



AFGHANISTAN PRAYER GUIDE

POPULATION: **38 million**

MUSLIM POPULATION: **99.7% - 37,886,000**

BIBLICAL LOCATION: **Cabul or Kabul**

PRESIDENT: **Ashraf Ghani**

TALIBAN LEADER: **Mawlawi Hibatullah Akhundzada**

LANGUAGE: **Pashto / Dari (Afghan Persian/Farsi)**



Living conditions

There are four main tribes: Pashtun, Hazara, Tajiks, and Uzbeks. Homes are made of brick in the wealthier areas and clay in the poorer areas. Afghanistan is affected by frequent earthquakes, mostly small ones that are difficult on those who live in apartments. In Kabul, the capital, there is a major Taliban influence and violence is an issue most locals fear. Each year Afghans experience a "harsh winter" reaching temperatures down to -16 degrees Fahrenheit, making it dangerous for children and poorer families, causing illnesses and death in the harsh weather.

How dangerous is it to be Christian?

Afghanistan is ranked #2 of the most dangerous nations for Christians in the world - behind North Korea. There is less of an issue with the government and more with the terrorist group who influence Afghans as well as average people who become upset and have the right to kill a Christian. The government is trying to stop the terrorists groups, but are not strong enough to combat all of the difficulties Afghanistan faces. Foreign believers are allowed to be Christians, but they are not allowed to preach Christianity. If locals believe a foreigner has disrespected their religion, they have the right to kill them. Islamic law has categories for sin, and sin like homicide, can be justified and forgiven.

Prophetic visions

- Riding a wild bronco: a picture of perseverance in the face of great difficulty
- Bridge between Afghanistan and Pakistan: a spiritual bridge connecting the two countries together

Areas to pray into

- Victory over oppression and spiritual darkness
- Emotional and spiritual protection and security for our disciple makers
- Women and children who are the most vulnerable in society
- The physical and sexual abuse of children
- The importance of love

Scriptures to pray over Afghanistan

2 Thessalonians 3:1 "Pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run swiftly and be glorified, just as it is with you." The Lord sends his people to places he is already moving.

Psalms 84:6 "As they pass through the Valley of Baca (weeping) they make it a spring. The rain (from above) also covers it with pools." Rivers of living water will break the surface like springs in the desert.

Psalms 46:5 "God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved; God shall help her, just at the break of dawn." The break of day is at the darkest point of the night. His help comes to her at the break of day.

Matthew 10:16 "Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves." For disciple makers in country.

Prayer points for Afghans

- Pray for visions and dreams of Jesus among men, women and children.
- Pray against the oppression of women, and for the joy of the Lord to fill their spirit.
- Pray for the Muslim background believer. Those who are now Christian, but keep their faith secret from Muslim family members.

Prayer points for disciple makers

- For the eyes of disciple makers to not get distracted with the "wind and waves" and for fear to not grip their heart.
- Spiritual ears and eyes to move forward, and quick obedience without question.
- Guidance, wisdom and discernment.



Our mission

GCM exists to transform Muslims worldwide through Jesus Christ by means of evangelism, discipleship, church planting, leadership development, and compassion ministries. Terrorism, totalitarian governments, the rise of radical Islam, and social upheavals have created an unparalleled window of opportunity to reach millions of despairing Afghans with the gospel.



Testimony

A disciple maker in Afghanistan and three people of peace are meeting often and discussing the Bible in depth. One day as they were discussing scripture the disciple maker asked them, "What will you do to obey the scripture this week?" One of them answered, "I have a neighbor that does not like me very much, when we pass each other we never greet each other, but this week I will say hello first." The passage we were reading was about accepting each other. The next week when he asked, "How did it go?" he replied, "For the last five days I said hello first, and tried to start a conversation. The first two days he ignored me, but I told myself I would continue to do it. On the third day, he answered my greeting, and our relationship has gotten better each day. We are friends now!" He said, "it was the power of obedience and the power of showing love to one another."



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