

Praying for Armenia

(Turkey, Georgia, Azerbaijan)

Geography

Area: 29,800 sq km Landlocked, mountainous Caucasus state. Nagorno-Karabakh, a 4,400 sq km enclave in Azerbaijan populated by Armenians, is controlled by Armenia along with a corridor of land connecting it to the rest of Armenia.

Population: 3,090,379 **Annual Growth:** 0.17%

Capital: Yerevan **Urbanites:** 63.7%

Peoples

People Groups: 26 (35% unreached)

Official language: Pashtu (used by 50% of population), Dari (Afghan Persian, used by 70%) **Languages:** 41 All languages

Religion

Christians: 2,918,245 (94.43%) **Evangelicals:** 268,186 (8.7%)

Answer to Prayer

The increasingly committed faith among the Armenian diaspora is resulting in church growth not only among those abroad but also in Armenia itself, as diaspora Christians focus ministry and prayer on the land of their fathers.



Specific prayer needs listed on back.

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Armenia Specific Prayer Needs

The control of Nagorno-Karabakh, now functionally independent, is unresolved and a millstone around the necks of all involved. Refugees on both sides of the conflict (250,000 Armenians from Azerbaijan, and 530,000 Azeris from Armenia and western Azerbaijan) are still displaced. Although the armed cease-fire has held, all diplomatic solutions have failed. Both nations refuse to back down, and Nagorno-Karabakh itself refuses to accept any resolution into which it does not have direct input. Pray for an answer that is acceptable to all and that allows each group to move forward.

Turkey Specific Prayer Needs

Give praise for the slow but steady growth of Turkish evangelical Christianity. Turkish and Kurdish believers probably numbered around 10 in 1960. This number rose to around 4,000 by 2010. While growth is not as rapid as many hoped for or expected, a sense of consolidation and maturation distinguishes the Church today.

Turkey's transformation from guardian of Christendom to unevangelized nation has been almost comprehensive. For over 1,000 years the region was a bastion of Christendom, but it later became a strong propagator of Islam. The Christian population has declined from 22% to 0.21% since 1900. Only 0.008% of people in Turkey are evangelical; many are ethnic Turks and Kurds, but others are expatriate or from historically Christian minorities. Few of the 73 million Muslims have ever truly heard the gospel. Turkey's location along the ancient Silk Road routes connected it deeply to Islam for centuries; pray that it might also be used as a bridge between Europe and Asia for the transmission of a revitalized Christianity.