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MIDDLE EAST IRAQI ARAB PEOPLE

"Brothers and sisters, pray for us."

1 Thessalonians 5:25

PRAYER POINTS

- Ask God to change the spiritual climate over Iraq.
- Pray for Christian workers from nearby countries who are making initial plans for church planting and church planter training in Iraq.
- Pray that the Iraqi Arab Christians would be protected from harm and persecution.
- Ask God to give wisdom to the government in Iraq and open their hearts to the Gospel.

IRAQI ARAB PEOPLE

STATISTICS

Population 14,899,000 Christian 0.50%
Largest Religion - Islam 97.30% Evangelical 0.20%
Main Languages - Arabic, Mesopotamian Spoken

- Iraq is dominated by Shi'ite Muslims (over half) and Sunni Muslims (more than one-third).

- Islam is a religion of works that is based on five basic pillars: 1. A Muslim must affirm that "there is no god but Allah, and Mohammed is his prophet."
2. He must pray five times a day while facing Mecca.
3. He must give generously. 4. He must fast during Ramadan, the ninth month of the Muslim year.
5. He must try to make a pilgrimage to Mecca in his lifetime. Known as Hajj.

- Most Iraqi Arabs only know God as "Allah", but Jesus, the Savior wants them to hear and know of His great love. Most believe Jesus is a prophet, teacher and a good man; not understanding Him as God's Son. Many have a great spiritual hunger, which has increased through all the war and crisis. Others are hearing His name for the first time and responding.



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