
El Salvador

**Total area:**

21,040 km²

Population:

6,377,195 (2015)

Literacy:

74%

Official languages:

Spanish

GDP (PPP) per capita:

\$8,668 (2015 est.)

Life expectancy:

72 years

Religions:

59% Catholic, 29% Protestant, 11% Atheist or Agnostic, 1% other religions

Prayer points

Painful memories

“Should I use my body to make a living?” That’s the shocking question on the mind of Juana, a 14-year-old girl from El Salvador. She is one of about 80 children who come to *Fundacion Amor* every day for lunch, games and help with their homework. Sexually abused by her father from a young age, Juana has made amazing progress. Yet now she faces a new challenge. Despite the love and care that she has experienced at *Fundacion Amor*, her childhood memories and the relationships modelled in her family and community have left her confused about the nature of love and relationships. Nevertheless, it is a miracle that in spite of all the pain and brokenness, there is still hope for Juana and others like her. Please pray. (Viva - July 2012)

Mistreated children

The extreme poverty that many Salvadorans face leads to all sorts of problems within the family. UNICEF estimates that almost 80% of all children in El Salvador are mistreated at home. Many flee to the streets, where they are at risk of disease, malnutrition, addiction and getting recruited into highly dangerous gangs. Pray for the children in El Salvador who are on the streets, or who are tempted to run away from home because of abuse or difficult family situations. Pray that God would put his hand of protection on them and keep them from harm. Pray too for those who are caught up in gangs or trapped by addiction, that God would help them to break out of these destructive cycles and seek healing. (Viva - January 2011)