

## Pray for Libya

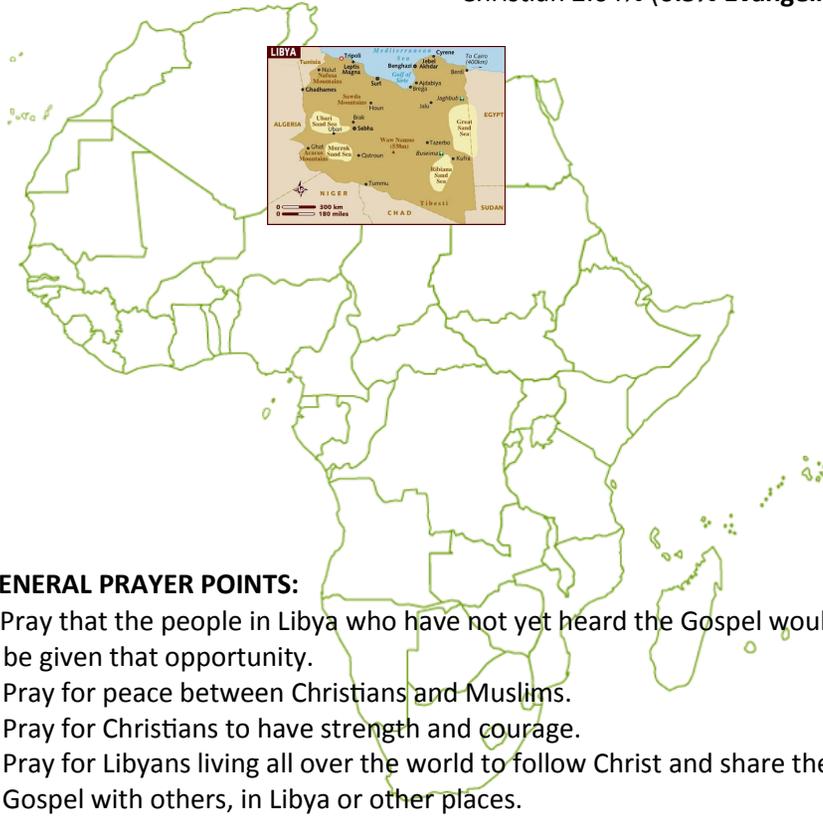
Population: 6,545,619

Unevangelized: 5,723,000 (90%)

### Major Religions:

Islam 97.2%

Christian 2.64% (**0.3% Evangelical**)



### GENERAL PRAYER POINTS:

- Pray that the people in Libya who have not yet heard the Gospel would be given that opportunity.
- Pray for peace between Christians and Muslims.
- Pray for Christians to have strength and courage.
- Pray for Libyans living all over the world to follow Christ and share the Gospel with others, in Libya or other places.
- There are only about 18 missionaries per million people in Libya. Pray for God to raise up more workers for the harvest in this country and region.
- Pray for those involved in and effected by the slave trade happening in Libya.

### INTERESTING FACTS:

- There is only a small strip of coastal land that is arable (about 2% of their total land area)

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This month we have the opportunity to pray for the country of Libya. Despite the persecution and challenges for Christians there, God is working and the church is growing.



Libyan believers are increasing in numbers and faith and enjoy surprising freedom as a Christian community, but they still face many obstacles to fellowship, including fear of infiltrators. Libyans remain off-limits for evangelism, and approaches to them are risky for all involved. Continued state surveillance and family/social pressures are strong disincentives. Pray for greater religious freedom so that more might hear the gospel and be able to follow Jesus openly. Pray also for Libyan believers to stand firm in their faith and to find spiritually edifying relationships – including suitable marriage partners in a society where marriage is typically arranged with extended family. The need for pastoral care is felt greatly across all denominations in Libya. Pray for God to raise up leaders for the church.

A video of men appearing to be sold at auction in Libya for \$400 has shocked the world and focused international attention on the exploitation of migrants and refugees in this north African country. The report has drawn attention to an issue that aid and migrant groups say has gone on for years.

Libya is the main transit point for refugees and migrants trying to reach Europe by sea. In each of the last three years, 150,000 people have made the dangerous crossing across the Mediterranean Sea from Libya. For four years in a row, 3,000 refugees have died while attempting the journey, according to the International Organization for Migration (IOM), The Libyan Coast Guard has cracked down on boats smuggling refugees and migrants to Europe.

With estimates of 400,000 to almost one million people now bottled up in Libya, detention centers are overrun and there are mounting reports of robbery, rape, and murder among migrants. Conditions in the centers have been described as “horrific,” and among other abuses, migrants are vulnerable to being sold off as laborers in slave auctions.

Pray for all those involved in the slave trade to recognize its evil and that it would be put to an end. Pray for God to work in this situation and reveal himself to many, even in the midst of their challenges.

***After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. (Revelation 7:9)***