

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)

Visit

http://etools.vomusa.org/a/vomso/bg_vomso_wdbm-20111205-PrayerCalendar_443.html
to request your 2012 Voice of the Martyrs Prayer Calendar.

www.scripturemelodies.com



The flag of Bahrain was officially adopted in 1932.

The toothy edge between the red and white is used to distinguish it from the official flag of Dubai, in the United Arab Emirates. Red and white have long been the traditional colors of the Gulf States.

News from Bahrain (from www.kidsofcourage.com)

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Political Unrest and the Prime Minister

Like many Arab countries, this year Bahrain has had unrest among citizens who are not happy with their government. Two kinds of Muslims in Bahrain, Sunnis and Shiites, have not been getting along. More of the country's people are Shiites, but Sunnis are in control of the government.

Bahrain has a king and a prime minister. The prime minister, Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, will turn 76 years old on his birthday on November 24. He has been the prime minister since 1971, when he was appointed by his uncle, the king. Many of the important officials in Bahrain come from the Khalifa family. Some in the country believe their rule should end.

Christians in Bahrain

More than half the people living in Bahrain are from other countries. About half of them are not Muslims. They are allowed to worship as they please, but Muslims from Bahrain are not allowed to change their religion. If they do so, they are persecuted.

Pray for Bahrain.

1 – Christian websites are currently blocked. Pray for ministries and teaching opportunities.

2 – Pray for the protection and success of the two Christian bookstores in Bahrain.

3 – Most Bahraini Christians worship secretly to avoid persecution. Pray for their encouragement.

4 – Expatriates make up more than half the labor force. Pray for their strong Christian witness.

5 – Bahrain is spiritually strategic because of its relative freedoms. Pray for Christian leaders.

6 – Pray for King Hamad bin Isa Al-Khalifa.

Link to map:

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