Morocco

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Day 14

OCTOBER | 2023 PRAYER FOR THIS COUNTRY

Praise Report

Praise God for Christian Believers who have faithfully stood firm in faith in spite of increased pressure in family, community, and Church life. Bless the YouTube channel launched by Moroccan Christians to express their faith in Christ to others (The Bible, <u>Philippians 1:27</u>).

Prayer Request

Pray that the Moroccan Christians will emerge from their painful past and begin to have humanitarian rights and fight discriminatory practices in the right way (The Bible, <u>Titus 1:9</u>).

Pray for abolishing of the Moroccan penal code that it is a criminal act to "shake the faith of a Muslim." This makes it very difficult for Christians to share their faith and undermines the opportunity for churches to reach out to their community (The Bible, <u>Psalm 18:29</u>).

Call to Salvation

We pray to God's mighty power over this dry desert land that it will receive streams of God's living waters. Pray for the earthquake-devastated regions and that the Moroccans will cry to the Lord for help (The Bible, <u>Ephesians 1:9</u>).

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MORE ABOUT THIS COUNTRY

Morocco is a beautiful North African country that attracts over 10 million tourists annually. Well-known tourist spots include the Marrakesh market, the Badi Palace, and the waterfront fort. A former French colony, Morocco annexed neighboring Western Sahara to gain access to their vast mineral wealth. Although the United States and Israel recognized Morocco's sovereignty over Western Sahara, the rest of the international community does not recognize this authority. Today, Morocco is a middle-income country and one of the foremost economies in Africa. Recovery from COVID-19 is slow in the tourism sector. More tourists are becoming victims of scams and other hostile behavior from local businesses. Like most Islamic countries, Morocco does not allow conversions from Islam to any other religious belief. In the past year, there was an increase in violent attacks on home churches and

against individuals. Persecution levels are high, especially in extremist stronghold areas. On September 8, 2023, an earthquake measuring 6.8 claimed over five thousand lives. More than 250,000 people have faced a humanitarian crisis in Morocco since this seismic disaster.

CHIEF OF STATE

King Mohammed VI

HEAD OF GOV.

PM Abdelilah Benikrane

POPULATION

37,067,420

CHRISTIANS

0.6%

EVANGLICAL CHRISTIANS

0%

DOMINANT RELIGION

Sunni Islam

PERSECUTION RANKING

29

REFUGEES

5,250

LIFE EXPECTANCY

73.95 yrs

LITERACY RATE

75.9%

POPULATION BELOW POVERTY LINE

8.8%