

Pray for the world in 2012!

The following pages of maps and flags and other information were compiled in December 2011 and January 2012. The information was accurate at the time of compilation, but details (names of presidents, kings, etc.) may change during the course of the year.

Sources include www.worldatlas.com, <http://education.nationalgeographic.com>, www.persecution.com, and www.kidsofcourage.com.

The prayer requests are from the 2012 VOM Prayer Calendar. You can use this information to pray for the world with or without the calendar.

WILL YOU PRAY?

The 2012 VOM Prayer Calendar

The Voice of the Martyrs' 2012 Prayer Calendar will help you fellowship with and pray for these persecuted believers, sharing in their trials and being encouraged by their tremendous faith. The calendar features photos and brief stories of persecuted Christians, many of them youths, who exhibit an unwavering trust in Christ despite persecution.

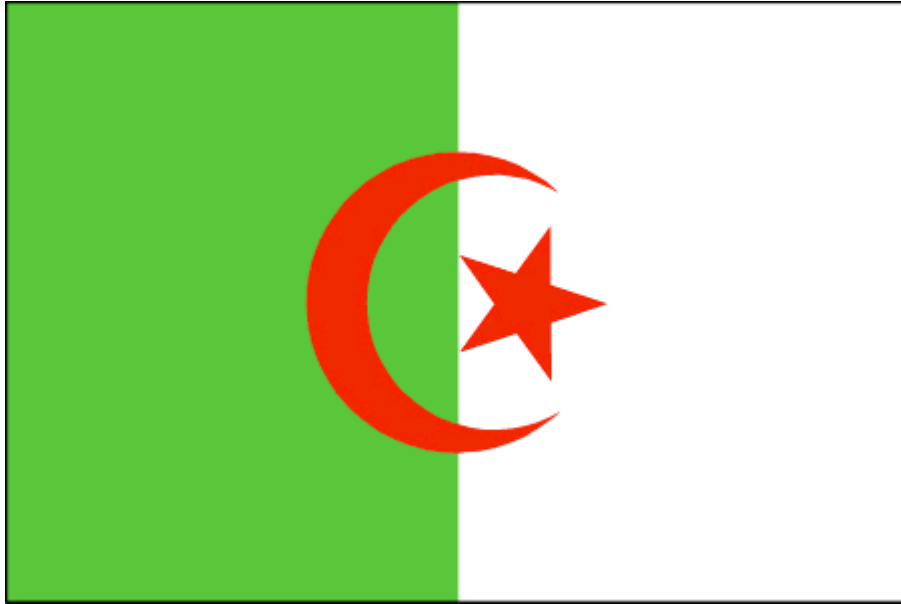
The prayer calendar makes an excellent gift for family and friends, serving as a daily reminder to pray for the persecuted church. For as little as \$4, you can give the gift of prayer to the persecuted church while giving family and friends the opportunity to fellowship with those persecuted for their faith.

But Jesus called them unto Him, and said,
"Suffer little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not:
for of such is the kingdom of God." Luke 18:16 (KJV)

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to request your 2012 Voice of the Martyrs Prayer Calendar.

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Algeria's flag was officially adopted on July 3, 1962.

The flag features two equal vertical bands of green and white with a red, five-pointed star within a red crescent centered over the two-color boundary. The crescent, star, and color green are traditional symbols of Islam, the state religion.

Algeria (from www.kidsofcourage.com)

Capital

Algiers

Size

Slightly less than 3.5 times the size of Texas

Main Languages

Arabic, French, Berber

Time

At 6:00 a.m. U.S. Central Standard Time, it is 12:00 p.m. in Algeria.

History

France used to rule Algeria. In 1962, Algeria became an independent country. Since then, Algerian people have suffered from frequent violence and wars.

Religion

Algerians are predominantly Muslim.

Persecution

Islam is the official religion of Algeria. However, many people in Algeria are becoming Christians! But the government places limits on Christian activities. Anyone who writes materials, or makes tapes or DVDs that “shakes the faith of Muslims” can go to jail. Matthew 7:24–25 and Hebrews 12:28 tell us that Jesus offers a faith that will keep us from being shaken.

A Long Bus Ride

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Gerard is a Christian worker in Algeria. In 2006, the government passed a new law that said churches must register with the government. But the authorities did not grant many churches registration, so churches that continued to meet were “illegal.” Then the government began closing down unregistered churches.

“The government is always going to come up with new laws,” said Gerard. “They are not believers, so they cannot understand the hope we have.”

The government gives individual Christians a hard time, too. Two years ago, a student in a secret Bible school was stopped at a checkpoint. When soldiers found Bible study materials in her bag, they arrested her.

Gerard was also bothered by the police. He was riding on a bus when it was stopped by police at a checkpoint. After they searched his bag and found a Bible, they began to curse him. “This is my faith. This is what I believe,” Gerard told a policeman. The policeman spat on him. Everyone on the bus saw what happened, so they found out that Gerard was a Christian. For the rest of the bus ride, they insulted him “All of them started to say bad things,” Gerard said. “I hoped that the long ride would finish soon.”

No one on the bus hurt Gerard, but he has been beaten for his faith before. Still, his trust in Christ remains strong. “Even if they arrest or beat me or something, they cannot come into my mind and change my mind,” he said.

Pray for Algeria.

1 – Pray for Pastor Hakim and others sharing the gospel in Algeria.

2 – Pray for the Tizi Ouzou region, the center of the Algerian church movement.

3 – Pray for new believers. A VOM safe house provides refuge for those in danger.

4 – Pray for church growth and for more works in southern Algeria.

5 – Pray for “Amira” and other Christians that VOM assists financially.

6 – Pray for Christians who meet in the countryside to avoid government attention.

7 – Pray for President Abdelaziz Bouteflika.

Link to map:

http://education.nationalgeographic.com/education/mapping/outline-map/?map=Algeria&ar_a=1