
Jordan

**Total area:**

89,342 km²

Population:

9,915,942 (2017)

Literacy:

86%

Official languages:

Arabic

GDP (PPP) per capita:

\$11,124 (2016 est.)

Life expectancy:

73 years

Religions:

94% Muslim, 6% Christian

Prayer points

Christian students experience isolation

In Muslim majority countries, heavy restrictions, isolation and fear can lead to Christians feeling that they are very much in the minority, yet God is at work and followers of Christ show great courage and boldness. For Christian students, loneliness can cause them to feel isolated, and with that comes discouragement. Pray that Christian students will find places where they can meet, and that those who are truly alone will know God's presence. In Jordan, showing hospitality to students is an important witness. Pray for Jordan Universities Christian Students as they seek to find 'father' and 'mother' figures who can open their homes to students. (IFES - June 2019)

Medical clinic for Syrian refugees

A medical clinic for Syrian refugees in Jordan is helping a new network of families. People feel able to talk about their circumstances to the team and are willing to be prayed for. This has brought up issues of domestic violence, broken marriages, and trauma from the violence of the Syrian war. Pray for healing in these areas and discernment for the team in following up with people. May there be open hearts ready to receive from and respond to the Lord. (Arab World Ministry of Pioneers - April 2019)

Peace in conflict

Pray for a Christian-run clinic in Jordan. They can hear and feel the bombing from across the border in Syria. May they find Christ as their peace in the midst of this distressing sound. Pray for daily grace for the staff as they serve each person who comes to the clinic seeking healing and help. Pray for a transformation of hearts and bodily healing. Pray too, for a clinic run by workers in Jordan specifically for refugees where there has been a real sense of openness, with people eagerly receiving, and even asking for prayer. God has touched people with healing and with receiving specific words for others.

As a result, fruitful relationships are being built. (Arab World Ministry of Pioneers - September 2018)

"In Kurdish?"

Hussein, a Kurdish believer, reports that whenever he shares his testimony with other Kurds, he includes the part of his journey where he heard the voice of Jesus saying, *'Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing.'* Every time, the response is, *'ba Kurdi?'* ("in Kurdish?"). Hussein's hearers don't have a problem with the possibility of modern-day people having dreams and visions from God, or with Jesus' words, or even with forgiveness. But they need to know if God will really speak to people in Kurdish! Pray for the 35 million Kurds to discover that God knows them as individuals and wants speak to them personally. (WEC International - March 2018)

Encouraging Conversations

A couple who are working in Jordan have been having encouraging conversations about the Lord with local people. Please pray for the wife as she teaches English to non-believing women. Ask God to cause the women to continue to attend the lessons. They have vastly different language abilities, so pray especially for warm relationships and for the love of Christ to pervade these times. We praise God for this ministry opportunity and ask him to cause more opportunities for them to build relationships in the area they are working. Please pray for productive conversations with the local church and increased opportunities to partner with Jordanian believers. (Arab World Ministry of Pioneers - March 2018)

Partnering with Local Believers

A couple who are working in Jordan had more encouraging conversations about the Lord with local people. Praise God for this and ask him to cause more opportunities for them to build relationships in the area they are working. Please pray for productive conversations with members of the local church. May there be increased opportunities to partner with Jordanian believers. The wife teaches English to non-believing women. They have vastly different language abilities, so pray especially for warm relationships and for the love of Christ to pervade these times. Ask God to cause the women to continue to attend the lessons. (Arab World Ministry of Pioneers - January 2018)

Refugees from Syria

With the increase of civil and religious war, Syrians are fleeing their country and crossing borders into Turkey, Jordan, and Lebanon. Workers report that multitudes of refugees are disenchanted with Islam due to the abuses they have experienced at the hands of other Muslims. They describe the eagerness among Syrians to embrace the secure hope that we have in Christ. A team recently reported, "God is moving in an unparalleled way among the Syrian people. As we went from home to home, visiting families we shared the good news of Jesus, explaining how his sacrifice covers all sin, and in every single home we visited, God opened eyes and hearts...every single home yielded fruit. The harvest in this part of the world is ripe and we must pick now. It cannot wait!" Pray for Syrian refugees, that many would have the chance to hear the gospel as workers minister to them with compassion and love. Ask God to send more labourers who will courageously follow Jesus to love refugees and displaced peoples. (Frontiers - November 2015)

Syrian refugees

Nearly 2 million Syrian refugees are struggling to build their lives after escaping their homeland's bloody conflict. Pray for our partners in Jordan and Lebanon who are working to help these refugees. Over the winter they provided blankets, mattresses and wood-burning stoves, alongside help with accommodation, and over the summer they've been doing food distributions. Many churches are playing an active role providing food, hygiene packages as well as bedding. A worker who recently visited the region, said, "Local churches are visiting refugees, seeking to help meet their needs and loving them - we saw some wonderful examples of church being church." (Tearfund - September 2013)

Feeling the strain

Jordan is feeling the strain from receiving Syrian refugees. The country has limited resources, causing many nationals anxiety about the future. The price of housing is beginning to increase beyond what many Jordanians can afford. Pray for wisdom for the king and for all those in authority. The Church in Jordan is respected in society, providing it doesn't witness to others. Please pray for believers to be both wise and bold as they demonstrate the love of Christ to their neighbours. May God draw many to Himself, despite the dangers. (Arab World Ministry of Pioneers - July 2013)

Surrounded by conflict

Jordan is surrounded by conflict, with Iraq to the East, Israel/Palestine to the West, and Syria/Lebanon to the North. Jordan's population contains a majority of people of Palestinian descent, including Queen Rania, and this necessitates delicate handling of social tensions fuelled by the situation in Israel/Palestine. The King is therefore balancing the need for Western trade links and investment while desiring not to alienate his people, many of whom are furious with Western policy towards Jordan's neighbours. Pray for the King of Jordan - thank God for his ongoing efforts at modernisation and pray that the government will work to reduce discrimination against minorities, including Christians. (Middle East Concern - November 2010)

Converts face discrimination

The state religion of Jordan is Islam. Although Jordan is known as one of the most Western orientated and free countries in the Middle East, conversion from Islam and evangelisation of Muslims is prohibited. Converts from Islam face societal and sometimes governmental discrimination and, legally still considered Muslims, they fall under jurisdiction of sharia courts. (Open Doors UK and Ireland - May 2010)

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