
Saudi Arabia

**Total area:**

2,149,690 km²

Population:

33,000,000 (2017)

Literacy:

63%

Official languages:

Arabic

GDP (PPP) per capita:

\$55,229 (2017 est.)

Life expectancy:

74 years

Religions:

97% Muslim, 3% Catholic, <1% other religions

Prayer points

Najdi people, Saudi Arabia

Najdi is one of the language and people groups within Saudi Arabia. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is completely off limits to any kind of indigenous Christian presence, so there are very few followers of Jesus among the Saudi Arabians. Pray for their protection. Pray they will learn to live in the power of Christ, demonstrating the fruit of his Spirit. Pray for God to speak clearly to the Najdi people through dreams and visions. And pray for the entire people group to know forgiveness of sin, found only through faith in Jesus. (WEC International - February 2021)

Bedouin people of the Middle East

The Bedouin have lived in the Middle East for centuries and consider themselves to be the 'true Arabs', famous for their nobility, hospitality and other honourable characteristics. The Bedouin need to hear (and see) proof of a loving God who longs to come near to them. Pray that God will reveal the truth to them through the Holy Spirit. And pray that a day will come when they meet together in their tents and around their fires, praising Jesus with their chants and songs, and sharing him with others.

[WEC in the Middle East](#) ^[1] (WEC International - January 2021)

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Please pray for Saudi Arabia's political leaders: that God will guide them in ruling their country wisely. Pray that they will use their power to bring about peace and justice. Pray for anyone in the country who may be interested in Jesus or Christianity: that the Holy Spirit will send visions and dreams, and enable the gospel to be heard clearly. (WEC International - August 2020)

Online support for vulnerable women

Since the Middle East and North Africa have gone into lockdown, our Nisa'a team has been supporting families across the region. Nisa'a provides an online women's magazine that reaches into 10 countries and with face-to-face workshops to support vulnerable women. The team are now looking to resume the 'Heart Story' workshops, but online. These workshops give vulnerable women a chance to express their needs and stories in a safe space; often the only chance they have to be themselves and to be vulnerable. Join with us in praying for the Nisa'a team and all the women they support across the region. (Middle East Media - May 2020)

30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World

The 30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World is an international movement that began in 1993. It calls the church to make a deliberate but respectful effort to learn about, pray for, and reach out to our world's Muslim neighbours. It coincides annually with the important Islamic month of religious observation - Ramadan, a time of the year when Muslims are much more deeply aware of spiritual matters. Join the millions of Christians around the world, and churches and ministries from many denominations, who regularly participate in this largest ongoing prayer focus on the Muslim world. A new, full-colour prayer guide booklet - available each year in both adult and kids versions - is a proven tool to help Christians to understand and to persistently pray for Muslim neighbours and nations. Pray that many Muslims will have an encounter with Jesus during Ramadan this year. Copies of 30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World Prayer Guide can be [ordered from Global Connections](#) [2] or www.30daysprayer.com [3]. (Global Connections - May 2020)

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Pray for Saudi Arabia's political leaders: that God will guide them in ruling the nation wisely. Pray that they will use their power to bring about peace and justice. Saudi Arabia is undergoing rapid social and political changes, so please pray for the country and the government as these changes are decided upon and enacted. Pray that the new developments will benefit the people and bring greater openness to the gospel. Pray for any local believers who feel isolated or are persecuted. Pray that they will stand firm in their faith and know God's protection, and that others around them will become believers as well, resulting in fellowship and glory to God's name. Pray that God will take away their fear of contacting other believers so that they can feel truly part of the Church. Praise God that the Church in Saudi Arabia is growing. Now the need of the day is for more discipleship. Pray that the Lord of the harvest will send and raise up believers to disciple Saudis so that they, in turn, will disciple others. Ask God to bring good leadership within the Saudi Church, so that its members can mature in Christ. Let's pray that these words will be true of Saudi Arabia: *"The people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned"* (Matthew 4:16). Pray that Jesus will appear to Saudis in dreams and visions, and that many Christians will shine their light into areas of the country where there is currently no witness. Please pray that the truth will be presented to Saudis through personal witness, satellite TV programmes and websites. Praise God that a few Saudi believers are doing just this: teaching the Bible in Arabic through YouTube, websites and mobile apps. Saudis are avid users of the internet and social media. Pray that God will give wisdom to those who run media and internet sites which present Christ and the good news. (WEC International - January 2020)

Forgiven not condemned

A young married woman recently revealed to our Arabic partner that she had betrayed her husband and wanted to repent. Jesus didn't condemn the woman caught in adultery, but rescued and saved her. After praying, she gave her life to Christ. Pray for her and others like her. (Reach Beyond - February 2019)

Pray for peace and stability in Saudi Arabia

As Saudi Arabia transitions under its new leadership pray that God's hand would be over Crown Prince

Mohammed bin Salman. Pray that peace and stability would be the markers of Saudi society and that new political changes would open up greater opportunities for gospel witness. (Frontiers - February 2019)

Pray for Saudi Christians

Saudi Arabia is the birthplace of Islam and remains a very conservative Muslim country. Since his appointment in 2017, the Crown Prince has resolved to make Saudi Arabia more moderate. Until recently, it was believed there were only 300 Saudi Christian believers worldwide. In fact there are thousands, the result of decades of prayer. Pray for protection over the growing number of Muslim background believers, that they would be bold to share their faith with others in their communities. Pray for God's hand to be on Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman as he leads his country in this time of transition and political change. Pray for peace and stability in Saudi society, encouraging more gospel workers to go there to share Jesus with those they live amongst. (Frontiers - December 2018)

Refugee Bridge

What could be more comforting than hearing timely spiritual encouragement in your heart language when you're a refugee on foreign soil? At last there's an app for that called Refugee Bridge - this is being used to speak hope to people being displaced within the Middle East as well as those coming to Europe from the Middle East. It is designed to meet the emotional, psychological and spiritual needs of displaced people through practical and Biblical content in the Arabic language. Pray for those listening, that they might receive hope through these broadcasts, and that more might have access to vital resources. (TWR Europe and CAMENA (Central Asia, Middle East, North Africa) - November 2016)

Safe outlets

It's not everyday that you hear a strong declaration of faith in Christ from someone raised in a Muslim majority country. But Hosni contacted the media team via WhatsApp with this urgent request for spiritual support: "I believe that Jesus is God... I need to know more about Jesus and the Bible." Pray that social media will continue to be a safe outlet for Muslims to seek Jesus. (Arab World Ministry of Pioneers - May 2016)

New monarch

King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia died at the age of 90 on 23rd January after two decades in power. Pray for the nation's stability as the new monarch, King Salman, takes charge. May all those entrusted with leadership act justly, love mercy and walk humbly before God. Praise God for how He is changing lives in Saudi Arabia. Despite the ban on Bibles, Christmas and Christian websites, God's arm is not too short to reach into Saudi palaces, homes and hearts. May this new chapter open doors for the extension of God's Kingdom in this precious land. (Arab World Ministry of Pioneers - March 2015)

Reaching a digital generation

Using the power of media, believers from Muslim backgrounds are effectively sharing Christ across the Arab world. Today, more than 125 million individuals use the internet in the Arab world providing a platform for both men and women, with otherwise limited access to Christian resources, to study God's Word. As a result, our media follow-up network encourages seekers to explore the gospel online and mentors believers through interactive Bible courses. (Arab World Ministry of Pioneers - September 2014)

Searching for truth

Every month, hundreds of Bibles and thousands of evangelistic resources are downloaded by Arab Muslims exploring the Christian faith. The online ministry maarifa.org sees several thousand Arabs exposed to the truth about Jesus every week. Last year, media workers received over 600 emails in just three months from Arabs searching and wrestling with the truth. The team follows up every message personally. Pray that millions of Arab Muslims will continue to be drawn to the website and have hearts open to the Spirit of God. (Arab World Ministry of Pioneers - March 2014)

Christian media

God is working powerfully in Saudi Arabia through Christian media. It is exciting to hear of increasing numbers of seekers contacting Christian websites and TV stations for more information. Around 1.8 million children in this country are tuning into Christian shows. Many enquirers are encountering the truth about Christ for the first time, some by browsing on their mobile phones. Pray for more people to embrace the gospel, and for even the hardest hearts to be touched by what they see and hear. Pray for media follow-up teams to reply to seekers with grace, truth and Spirit-filled wisdom. (Arab World Ministry of Pioneers - July 2012)

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[1] <https://www.wecinternational.org/where-is-wec/middle-east-north-africa.php>

[2] <https://www.globalconnections.org.uk/shop/30-days-of-prayer-2020>

[3] <http://www.30daysprayer.com>