

# Africa Inland Mission's Prayer Sheets



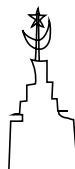
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## Why should I pray?

Expansive deserts, exotic medinas, ancient Christianity, modern Islam. North Africa's fascinating and diverse landscape is home to 195 million people, yet the number of people who know Christ there is less than one percent, and closer to 0.1 percent in most places. Despite the region's ancient Christian heritage, Jesus is not only unknown, but great barriers to knowing him have been erected by governments, with their extreme control over many aspects of life. While a few of these countries have an official freedom to exercise religion, this really only applies to foreigners. Locals who desire to follow Jesus will most certainly be expelled from their family and community and risk imprisonment, or worse.

90% of people in North Africa are Muslim. Only 0.1% are Evangelical Christians



The Islamic holy book is called the Quran. It is regarded by Muslims as a masterpiece of unmatched eloquence.



## What do they believe?

Most people in North Africa follow Islam. There are many expressions of Islam, reflected across Muslim believers from different countries and cultures. Even within the two main branches, Sunni and Shi'a, there can be differences in beliefs and practices. But all Muslims share some core beliefs, the five pillars of Islam, outlining general rules for living. Some people identify themselves as Muslim because of their background or environment. Someone born into a Muslim family may identify as a Muslim without subscribing to its beliefs and practices. In this context it becomes a social or ethnic label, not necessarily a religious one.

## What is being done to reach them?

Missionaries serve in a number of creative ways in the countries of North Africa. Either through creating their own businesses or working together, they form relationships in their communities and through those friendships have opportunities to share about the hope they have in Jesus. We are hoping to see three new long term teams begin ministry. Each team has spaces for people with a wide range of skills. Could God be calling you to serve in this way?

Traditional missionary work is not welcome in North Africa, so Christians have to be creative in how they share the gospel.



## Please pray:

- \* There are many places across North Africa where there are no local Christians and no missionaries sharing the gospel. Pray that the Holy Spirit would work in people's hearts so that they actively start searching for the truth by themselves. Pray that they would reach out to people who can follow up and offer discipleship, even if from afar.
- \* Pray for the families of local believers, that their children, spouses and other members of their families would come to know Jesus. Pray for those believers whose families have reacted with anger to their conversion, that they would know comfort in Christ.
- \* Pray for political freedom so that Christians in North Africa can be more open about their faith and be able to ask others questions about their beliefs. Pray for change to happen from the highest levels of government.
- \* Many believers in the region live under constant surveillance. They are monitored and their phones are tapped. Pray they wouldn't be scared of the secret police. Pray they would have boldness to share their stories, even in the midst of oppression.
- \* For many local believers, living out their faith can lead to a lonely existence. Pray for them believing in solitude. Pray too that their loneliness would lead them to sharing the gospel with their friends and family and developing their own small churches.

## Who is AIM?

**Africa Inland Mission** is a missionary organisation that helps churches send gospel workers to work among African people.

*If you are interested in going yourself, giving to help send gospel workers or want more prayer info, please contact us.*

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