

Turkey

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PRAYER FOR THIS COUNTRY

While miraculous testimonies of people coming to know Jesus are increasing in Turkey, Christian workers also report the devastating impact of the lack of unity and trust between church groups. It is hard for the Church to grow while leaders stay in a place of incredible disunity and lack of respect and love towards one another. These divisions can be historic, denominational and around approaches to ministry in Turkey. Pray for healing and restoration. Ask God to dismantle the walls that have been built over so many decades. Pray that new Christian Believers will not buy into old divisions. Pray for miracles to set people free to love one another as Christ loved the Church (The Bible, [Ephesians 5:1-2](#)).

Source: Christian workers in the region

MORE ABOUT THIS COUNTRY

Once the land of Paul's missionary journeys, Turkey is now predominantly Muslim. Following a failed coup in 2016, President Erdogan embarked on an ongoing campaign to irradicate anyone deemed to oppose his regime, increasing the atmosphere of state control over the last 6 years. 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, and 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 healthcare system and the economy. Interest in the Gospel has also increased significantly in recent years.



CHIEF OF STATE

President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan

HEAD OF GOV.

PM Ahmet Davutoğlu

POPULATION

79,414,000

CHRISTIANS

0.3%

EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS

0%

DOMINANT RELIGION

Sunni Islam

PERSECUTION RANKING

25

REFUGEES

1,694,838

LIFE EXPECTANCY

73.55 yrs

LITERACY RATE

98.78%

POPULATION BELOW POVERTY LINE

16.9%