways to You and work to establish Your plans in their nation (The Bible, [Proverbs 3:6](#)).



Prayer Requests

We bless Iran, in Jesus' Name! May Your Spirit blow through this nation shaking it free from a religious spirit, setting people free to worship You, the only savior.

As many people are uncertain about the future of their nation, and expressing dissatisfaction with the status quo, bless them with receptive hearts to the answers of Christ.

Iraq

DOMINANT RELIGION

I S L A M

POPULATION

37,056,000

1.4%

CHRISTIANS

11TH

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Persecution
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Devotional

Iraq is listed in 11th position in the World Watch report 2021 by Open Doors for Christian persecution. Modern Iraq occupies what was once ancient Mesopotamia and the world now knows Iraq less as a memorial to its vibrant history and more as a bloody battleground. The current president is Barham Salih. The incumbent Prime Minister of Iraq is Mustafa Al-Kadhimi, who holds most of the executive authority and appointed the Council of Ministers, which acts as a cabinet and/or government. In Iraq, the presence of Islamic extremist groups, and their ideology continue to influence society. Christians are pressured to conform to the Islamic way of life and are often faced with physical abuse or the threat of kidnapping. The Iraqi government discriminates against Christians in various contexts, from the workplace to travelling checkpoints across the country. Blasphemy laws can be used to punish Christians who try to spread the gospel.

Praise Report

Bless Iraq with a peaceful and prosperous future. May the new parliament of Muqtada al-Sadr, a prominent Shia leader elected in Iraq, lead their nation into peace and wholeness.

Call to Salvation

We pray for Christian Believers to choose to stay in the country. Reward them with Your grace. May they faithfully help the suffering come to Christ for inner healing and life to the full (The Bible, [Proverbs 16:24](#)).

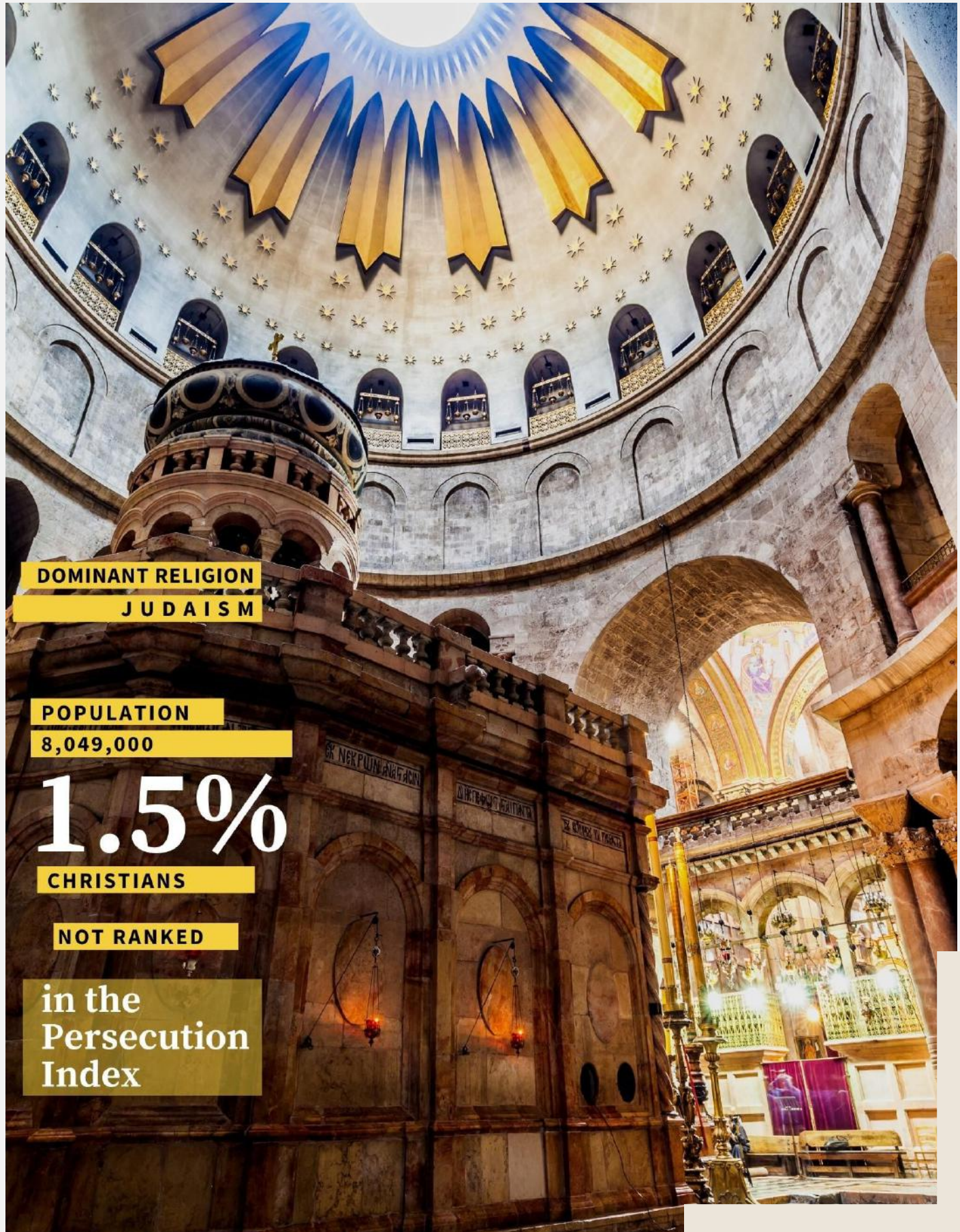


Prayer Requests

Bless the Iraqi government to improve the humanitarian situation brought on by the conflict with the Islamic State. Millions were displaced.

Bless Iraqi leaders with successful ways to defeat ISIS militants carrying out murderous attacks.

Israel



DOMINANT RELIGION

JUDAISM

POPULATION

8,049,000

1.5%

CHRISTIANS

NOT RANKED

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Devotional

Praise Report

Bless Israel with a stable government as demonstrators call for change.

Israel is a republic with a president as head of state. However, the president's powers are largely ceremonial; the prime minister holds the executive power. Isaac Herzog is the Israel President and Incumbent Naftali Bennett is serving as Prime Minister from 13 June 2021. Tensions between the nation of Israel and Palestine have existed for more than a century. Ever since the 20th century, the two nations have had to contest over land, especially in post-WWII in 1948 when Israel was established as a Jewish state in the area in which it surrounds today. But most recently, the group Hamas, frustrated with the restrictions placed on them by Israel, fired rockets close to Jerusalem. Israel retaliated. Violent clashes over Jerusalem escalated dramatically with Gaza and many were killed by Israeli airstrikes launched after Palestinian militant groups fired rockets close to Jerusalem.

Call to Salvation

Jesus, we ask that the Jews will accept You as their Messiah. We pray for the country to be blessed in all ways to become a witness to the world that Christ is the King of glory. May Israel bow before Him (The Bible, [Acts 3:19](#)).



Prayer Requests

God of Israel, bless prime minister Naftali Bennett and the administration leaders, to do what is right. Israel is targeting Iranian weapons in Syria ports and is planning to hold a large-scale military exercise over the Mediterranean.

Bless Jewish people in Israel with the revelation of the Messiah who was born in their land and dwelt among them.

Jordan

DOMINANT RELIGION

I S L A M

POPULATION

37,056,000

2.1%

CHRISTIANS

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Devotional

Jordan is listed in 38th position in the World Watch report 2021 by Open Doors for Christian persecution. Abdullah II bin Al-Hussein has been King of Jordan. Bisher Al-Khasawneh is the incumbent Prime Minister since 12 October 2020. There are about 8 million people living in Jordan. The original inhabitants of Jordan are the nomadic Bedouin people and many of their traditions still shape the culture, such as in the provision of hospitality. The prices for food and petrol increase constantly with salaries remaining at the same level. This is a particular challenge. Poverty is on the rise. Jordan's major population is Muslim; there is a small percentage of Christians. However, Jordanian Christians often live in isolation from Muslims.

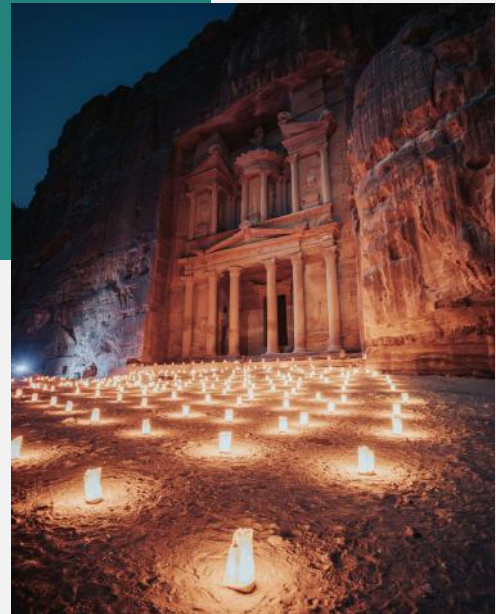
The Kingdom of Jordan and its people face many challenges with an influx of refugees from four regional wars and a lack of water and other resources, Millions of refugees from different conflicts currently live in Jordan.

Call to Salvation

Lord unleash Your mighty power over the Christian Media to be effective in Jordan, specifically the Christian satellite TV and radio broadcasts. Pray that the refugees will hear the gospel and be healed physically and emotionally (The Bible, Ephesians 4:12).

Praise Report

Pray for the Christian Believers in Jordan to be empowered by God and to bring many downtrodden Jordanians to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ (The Bible, [Psalm 68:34](#)).



Prayer Requests

Bless the king of Jordan, Abdullah II, and the cabinet with wisdom while they expand government powers through constitutional amendments.

Bless Jordan to receive the needed supply of water, by its treaty with Israel. Jordan is one of the world's most water-deficient nations.

Bless the Jordanian government to tackle unemployment and increasing poverty rates. Millions of Jordanians need work.

Kuwait

DOMINANT RELIGION

I S L A M

POPULATION

4,621,638

8.1%

CHRISTIANS

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Devotional

Kuwait is listed in 48 position in the World Watch report 2021 by Open Doors for Christian persecution. Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah is the current emir in Kuwait. It is a very small country with the capital city (Kuwait City) being the center of all activities. It has developed a consensus style government. The Emirate of Kuwait functions as a constitutional monarchy with power vested in the Emir and a parliament. Kuwaiti citizens enjoy one of the highest standards of living in the world today. Kuwait has a relatively liberal Islamic regime. Kuwaiti citizens are nearly all Muslim. Christians face risks especially converts from Islam to Christianity. Evangelism to Kuwaitis is forbidden.

Praise Report

Bless the rulers and people of Kuwait with peace as the military gears up for tackling potential security issues.

Call to Salvation

Pray that those struggling for their survival in this rich country will look to God for the sustainability of their families and find Godly supply. While seeking God's help, may they find the saving grace of the Lord Jesus Christ (The Bible, [Philippians 4:19](#)).



Prayer Requests

Bless Kuwait with protection for all citizens.

Bless the government with the ability to eradicate corruption in various sectors, provide good education for youth, produce employment opportunities, and solve the problems of the expatriates.

Lebanon



Devotional

Michel Aoun is the president of the Lebanese Republic and the head of state of Lebanon. Hassan Diab is the prime minister. Lebanon has suffered profound economic problems. The value of its currency has plummeted. Ramifications of the pandemic and explosion in Beirut are added to the ongoing crisis.

The weekend of October 9-10 was a time of widespread power outages in Lebanon that stemmed from the fuel shortage. Without the fuel, the Lebanese could not operate their power plants. Small shops were closed which are essential for the Lebanese to get food and other necessities. Perishable items like cheese and meats went bad without refrigeration. With shortages come much higher prices, making everything less affordable. Life-saving medicines were no longer available, and when they were, the prices had become exceedingly high. Lebanon imports 80 percent of their food, medicine, and fuel. Imported goods require more fuel which is already in short supply and therefore expensive.

Call to Salvation

Pray for the Churches to strengthen the feeble ones with the power of God. (The Bible, [Romans 1:16](#)).

Praise Report

King of kings, bless efforts of the Lebanese Prime Minister, the Saudi Crown Prince, and the French President to restore positive relations in the Persian Gulf.



Prayer Requests

Bless the Lebanese president, prime minister, and the parliament with God's pathway to overcome their economic crisis.

Bless the government and leaders with the ability to fight corruption and bad governance. Bring improvement in living conditions for the poverty-stricken.

Pray for improvement in Lebanon's deteriorating healthcare system. May the people not lose hope in this distressing time.

Libya

DOMINANT RELIGION

I S L A M

POPULATION

6,412,000

3.2%

CHRISTIANS

4TH

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Devotional

Libya is listed in 4th position in the World Watch report 2021 by Open Doors for Christian persecution. Abdul Hamid Mohammed Dbeibeh is a Libyan politician who is the current Prime Minister of Libya's interim Government of National Unity. Libya's Presidential Council head Fayez al-Sarraj is ready to step down and pass his tasks and responsibilities to the new government to consolidate the principle of peaceful transition of power. The national general election is scheduled in December 2021. The situation for Christians in Libya changed drastically after the Gaddafi regime fell. The country fell into chaos, and weapons and Islamist ideologies flowed across the relaxed borders from Egypt. Islamist militia groups such as Ansar al Sharia, the Nusra Front, and ISIS had firmly embedded themselves in Libya and begun to hunt down Christians. The world will never forget that on a beach ISIS beheaded Coptic Christians for their faith in Christ.

Call to Salvation

Pray that the Christian Believers will gain greater religious freedom, spread the gospel and be able to follow Jesus openly. Bless the work on translating Scripture into Libyan Arabic that it will be completed and that Libyans will read or hear the good news of Jesus Christ in their vernacular language (The Bible, Isaiah 66:18).



Praise Report

Praise God that the global Christian communities and the Churches are praying for the Libyans with love and sympathy, standing at the gap interceding for the protection of the Christian Believers in Libya (The Bible, 1 Peter 3:8).



Prayer Requests

Bless Libya with strong leadership and a stable government as it has been a fragmented country for 10 years. Bless preparations to conduct soon-coming parliamentary and presidential elections.

Bless the Libyan people with good governance. May they have a government dedicated to serving the people.

Bless Libya's displaced refugees in desperate need of basic amenities such as drinking water and housing. Lord, empower those who follow You to have a close relationship with you and shir (The Bible, [Philippians 2:15](#)).

Mauritania

DOMINANT RELIGION

I S L A M

POPULATION

4,081,000

0.3%

CHRISTIANS

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Devotional

Mauritania is listed in 20th position in the World Watch report 2021 by Open Doors for Christian persecution. The Islamic Republic of Mauritania lies on the Atlantic coast of North Africa. The Sahara makes up 90% of Mauritania's land. The President is Mohamed Ould Cheikh El Ghazouani and Mustafa Al-Kadhimi is the prime minister. Though filled with natural beauty and political peace compared to many of the surrounding countries, Mauritania is one of the poorest Arab nations with social and political problems, including racism, slavery, illiteracy, child marriage and female genital mutilation. The government is intolerant of conversion to Christianity; however, historically Mauritania has been welcoming of foreigners and appreciative of NGOs, businesses and development projects. The people of Mauritania are generally hospitable and kind, holding varying levels of devotion to Islam. There are three main people groups forming the population: Moors, Pulaars and Soninke. The COVID-19 risk in Mauritania is moderate.

Call to Salvation

Mauritanians celebrated their 61 years of independence. Bless them to find liberty and joy in worshipping the true living God.

Praise Report

We praise God for the Believers getting rooted in God's word and staying strong in faith and sharing the Gospel with others with the utmost care (The Bible, [1 Corinthians 16:13](#))



Prayer Requests

In Jesus' Name, bless Mauritanian leaders with the wisdom to ensure freedom and abolish slavery completely. Help them redeem those who are still in captivity.

Bless the authorities to address long-standing human rights issues, combat corruption, and defeat terrorism in their region.

Morocco

DOMINANT RELIGION

I S L A M

POPULATION

33,323,000

0.2%

CHRISTIANS

27TH

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Devotional

The Kingdom of Morocco is ranked 27th on the 2021 World Watch List for Christian persecution. The King of Morocco is Mohammed VI. This North African nation borders the Atlantic Ocean in the west, the Mediterranean Sea in the north; it shares maritime borders with Portugal and Spain. Morocco borders Algeria in the east and Western Sahara in the south. The non-self-governing territory, claimed by Morocco, borders Mauritania in the Moroccan-controlled part of Western Sahara. The average pressure on Christians in Morocco remains high. And, for converts from Islam, the pressure is even higher. They can lose their inheritance rights or even custody of their children. Converts face opposition from family members, who do not want them to practice their new faith publicly—often, this means new Christians are not allowed to be baptized, married or buried in a Church or Christian ceremony.

Call to Salvation

Pray for the evangelistic work of the Churches to find ways to reach out to people in distress. May Christian Believers lead them to Christ for healing (The Bible, [1 Thessalonians 2:12](#)).

Praise Report

Bless the huge solar project that Morocco is constructing. May it boost their energy capacity and improve their quality of life.



Prayer Requests

Bless Morocco's King Mohammed VI with the saving grace of God. May he and the other Moroccan leaders come to seek Christ and know His love.

Bless the massive renewable energy projects proposed by Moroccan leaders. May they bring a positive transformation to Morocco.



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DOMINANT RELIGION

I S L A M

POPULATION

4,613,241

6.5%

CHRISTIANS

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Devotional

Oman is listed in 20 position in the World Watch report 2021 by Open Doors for Christian persecution. The Sultan of Oman is Haitham bin Tariq Al. The standard of living improved dramatically due to the discovery of oil. Omanis highly respect their Sultan and have enjoyed peace and prosperity under his leadership. Modern technology has vastly changed the lifestyles of Omanis. Smartphones, the internet, and social media command a great deal of the time of young and older Omanis. Oman's population has doubled in the past 25 years and around 50% of the population is under 16 years of age. Traditional family structures are also changing.

Pride, diversity, and rapid development describe the country of Oman. The people love the modernization that is re-defining their lives, yet at the same time, cling to traditional values and customs. The conservative and traditional nature of Oman's Islamic society, combined with material comfort, result in much resistance to the Gospel.

Call to Salvation

Bless Oman's king Sultan Haitham bin Tariq and his people with peace and joy by surrendering their lives to God.

Praise Report

Bless the efforts of the sultanate seeking to become one of the top producers of hydrogen power in the region.



Prayer Requests

Bless people from different nationalities affected by the legal procedures for violating the labor and residence laws.

Pray for those who love the Lord to bring cheer to sad, worried, or anxious people. May they use innovative ways to create opportunities to profess their faith to the Omanis (The Bible, [Romans 3:22](#)).

Pakistan

DOMINANT RELIGION

I S L A M

POPULATION

199 MILLION

0.7%

CHRISTIANS

5TH

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Devotional

Pakistan has the world's third largest Muslim population. It is also one of the world's most corrupt countries. Pakistan's political and economic systems are crippled by the interference of refugees and radical Islamists. Pakistan hosts 14 million refugees and at least 48 terrorist and extremist groups – including the Taliban, Al Qaeda, and IS. The country's culture of Islamization with its notorious blasphemy laws has led to devastating consequences for Christian Believers, who experience more violence than almost anywhere else. Threats of violence and terror attacks are a very real part of life for the Christian community. Despite obstacles, the Church continues to grow, though lack of sound teaching opens the door to corruption, immorality, and low spiritual standards among Christians. Pakistan has been devastated by the COVID-19 pandemic with numbers of cases and deaths high, and economic impact felt keenly among the nation's poor.

Call to Salvation

Bless the government of Pakistan, in Jesus' Name, with truth and godly wisdom that they will choose not to align with extremist Islam but choose the Lord's righteous path.

Praise Report

Christians report many opportunities to be involved in mercy ministries. Bless these ministries to meet the felt needs of the communities they serve.



Prayer Requests

Bless churches across Pakistan with love and unity across denominations and a shared vision to reach out to those around them with the Good News.

Lord, we ask You to bless Pakistan with peace and stability in 2022 (The Bible, [Leviticus 26:6](#)).

Qatar

DOMINANT RELIGION

I S L A M

POPULATION

2,195,000

6.3%

CHRISTIANS

29TH

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Devotional

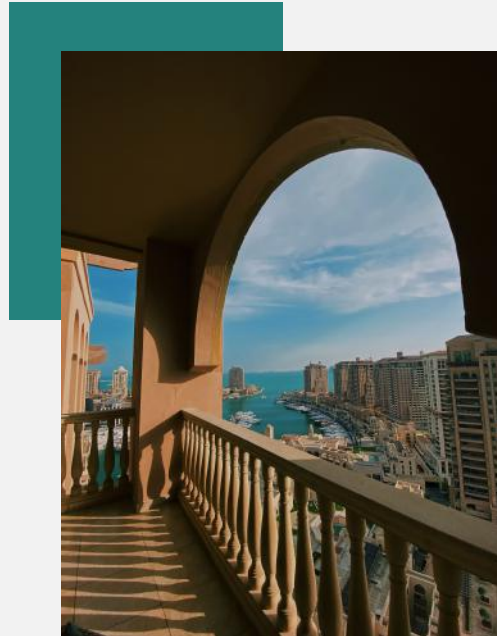
Qatar is listed in 29th position in the World Watch report 2021 by Open Doors for Christian persecution. Qatar is an absolute monarchy ruled by Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani the Emir. The State of Qatar, unlike many other Middle Eastern nations, has successfully avoided the unrest and violence of the Arab Spring. The peninsula nation bordering the Persian Gulf and Saudi Arabia was part of the Turkish-Ottoman Empire and then operated under British protection. Nearly 80% of the population is Muslim, and it is forbidden to criticize the ruling family or Islam or to share the Gospel. Many expatriates have been forced to leave the country as a result of speaking about Christ.

Call to Salvation

Pray for Christian Believers in Qatar to be equipped with God's word and the love and compassion of Christ for those in their spheres of influence (The Bible, [Ephesians 3:18](#)).

Praise Report

Bless the 2030 agenda of Qatar to help increase employment opportunities. May multitudes of Qataris experience God's peace.



Prayer Requests

Bless the people of Qatar and France for their efforts to evacuate hundreds from Afghanistan.

Bless the "New Horizons for Tomorrow" initiative to help achieve wellbeing and stability in Qatar.

Saudi Arabia

DOMINANT RELIGION

I S L A M

POPULATION

33 MILLION

4.3%

CHRISTIANS

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Devotional

Saudi Arabia is listed in 14th position in the World Watch report 2021 by Open Doors for Christian persecution. Mohammed bin Salman is the crown prince of Saudi Arabia. Saudi Arabia, the home of Islam, has outlawed churches and punished Christian worship for decades. The kingdom's 14 million Christians meet in secret places. According to human rights report,

Saudi Arabia held the presidency of the G20 in 2020 despite the country's longstanding human rights abuses. Authorities failed to hold high level officials accountable for suspected involvement in the murder of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi in 2018. Through 2020, the Saudi-led coalition continued a military campaign against the Houthi rebel group in Yemen that has included scores of unlawful airstrikes that have killed and wounded thousands of civilians. Expatriate Christians are severely restricted in sharing their Christian faith with Muslims and in gathering for worship, which entails the risk of detention and deportation.

Call to Salvation

We declare the rule of Jesus Christ over Saudi Arabia. Embolden the small network of Christians that they can receive encouragement and discipleship. Use the internet and Christian satellite TV channels to strengthen and grow the Church in Saudi Arabia (The Bible, 1 Thessalonians 5:11).



Praise Report

We praise God that the small number of Saudi Christians has been slowly increasing worshipping the Lord in spite of the strict Islamic system and daringly sharing their Christian faith to the Saudi families (The Bible, 1 Peter 2:17).



Prayer Requests

Pray for the majority of expatriate Christians in Saudi Arabia besides being exploited and poorly paid are regularly exposed to verbal and physical abuse because of their ethnicity and low status (The Bible, 2 Corinthians 1:5).

Pray that these, Asian and African workers will withstand the mistreatment and profess their Christian faith during their hardship (The Bible, Job 6:23).

South Sudan

DOMINANT RELIGION
CHRISTIANITY

POPULATION
12,230,730

58%

CHRISTIANS

NOT RANKED

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Devotional

The fog of war lifts from the world's newest country. The horrors are still not over for South Sudan. In the past, tens of thousands of children were forced to fight by all warlords involved in the conflict. Much of an entire generation was lost to sate the appetite of power-hungry people. The seasonal floods, vanishing jobs, receding crops, and Covid 19 are compounding the problems of the already troubled nation.

Call to Salvation

Pray for the alleviation of hardships and protection of those in dire need. May God show His mercy to heal this nation in turmoil (The Bible, [Isaiah 41:13](#)).

Praise Report

Praise God that throughout fifty years of struggles, South Sudan's different Churches have remained faithful. Praise God the Priests and Pastors from numerous denominations brought humanitarian relief to civilians during South Sudan's long wars for independence (The Bible, Isaiah 40:29).



Prayer Requests

Bless the leaders to rescue and rehabilitate the affected people as floods and displacements worsen the situation in South Sudan.

Bless the suffering poor people to have their needs met. May they develop strategies to withstand the persisting crisis and the weather shifts.

Lord Jesus, bless the displaced people suffering from food shortages and illnesses to find care, shelter, and medical help.

Sudan

DOMINANT RELIGION

I S L A M

POPULATION

41,592,539

5%

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Devotional

Sudan is listed in 13th position in the World Watch report 2021 by Open Doors for Christian persecution. Incumbent Abdalla Hamdok is the present Prime Minister of The Republic of Sudan. Religious minorities, especially Christians have been treated badly for their faith in Christ.

The November 2021 reinstatement of coup-ousted Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok failed to change the volatile situation. The latter resigned early this month citing increasing differences with military leaders.

Once again, the Sudanese people find themselves in harm's way as they continue their protests. The deadlock continues between the military and the Sovereign Council committee

Praise Report

Bless the people of Sudan for the Central Council for the Forces of Freedom and Change (CCFFC) heeding to the counsel of the UN to support a peaceful transition towards democracy.

Call to Salvation

Father God, help the Sudanese to eliminate discrimination against Christians, accept the good news of Jesus Christ, and experience forgiveness of sins (The Bible, [Ephesians 1:7](#)).



Prayer Requests

Bless the Sudanese government with ways to improve their leadership so they will no longer be in a constant state of crisis.

Bless the government leaders and the military to find a compromise on political issues to end the continuing protests.

Syria

DOMINANT RELIGION

I S L A M

POPULATION

17,065,000

5.9%

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Devotional

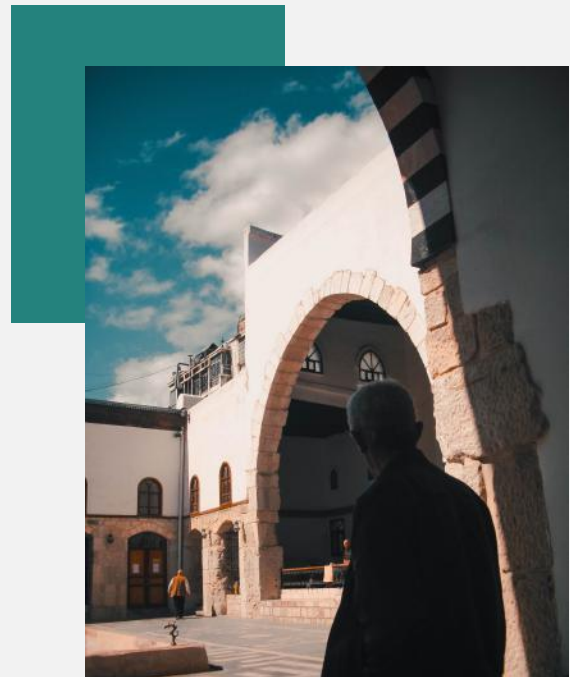
Syria is listed in 12th position in the World Watch report 2021 by Open Doors for Christian persecution. Syria has been shattered and decimated by war, violence, and terrorism in recent years. Multitudes have lost their lives. Millions have been forced from their homes, leading to a mass humanitarian crisis of historic proportions. Civil war has become a much more complex and multifaceted conflict. The many warring factions are armed opposition groups, rebels, the Islamic State and the Kurds. Numerous war crimes, such as use of chemical warfare, have been reported on all sides, leading to unspeakable horrors among Syrian civilians. The landmark conviction of Anwar Raslan who tortured people at a jail close to Damascus. Although, it is significant, the trial happened at the Koblenz Higher Regional Court in Germany. For real transformation and for healing the wounds of war, the Syrian government should identify and prosecute war criminals irrespective of their allegiance.

Call to Salvation

Pray for new Believers converted from Islam to keep their faith in Christ. Pray for them to lead many of their friends to Christ (The Bible, [2 Timothy 2:25](#)).

Praise Report

We praise God for the landmark conviction of Anwar Raslan. We pray that this will be the first of many to follow. We pray for all those who committed atrocities against the Syrian people be identified and prosecuted.



Prayer Requests

Bless Bashar al-Assad, the president of Syria, and the national leaders with the ability to rebuild their war-torn country. May Syrians restore their ruined cities this year.

Bless the war-ravaged Syrians returning to their devastated homes after years of displacement. May they have a God-centered restoration.

Bless the Syrian government to take decisive actions to prohibit the use of chemical weapons. May they abide by the rule of law.

Tunisia



DOMINANT RELIGION

I S L A M

POPULATION

11,722,038

0.3%

CHRISTIANS

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Devotional

Tunisia is listed in 26th position in the World Watch report 2021 by Open Doors for Christian persecution. Modern Tunisians are the descendants of indigenous Berbers and people from numerous civilizations that have invaded or migrated to Tunisia. The Arab Spring enabled the country to have one of the most progressive and open societies in the Arab world.

The current President of Tunisia is Kais Saied and the Prime Minister was Najla Bouden Romdhane, the first woman Prime Minister of the country until the coup.

Tunisians felt frustrated and betrayed after President Kais Saied's intentions to keep complete power to himself was revealed. Protesters are back on the streets demanding a return to democracy. With the rise of Covid 19 cases, Tunisia is heading for a socioeconomic crisis of epic proportions.

Call to Salvation

Pray for Tunisians facing restrictions and threats to religious activities to make use of technology to wisely share freedom in Christ (The Bible, [2 Corinthians 3:17](#)).

Praise Report

We praise God for the surviving Church staying in faith believing that the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church, battling hardship, atrocities done against them and still trying to reach their neighbors with the Gospel of Christ (The Bible, Numbers 32:17).



Prayer Requests

Bless President Kais Saied with a soft, repenting heart. May he bring an end to the coup he carried out and return Tunisia to a democratic path.

We bless the Tunisian national leaders to form an effective and lasting government that will purge the nation of dictatorship and autocracy.

Bless Tunisia to overcome a dangerous economic crisis brought on by decades of corruption and poor administrative planning.

Turkey

DOMINANT RELIGION

I S L A M

POPULATION

79,414,000

0.3%

CHRISTIANS

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Devotional

Once the land of Paul's missionary journeys, Turkey is now predominantly Muslim. In response to a failed coup in 2016, Turkey has continued to clamp down on anyone President Erdogan deems an enemy. Anyone seen to be anti Erdogan can be arrested or removed from their positions, increasing the atmosphere of state control. Dozens of long-term Christian missionaries have been deported or refused entrance. Predominantly Syrian refugees have overwhelmed Turkey, numbering about four million – the most in the world. Due to the deteriorating situation, the UN pulled out, the Turkish government stopped registering refugees, and closed camps forcing refugees to find work in the cities or risk being deported. As a result, anti-refugee attitudes have increased in the wider community. The COVID-19 impact has been significant across the nation, both on the health care system and the economy. Interest in the Gospel has also increased significantly in recent years.

Call to Salvation

Bless the Muslim leaders in Turkey with dreams of Jesus, and an overwhelming desire to know the truth about Jesus.

Praise Report

We praise You, Jesus, for testimonies from Christians in Turkey, saying they are seeing more people open to the Gospel, and more people coming to faith in Christ than ever before.



Prayer Requests

Bless the Church with an increased understanding and experience of God's freedom.

Thank You, God, that You have been building Your Church during these difficult and unpredictable years in Turkey. We ask for ongoing church growth this year (The Bible, [Acts 2:41](#)).

United Arab Emirates



DOMINANT RELIGION

I S L A M

POPULATION

5,780,000

8%

CHRISTIANS

NOT RANKED

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Devotional

The UAE is a federation of seven states on the eastern side of the Arabian Peninsula, called emirates, ruled by tribal chiefs called Sheiks or Emirs. The largest and richest of the emirates is Abu Dhabi with significant oil and gas reserves. The present Emir is Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum. Islam is the prominent religion practiced in the country. Apart from being the largest religion, it is also the official religion in Dubai, UAE. Around 76% of the population in the country are Muslims. Christians represent around 8% of the country's population.

The population of this religion in Dubai seems to be growing with increasing immigration to UAE. Both Catholics and Protestants have a significant presence as of now. Christians in UAE belong to different denominations, from Baptists to Anglican and Coptic. There are roughly 40 Churches and there exists a freedom of providing Christians with land to build Churches in the country.

Call to Salvation

Lord, we pray for the people of God in the UAE to have compassion for those in need. May they have the courage and kindness to tell of the salvation of Jesus Christ (The Bible, [1 Peter 5:14](#)).

Praise Report

We praise God for averting the two Emirates planes from collision during take off. We praise God for the hundreds of lives saved.



Prayer Requests

Bless the United Arab Emirates and the Emiratis as the country celebrated its 50th anniversary and the golden jubilee. As they celebrate, help them find genuine joy in Christ.

Bless the UAE with the will and the ability to use their economic achievements to help needy countries.

Bless the wealthy younger generation of the UAE with a change in perspective. May they have the heart to accept the spiritual riches of Christ.

West Bank



DOMINANT RELIGION

I S L A M

POPULATION

2,785,000

1.7%

CHRISTIANS

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Devotional

Mahmoud Abbas is the president and Mohammad Shtayeh is the Prime Minister of the West Bank. Israel's army said it was extending the closure on the West Bank and Gaza due to a manhunt for six Palestinian escapees who tunneled their way out of jail. To locate the escaped prisoners, it has been decided to extend the general closure. However, all of the other crossings will remain closed, and Palestinians could pass through them only under special or medical circumstances and on a humanitarian basis. The closure has been imposed right before the Jewish New Year. Israel considers the main Jewish holidays as prone to attacks by Palestinian militants and regularly closes off the occupied territories during these times. The increased violence has brought grief as there was loss of Palestinian and Israeli lives that could, and should, have been avoided.

Praise Report

We praise God that Israel is providing ID cards to West Bank citizens to avoid deportation. We praise God for more constructive steps from Israel to follow.

Call to Salvation

Pray for people to endure opposition and manifest God's love despite their sufferings. May He lead many to salvation through Jesus Christ (The Bible, [1 Thessalonians 5:9](#)).



Prayer Requests

Bless the president and leaders of the West Bank to improve the humanitarian response. May they ease the problems faced by vulnerable people.

Bless relations between the West Bank and Israel. May relations be restored and the clashes between Palestinians and Israelis end.

Pray for the blessing of peace and restored property for people in the West Bank.

Western Sahara

DOMINANT RELIGION

I S L A M

POPULATION

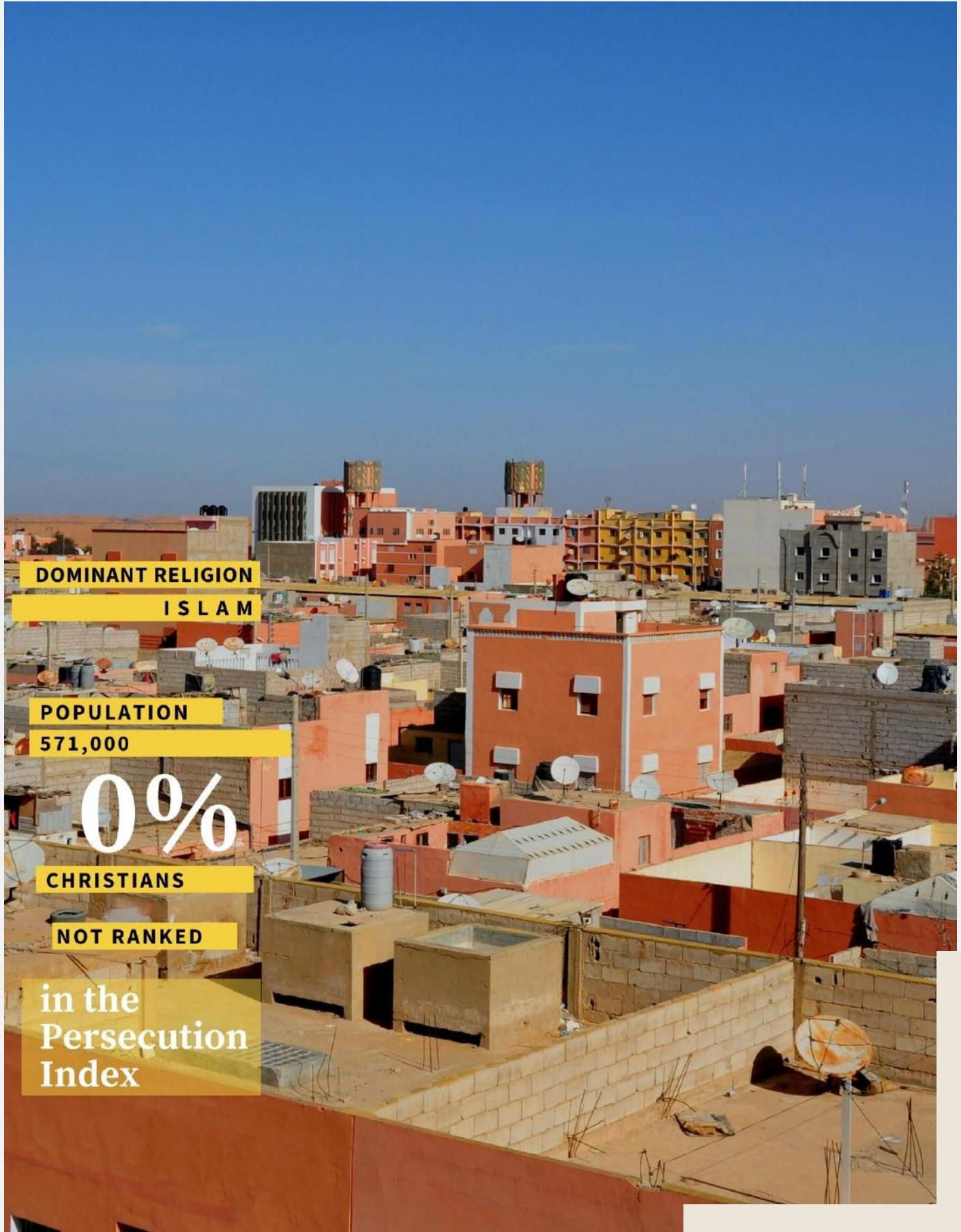
571,000

0%

CHRISTIANS

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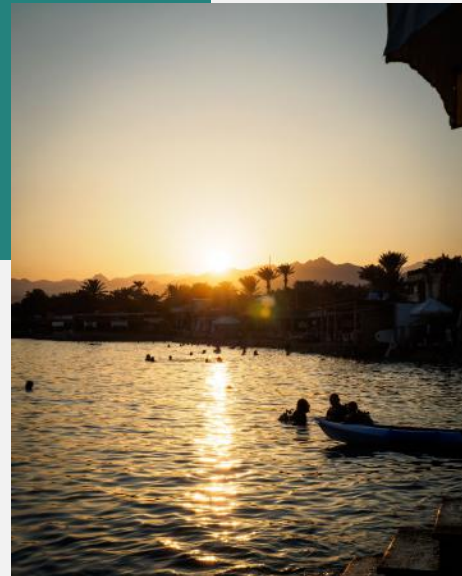
Western Sahara is one of the most sparsely populated territories in the world, mainly consisting of desert flatlands. It has been a disputed territory since 1975. Morocco controls 80% of the land, while the remaining 20% is controlled by the Polisario, an independence movement established in 1973, and the government of the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic. Presently, camps run by the Cuban-backed Polisario Front exist in southern Algeria, where thousands of indigenous Sahrawi people are sequestered and treated inhumanely. Public beatings are common and young children are taken from their families and sent to Cuba for re-education. It is a country in tremendous need of the Gospel. It is estimated that there are only about 10 Christian workers in the whole country, making it so about 80% of its population have never heard the Gospel. It is a closed country, so being a "missionary" there is not officially allowed. Christian workers must be creative in why they go and how they minister there. Its Christian prospect is considered bleak and the nation of Western Sahara remains a disputed territory.

Call to Salvation

Lord, we lift the oppressed and the socially suppressed people of Western Sahara. May they have the chance to hear the good news of Jesus Christ and experience salvation through Him. (The Bible, [Proverbs 11:25](#)).

Praise Report

We praise God that the UN Envoy is in Western Sahara to work on the peace process with the Polisario Front. We thank God for European countries taking up the cause of the independence of the Sahrawi people.



Prayer Requests

Prince of Peace, bless Western Sahara with a peaceful settlement with Morocco. Let them shun the idea that war is the only solution.

Loving God, bless the people suffering from the fighting with constructive ways of making a peaceful living.

Bless those facing hardships without freedom of expression and other human rights by the repressive government.

Yemen

DOMINANT RELIGION

I S L A M

POPULATION

26,737,000

0.2%

CHRISTIANS

7TH

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Devotional

Yemen is listed in 7th position in the World Watch report 2021 by Open Doors for Christian persecution. Yemen's President is Abd-Rabbu Mansour Hadi and the Prime Minister is Maeen Abdulmalik Saeed. Yemen was facing the worst humanitarian crisis in the world prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. Yemen was historically known as Arabia Felix or the "Happy Land." That's because this small nation used to be one of the most fertile regions in the Arabian Peninsula. Yemen's mountain ranges were welcoming sites for rain and agriculture. But today, Yemen is sadly the poorest Arab nation and is currently facing the world's largest humanitarian crisis.

Decades of war and unrest have torn this nation apart, leaving it crippled by long-standing social, political, and economic instability. Most Christian believers are first-generation. The majority of expatriate or migrant Christians have fled due to war and violence. Of the few believers that remain, most have converted from Islam. If discovered, they are often banished from their tribe or brutally murdered.

Call to Salvation

Pray for a powerful impact of the gospel shared by witnessing Christian workers. May their work bring salvation and the healing power of Jesus to spiritually desperate people (The Bible, [Jeremiah 17:14](#)).

Praise Report

We praise God that despite unrelenting restrictions, Yemeni Christian Believers have found ways to meet together through social media and secret gatherings, the Church continues to grow, and more people are turning to Christ than ever before seeking His help in their dire straits (The Bible, Psalm 46:1).



Prayer Requests

Bless the President of Yemen, that he will reform and rebuild this nation torn down by the world's largest humanitarian disaster. May he have God's help in bringing the situation under control.

Bless Yemen's government to find appropriate ways to solve the seven-year conflict. May they investigate and prosecute war criminals.

Bless Yemen with caregivers for the millions of poverty-stricken people suffering from low food supplies and poor healthcare.



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