

Maldives

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PRAYER FOR THIS COUNTRY

Praise Report

Give praise to 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 the 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, Maldivians will have opportunities to hear the Gospel (The Bible, [Luke 7:22](#)).

Sources:

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MORE ABOUT 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. Dozens of Maldivians joined IS in the last decade; 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 was charged and jailed on corruption charges.

The new government began reforms but has struggled to see any real effective change take place. COVID-19 had a significant impact on the tourism industry in 2020 and 2021 but has shown good signs of recovery in 2022.



CHIEF OF STATE

President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih

HEAD OF GOV.

President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih

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%