

Maldives

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PRAYER FOR THIS COUNTRY

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

Sources:

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Christian workers in the region

MORE ABOUT THIS COUNTRY

The Maldives is Asia's smallest country by area and population known for its lucrative tourism industry in its fantastically beautiful coral reefs and islands. In an extremely closed country where the only permitted religion is Islam and any Christian influence is repressed, only a handful of secret Believers are known to exist. Only the book of Luke and Acts have been translated into the local language and it is difficult to get these Bible portions into the country. Some success has been experienced in reaching Maldivians who live abroad in the hope they share the Gospel with family and friends when they visit or return to live.

Surprising results in general elections a few years ago saw the opposition leader assume leadership but the subsequent governments have failed to see any effective reform take shape.

CHIEF OF STATE

President Mohamed Muizzu

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%