

December Prayer points: Praying for the Nations

Country	% Christian	
Jordan	2.1	<p>Pray for current religious freedom to remain despite increasing pressure to suppress it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pray for the multitude of refugees who have crossed into Jordan to clearly hear the true gospel. • Pray for Christianity to be held in high regard so that God's work in this strategic part of the Middle East would not be thwarted.
Kuwait	15.5	A significant minority of people in Kuwait are Christian but they worship under restrictions. Kuwait is a wealthy country but has a large underclass of expatriate workers. Only 40% of residents are actually Kuwaiti.
Lebanon	38.2	The largest number of Christians in the region. Lebanon does not prohibit any religion or conversion to it. It has more refugees per capita than any other in the world with over 1.5 Syrians. The country is riven by mismanagement and corruption and last year suffered a huge explosion in Beirut.
Morocco	Under 1%	Morocco is 99% Moslem and while there is no official persecution of the Christian Church it is forced to meet in secret and the authorities monitor the activities of Christians. Around 13% of the people live below the poverty line. There is also fighting in the Western Sahara region as the tribes there demand independence.
Oman	6.8	Christians in Oman are likely to be ex-patriates and are tolerated by the Government and even given some support to build churches. It is though illegal to seek to convert Muslims to Christianity. Oman is generally open and moderate and ruled by an absolute monarch. It is encouraging tourism to compensate for declining oil reserves.
Qatar	15.7	The site of the next World Cup. Controversially! Qatar is relatively open and has avoided the civil unrest seen in other parts of the Middle East. It has the highest net migration in the world as it import a huge amounts of labour, not all being well treated. Christianity is tolerated and the government has provided land but trying to convert Muslims is an offence and deportation for speaking up about Jesus is likely to lead to deportation..
United Arab Emirates	13.3	Christians are likely to be ex-pat workers. The UAE comprises seven Emirates which have some degree of autonomy. There is heavy censorship of the media and the authoritarian government bans political parties. 80% of the population have citizenship rights. As with other

		similar countries it is an offence to seek to convert Muslims to Christianity.
Sao Tome and Principe	75.7	Comprising two islands, this is Africa's smallest state. There is a very high poverty rate with agriculture the main industry, which is in decline due to a lack of skills and global competition. A high number of Christians, mainly catholic, but it is reported that many focus as much on spiritism such as ancestor worship as Jesus. A multi-party democracy.
Algeria	Under 1%	The largest country in Africa. The government has made all non-Muslim worship illegal and there is significant persecution of Christians. Despite this there are estimates of around 100,000 Christians in the country. The country is becoming more extremist with the government making concessions to hard line Islamicists.
Tunisia	Under 1%	Tunisia does not allow the spread of the gospel and at best around one quarter of 1% of people are Christians. Many practice in private as if their belief became public knowledge they would be persecuted. The government is becoming more Islamic in this respect but conversely allows greater freedoms than other similar States with greater press freedom and more rights for women, although the latter still face the prospect of being divorced easily by a husband.