# Saudi Arabia

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## Day 5

OCTOBER | 2023 PRAYER FOR THIS COUNTRY

## **Praise Report**

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

We praise God for the scanty number of Christian Believers who in spite of the threat to face persecution are helping the exploited and poorly paid migrant workers and expressing God's love to them (The Bible, Revelation 2:10).

## **Prayer Request**

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 in the midst of their hardship (The Bible, Job 6:23).

#### Call to Salvation

We declare the rule of Jesus Christ over Saudi Arabia. Equip the small network of Christians so 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).

Source: WIN

#### MORE ABOUT THIS COUNTRY

As persecution is on the rise, Saudi Arabia moved to 13th position in the World Watch Report 2023 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 1.4 million Christians meet in secret places. According to the human rights report, Saudi Arabia held the presidency of the G20 in 2020 despite the country's longstanding human rights abuses. The Saudi-led coalition continued a

military campaign against the Houthi rebel group in Yemen that has included scores of unlawful airstrikes that killed and wounded thousands of civilians. The majority of the Christians in Saudi Arabia are foreigners who temporarily live and work in the country. They are severely restricted in sharing their Christian faith with Muslims and in gathering for worship, which entails the risk of detention and deportation.

CHIEF OF STATE
King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud
HEAD OF GOV.
PM Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud
POPULATION
33 million
CHRISTIANS
4.3%
EVANGLICAL CHRISTIANS

0.6% DOMINANT RELIGION

Islam

PERSECUTION RANKING

13

REFUGEES

70.661

LIFE EXPECTANCY

74.8 yrs

LITERACY RATE

87.2%

POPULATION BELOW POVERTY LINE

Unknown