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## MIDDLE EAST SINHALESE PEOPLE

*"... the Spirit helps us... We do not know what we ought to pray for,*

*but the Spirit himself intercedes for us...."*

Romans 8:26

### PRAYER POINTS

- ~ Pray for God to reveal Himself to the Sinhalese people.
- ~ Pray that gospel radio, television & Christian websites might penetrate the homes & hearts of Sinhalese people.
- ~ Pray for a strong disciple making movement among the Sinhalese in Sri Lanka & Qatar.
- ~ Pray the Sinhalese will develop spiritual hunger to find available gospel resources.

## SINHALESE PEOPLE

### STATISTICS

Population 45,000

Christian 3.00%

Evangelical 1.20%

Largest Religion - Buddhism - 95.0%

Main Language - Sinhala

Qatar is a tiny Arabian state, almost entirely desert. By far the majority of Sinhalese people live in Sri Lanka, but some have migrated elsewhere, including Qatar, to find education as well as better living & working conditions.

Unlike the Arab majority in Qatar, the Sinhalese are Buddhists, having embraced this religion in 250 B.C. Proselytism is forbidden in Qatar, but expatriates are allowed to practice their faith. It is believed that there are a few followers of Jesus among the Sinhalese in Qatar.

Resources available include a complete Sinhalese language Bible, an audio New Testament, the Jesus Film & other gospel recordings.



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