



World Cup Teams Prayer Guide

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Introduction

Starting June 11, the 2026 FIFA World Cup kicks off across the United States, Mexico, and Canada. This will be the 23rd World Cup—the second hosted by the U.S. and the first ever shared by three nations.

As the largest sporting event in the world, the World Cup will engage up to six billion viewers, with millions traveling to North America to attend in person. It represents a rare moment when the nations quite literally come to our doorstep.

I created this *World Cup Teams Prayer Guide* to help mission pastors, committee leaders, mobilizers—and anyone passionate about the Great Commission—make the most of this opportunity. I want to equip and encourage North American churches to respond to the nations among us with biblical clarity, gospel compassion, missional urgency and practical discipleship. My hope is that this guide will spark greater awareness, deeper prayer, and renewed momentum for missions in your church.

For His Glory and the Expansion of His Kingdom,

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FIFA World Cup Tournament Format Explained

The FIFA World Cup is one of the world's most unique sporting events. Held every four years, the 2026 tournament will be the 23rd edition. For the first time, three nations—the United States, Canada, and Mexico—will serve as co-hosts. Matches will take place across 16 host cities (2 in Canada, 3 in Mexico, and 11 in the United States). In total, 48 national teams will compete in 104 matches, making this the largest World Cup in history.

Tournament Format

The tournament unfolds in two stages: the group stage and the knockout stage.

Group Stage

The 48 teams are divided into 12 groups of four, labeled Groups A through L. Each team plays the other three teams in its group in a round-robin format. Points are awarded based on match results: three points for a win, one point for a draw, and none for a loss.

At the end of group play, the team with the most points finishes first in the group. The top two teams from each group automatically advance to the knockout stage, along with the eight best third-place teams across all groups. The group stage runs from June 11 to June 27.

Knockout Stage

The second stage is a single-elimination bracket featuring 32 teams. From the Round of 32, teams advance through the Round of 16, quarterfinals, and semifinals, culminating in the final match on July 19 at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, New Jersey. A third-place match will also be played between the two semifinal losers.

Ideas for Implementation

In my article, [*The Nations Are Coming: Preparing for the World Cup Moment*](#), I shared a number of ways churches can use the World Cup as an opportunity to help their congregations learn, pray, mobilize, and reach out during this global event. This guide is one more tool I've created to help you step into that opportunity.

Every church context is different, and you'll likely think of other creative ways to use this resource that fit your people and rhythms. The ideas below are simply meant to get you started. Whether simple or more involved, my goal is to help you engage your congregation with the nations in ways that are meaningful, memorable, and spiritually formative.

Simple Handouts

The easiest place to start is simple distribution.

I recommend printing the country pages and giving one to each member of your congregation, encouraging them to read it, scan the QR codes, and pray for that nation throughout the tournament. You could hand these out during a service, include them in a bulletin, or set up a table where people can pick one up at their convenience.

This can be especially engaging for families. Encourage each family member to choose a different country and pray for it together at home. This creates a natural and accessible way for parents to help their children grow in awareness of—and love for—the nations.

To increase engagement throughout the tournament, consider giving each person not just one team but one group of four teams. This way they'll be learning about more countries and everyone will have at least two teams and possibly three to follow out of the group stage and into the knockout round.

Friendly Competition

You can also turn this into a fun, church-wide experience.

I suggest distributing the prayer pages and keeping track of who has each country. Depending on the size of your congregation, you may have from one to dozens of people for each team. From there, you can follow the tournament together using the included Group Pages to track progress during group play

and then by creating a simple bracket that shows which teams advance through the knockout rounds to the final. Displaying this bracket in the church entry will keep interest high throughout the two months of the tournament.

Each week, take a moment to highlight which teams are moving forward and invite your congregation to continue praying for those nations. You might even recognize participants whose teams advance, keeping the tone light and engaging.

Done well, this creates a shared experience that builds excitement while continually bringing the focus back to prayer.

Adopt-a-Nation

It may be helpful to create a visible, ongoing reminder by setting up a “prayer wall” with all 48 nations.

Invite individuals or families to adopt a country for the duration of the tournament. They can take a printed country page and write their name next to it and commit to praying regularly.

You can also invite people to add notes, insights, or prayers as they learn more, making it interactive and communal.

Watch & Pray Gatherings

Another simple option is to host a World Cup watch party.

Choose a match, invite your congregation (and their friends), and create a relaxed, welcoming environment. At halftime or before the game, highlight one or two countries using the prayer guide and take a few minutes to pray.

This approach naturally blends hospitality, community, and mission in a way that is accessible to almost anyone.

Engage Kids and Students

The World Cup creates a great opportunity to help younger generations connect with God’s heart for the world.

For children, you might create a simple “passport” experience where they learn about a different country each week, discover a fun fact, and pray together as a family.

For students, you may want to organize small groups around different teams or regions, encouraging them to follow their countries and pray for them throughout the tournament.

These kinds of activities help move missions from an abstract idea to something tangible and engaging.

Weekly Missions Moment

It may be helpful to incorporate the guide into your regular worship gatherings.

Set aside a few minutes each week to highlight one country—sharing a brief fact, a key need, and one or two prayer points. Then lead your congregation in a short, focused time of prayer. If you have missionaries serving in some of the countries playing in the World Cup, start with those nations.

This weekly rhythm keeps the nations consistently in front of your people and helps cultivate a culture of global awareness and intercession.

The World Cup Potluck

Everyone loves food and so one fun activity could be to host a potluck where everyone is required to cook something that is from the country of one of the teams playing in the world cup. Some coordination will be needed to ensure not everyone brings burritos and enchiladas from Mexico, but recipes from every country can be found on the internet. Start at The Foreign Fork (www.foreignfork.com)

Flags, Stickers and More

There is much you can do to bring attention to the countries coming to the world cup. Flags, wall maps, stickers—there is much that is out there which can help you promote your events. Here are a few I've found:

- Small world flags
- Big world flags
- World Cup Stickers
- World Cup bracket posters

The FIFA Bracket Challenge

For those who love filling out March Madness brackets, the FIFA bracket challenge offers a fun, interactive way for groups to predict who will advance through the tournament and win it all. It may be another fun way to get groups engaged in following along with the World Cup. Learn more and sign up at the [World Cup Bracket Challenge](#).

Learn More

Be sure and read the original article at Everywhere to Everywhere to explore more ideas for learning, prayer, mobilization and outreach: [The Nations are Coming: Preparing for the World Cup Moment](#)

What Each Nation's Page Provides

In this guide, I've created a single, printable page for each of the 48 participating nations, organized by their group order.

Each team page includes:

- The country's flag and a world map showing its location
- Key demographic information (sourced from Wikipedia)
- The team's World Cup group
- A few engaging fun facts about the country

To help guide prayer, I've also included three prayer points for each country, drawn from Prayercast.

At the bottom of each page, you'll find three QR codes:

- **Prayercast** – A short, creative prayer video highlighting the people and culture of the nation
- **Joshua Project** – Detailed information on people groups, the status of Christianity, and additional prayer resources
- **FIFA Team Page** – News, updates, and video highlights related to the team's World Cup journey

Group Page

The teams are presented in order of their groups. A group page has been created that includes:

- A list of teams in the group
- Highlights from each team's past World Cup performances
- Players to watch for each team
- A complete group schedule with space to record the game scores
- A chart to track points during the group stage

These group pages can be printed and displayed in the church and then updated each week by recording the game scores and the points awarded.

Final Encouragement

You don't need to do everything. Even one or two of these ideas, done well, can help your congregation take meaningful steps toward greater awareness, deeper prayer, and a growing heart for the nations.

The World Cup is a unique moment when the nations capture the attention of the world. With a little intentionality, I believe it can also become a moment when your church grows in its participation in God's mission to those same nations.

Finally, if you find this resource helpful, please share it with others so that more people learn about it and use it. Thanks!

You will find the 12 Groups Pages and the 48 World Cup team prayer guides on the following pages.

Group A Teams

- ❖ Mexico (H)
- ❖ South Africa
- ❖ South Korea
- ❖ Czech Republic

Matches and Results

Match 1: June 11, 2026

Mexico vs South Africa

Score: _____

Match 2: June 11, 2026

South Korea vs Czech Republic

Score: _____

Match 3: June 18, 2026

Czech Republic vs South Africa

Score: _____

Match 4: June 18, 2026

Mexico vs South Korea

Score: _____

Match 5: June 24, 2026

Czech Republic vs Mexico

Score: _____

Match 6: June 24, 2026

South Africa vs South Korea

Score: _____

Team Highlights

Mexico

Mexico's best World Cup finish is the quarterfinals, reached in 1970 and 1986.

Key players: Santiago Giménez, Edson Álvarez, and Raul Gimenez.

South Africa

South Africa has never advanced beyond the group stage.

Key players: Siyabonga Ngezana, Gift Lanks, and Lyle Foster.

South Korea

South Korea's best finish was fourth place in 2002.

Key players: Son Heung-min, Kim Min-jae, and Lee Kang-in.

Czech Republic

Czech Republic, counting Czechoslovakia history, were runners-up in 1934 and 1962.

Key players: Patrik Schick, Tomáš Souček, and Adam Hložek.

Points:

	MEX	SAF	KOR	CZE	PTS
Mexico	X	---	---	---	---
South Africa	---	X	---	---	---
South Korea	---	---	X	---	---
Czech Republic	---	---	---	X	---

Mexico

Population: 131.9 million

Area: 761,610 sq miles

Language: Spanish (primary)

Capital: Mexico City

Currency: Mexican Peso

Religious Makeup: 88.9% Christian

Players To Watch:

Fun Facts:

- The Aztecs and Mayans first cultivated the cacao plant in Mexico to create chocolate.
- The smallest dog breed is named after the Mexican state of Chihuahua.



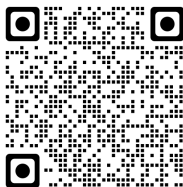
Prayer Points

- Pray for churches to be united in making disciples among all people groups.
- Pray for freedom from corruption, drug trafficking, and ancient spiritual strongholds.
- Pray for God to provide community and security for migrant workers and their families.

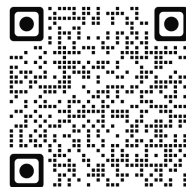
Group A

Pos	Team
A1	 <i>Mexico</i>
A2	 <i>South Africa</i>
A3	 <i>South Korea</i>
A4	 <i>Czech Republic^[O]</i>

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South Africa

Population: 63 million

Area: 471,445 sq miles

Language: 12 Official Languages

Capital: 3 Capital Cities

Currency: South African Rand

Religious Makeup: 85.3% Christian

Fun Facts:

- The Bloukrans Bridge offers the world's highest commercial bungee jump at 216 meters.
- South Africa completely surrounds the country of Lesotho.



Prayer Points

- Pray for criminals to have transformational encounters with the living God.
- Pray for churches and Christian agencies to effectively minister to the physical and spiritual needs of communities.
- Pray for Gospel reconciliation between all races.

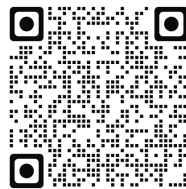
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South Korea

Population: 51.1 million

Area: 38,792 sq miles

Language: Korean (primary)

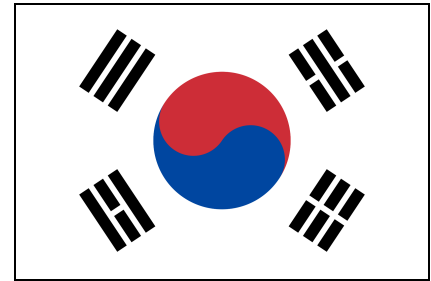
Capital: Seoul

Currency: Korean Republic Won

Religious Makeup: 51% No Religion, 31% Christian

Fun Facts:

- Seoul is considered one of the safest cities in the world.
- "Gangnam Style", the 2012 hit by Psy was the first video to gain 1 billion views on YouTube.



Prayer Points

- Pray for continued blessing on the Korean church and its remarkable commitment to fervent prayer and a broad missions vision.
- Pray for youth to be compelled by a genuine Christian faith rather than the expectations and offerings of the world.
- Pray for perseverance as a formidable missions-sending nation and the flexibility and cultural sensitivity to be effective abroad.

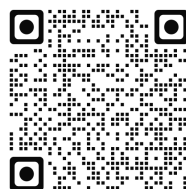
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Czech Republic

Population: 10.9 million

Area: 30,452 sq miles

Language: Czech (primary)

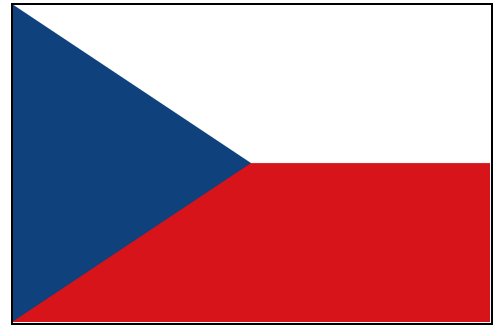
Capital: Prague

Currency: Czech Koruna

Religious Makeup: 57% No Religion; 11.7% Christian

Fun Facts:

- With over 2,000 castles and chateaux, it has the highest concentration of castles per square kilometer in Europe.
- The country has a long tradition of marionette performances, which are considered a cultural treasure.



Prayer Points

- Pray for a lifting of the spiritual heaviness that permeates a culture continuing to spiral downward into further darkness.
- Pray for Czech youth to embrace fresh and creative expressions of Christian fellowship and discipleship.
- Prayer for one million copies of a newly translated Czech Bible to be distributed among the Czech people.

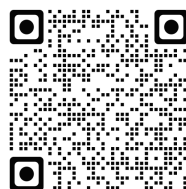
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Group B Teams

- ❖ Canada (H)
- ❖ Bosnia and Herzegovina
- ❖ Qatar
- ❖ Switzerland

Matches and Results

Match 1: June 12, 2026

Canada vs Bosnia and Herzegovina

Score: _____

Match 2: June 13, 2026

Qatar vs Switzerland

Score: _____

Match 3: June 18, 2026

Switzerland vs Bosnia and Herzegovina

Score: _____

Match 4: June 18, 2026

Canada vs Qatar

Score: _____

Match 5: June 24, 2026

Switzerland vs Canada

Score: _____

Match 6: June 24, 2026

Bosnia and Herzegovina vs Qatar

Score: _____

Team Highlights

Canada

Canada has never advanced beyond the group stage.

Key players: Alphonso Davies, Jonathan David, and Stephen Eustáquio.

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Bosnia and Herzegovina have never advanced beyond the group stage.

Key players: Edin Džeko, Sead Kolasinac, and Ermedin Demirović.

Qatar

Qatar have never advanced beyond the group stage.

Key players: Akram Afif, Almoez Ali, and Hassan Al-Haydos.

Switzerland

Switzerland reached the quarterfinals in 1934, 1938, and 1954.

Key players: Granit Xhaka, Manuel Akanji, and Breel Embolo.

Points:

	CAN	BOS	QAT	SWZ	PTS
Canada	X	---	---	---	---
Bosnia and Herz.	---	X	---	---	---
Qatar	---	---	X	---	---
Switzerland	---	---	---	X	---

Canada

Population: 41.5 million

Area: 3.8 million sq miles

Language: English and French

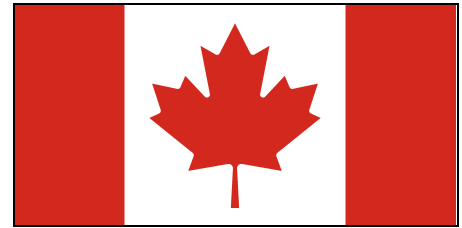
Capital: Ottawa

Currency: Canadian Dollar

Religious Makeup: 88.9% Christian

Fun Facts:

- Nearly 9% of Canada's surface area is covered by freshwater, boasting over 2 million lakes.
- In Churchill, Manitoba, residents often leave their cars unlocked to allow people to escape from polar bears.



Prayer Points

- Pray for revival in the Canadian Church.
- Pray for Gospel deliverance for those in bondage to depression and addiction.
- Pray for Indigenous peoples to know they are seen and loved by their Creator.

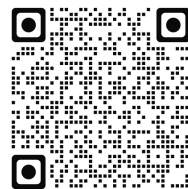
Group B

Pos	Team
B1	 Canada
B2	 Bosnia and Herzegovina^[P]
B3	 Qatar
B4	 Switzerland

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Bosnia and Herzegovina

Population: 3.4 million

Area: 19,772 sq miles

Language: Bosnian, Croatian, Serbian

Capital: Sarajevo

Currency: Canadian Dollar

Religious Makeup: 51.3% Islam

Fun Facts:

- Sarajevo was the first city in Europe to have a fully operational electric tram line, starting in 1885.
- The country has more than 200 waterfalls, more than Italy, France, and Germany combined.



Prayer Points

- Pray for reconciliation among those still traumatized by the bitterness of a devastating ethnic-religious war.
- Pray for united efforts to rebuild a shattered economy.
- Pray for Christ's love to penetrate the hardened hearts of many who are spiritually unresponsive.

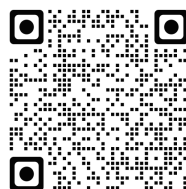
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Qatar

Population: 3.2 million

Area: 4,471 sq miles

Language: Arabic

Capital: Doha

Currency: Qatari Riyal

Religious Makeup: 65.5% Islam

Fun Facts:

- Qatar is the second flattest country in the world, with its highest point only 338 ft above sea level.
- Only about 15% of residents are Qatari citizens, and it has one of the highest male-to-female population ratios in the world due to its foreign workforce.



Prayer Points

- Pray for an established Church among the Qatari people.
- Pray for dreams, visions, and miracles that reveal Jesus as God's Holy One.
- Pray for the Lord of the Harvest to send more workers into His fields.

Group B

Pos	Team
B1	 <i>Canada</i>
B2	 <i>Bosnia and Herzegovina^[P]</i>
B3	 <i>Qatar</i>
B4	 <i>Switzerland</i>

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Switzerland

Population: 9 million

Area: 15,943 sq miles

Language: German, French

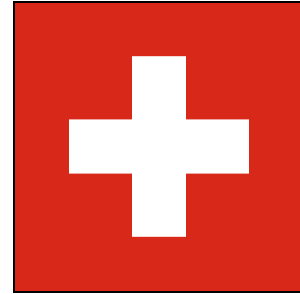
Capital: Bern

Currency: Swiss Franc

Religious Makeup: 54.7% Christian

Fun Facts:

- Switzerland is one of only two countries in the world with a square flag.
- Switzerland has consistently ranked number one on the Global Innovation Index for over a decade.



Prayer Points

- Pray for the younger generation to be open to the Gospel and willing to surrender to Christ.
- Pray for apathy and distraction in the Church to be replaced by deep hunger for God.
- Pray for a united, loving outreach by the Church to the growing immigrant population.

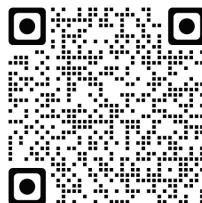
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B3	 Qatar
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Group C Teams

- ❖ Brazil
- ❖ Morocco
- ❖ Haiti
- ❖ Scotland

Matches and Results

Match 1: June 13, 2026

Brazil vs Morocco

Score: _____

Match 2: June 13, 2026

Haiti vs Scotland

Score: _____

Match 3: June 19, 2026

Scotland vs Morocco

Score: _____

Match 4: June 19, 2026

Brazil vs Haiti

Score: _____

Match 5: June 24, 2026

Scotland vs Brazil

Score: _____

Match 6: June 24, 2026

Morocco vs Haiti

Score: _____

Team Highlights

Brazil

Brazil were champions in 1958, 1962, 1970, 1994, and 2002.

Key players: Vinícius Júnior, Raphinha, and Alisson.

Morocco

Morocco reached the semifinals in 2022, finishing fourth.

Key players: Achraf Hakimi, Yassine Bounou, and Sofyan Amrabat.

Haiti

Haiti has never advanced beyond the group stage.

Key players: Fafa Picault, Frantzdy Pierrot, and Danley Jean Jacques.

Scotland

Scotland have never advanced beyond the group stage.

Key players: Scott McTominay, Andy Robertson, and John McGinn.

Points:

	BRA	MOR	HAT	SCO	PTS
Brazil	X	---	---	---	---
Morocco	---	X	---	---	---
Haiti	---	---	X	---	---
Scotland	---	---	---	X	---

Brazil

Population: 213.4 million

Area: 3.28 million sq miles

Language: Portuguese

Capital: Brasilia

Currency: Brazilian Real

Religious Makeup: 83.6% Christian

Fun Facts:

- Brazil is the only nation to have played in every FIFA World Cup and has won the tournament a record five times
- Brazil is home to about 100,000 different types of insects and 600 mammal species.



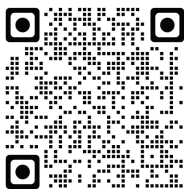
Prayer Points

- Pray for churches to be strengthened in sound Bible teaching and discipleship.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to flood the prisons through Gospel initiatives.
- Pray for the hope of Jesus to rescue and deliver the masses enslaved to crime, drugs, and violence.

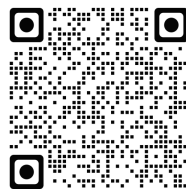
Group C

Pos	Team
C1	 Brazil
C2	 Morocco
C3	 Haiti
C4	 Scotland

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Morocco

Population: 36.8 million

Area: 172,410 sq miles

Language: Arabic

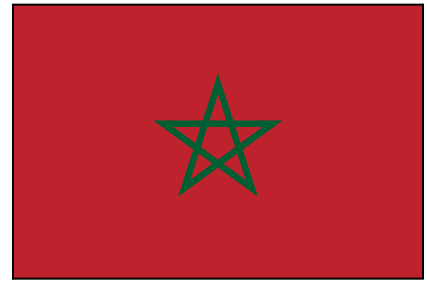
Capital: Rabat

Currency: Moroccan Dirham

Religious Makeup: 99.6% Islam

Fun Facts:

- The University of Al Quaraouiyine in Fes was founded in 859 AD by a woman named Fatima al-Fihri. It is the oldest university in the world.
- The Medina of Fes is a massive, pedestrian-only labyrinth of over 10,000 alleyways. There are no cars in this part of the city.



Prayer Points

- Pray for education, employment opportunities, and Christ-filled hope for Moroccan youth.
- Pray for Bible-based media to bring hope to unreached communities.
- Pray for government and religious leaders to seek wisdom from the Living God.

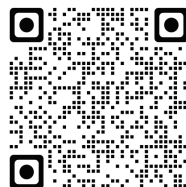
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Haiti

Population 11.4 million

Area: 10,700 sq miles

Language: Haitian Creole and French

Capital: Port-au-Prince

Currency: Haitian Gourde

Religious Makeup: 83.6% Christian

Fun Facts:

- Haitian peanut butter, called *manba*, is notorious for being mixed with hot peppers, ginger, and spices.
- Haiti is the only nation in the world to be established by a successful slave revolt.



Prayer Points

- Pray for wise, compassionate, and godly leaders within the Haitian government.
- Pray for the truth of the Gospel to release those in bondage to Vodou and witchcraft.
- Pray for the Haitian Church to embody Jesus' love for the poor and needy.

Group C

Pos	Team
C1	 Brazil
C2	 Morocco
C3	 Haiti
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Scotland

Population: 5.5 million

Area: 30,977 sq miles

Language: English & Scots

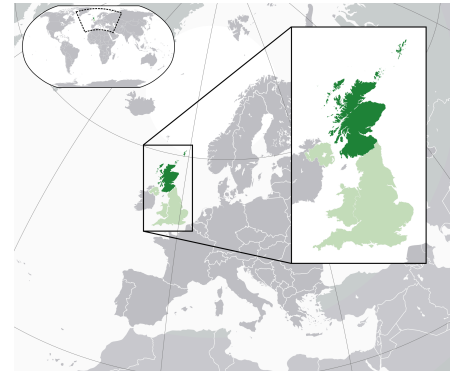
Capital: Edinburgh

Currency: Pound Sterling

Religious Makeup: 51.1% No Religion; 38.8% Christianity

Fun Facts:

- Golf was developed in Scotland during the 15th century.
- The unicorn is the official national animal of Scotland, historically representing purity and power.



Prayer Points

- Pray for the re-evangelization of Scotland by a passionate band of believers who long for a fresh revival in the land.
- Pray for those plagued by alcohol, drugs, and other social ills to be lovingly reached by Christians.
- Pray for the church to commit herself to Scripture-based spiritual renewal.

Group C

Pos	Team
C1	 Brazil
C2	 Morocco
C3	 Haiti
C4	 Scotland

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Group D Teams

- ❖ United States (H)
- ❖ Paraguay
- ❖ Australia
- ❖ Turkey

Matches and Results

Match 1: June 12, 2026
United States vs Paraguay
Score: _____

Match 2: June 13, 2026
Australia vs Turkey
Score: _____

Match 3: June 19, 2026
United States vs Australia
Score: _____

Match 4: June 19, 2026
Turkey vs Paraguay
Score: _____

Match 5: June 25, 2026
Turkey vs United States
Score: _____

Match 6: June 25, 2026
Paraguay vs Australia
Score: _____

Team Highlights

The United States

The United States finished third in 1930 and reached the quarterfinals in 2002.

Key players: Christian Pulisic, Weston McKennie, and Tyler Adams.

Paraguay

Paraguay reached the quarterfinals in 2010.

Key players: Miguel Almirón, Julio Enciso, and Romero Gamarra also known as “Kaku”.

Australia

Australia reached the Round of 16 in 2006 and 2022.

Key players: Mathew Ryan, Jackson Irvine, and Harry Souttar.

Turkey

Turkey finished third in 2002.

Key players: Hakan Çalhanoğlu, Kenan Yıldız, and Arda Güler.

Points:	USA	PAR	AUS	TUR	PTS
United States	X	---	---	---	---
Paraguay	---	X	---	---	---
Australia	---	---	X	---	---
Turkey	---	---	---	X	---

United States

Population: 341.78 million

Area: 3.8 million sq miles

Language: English (primary)

Capital: Washington D.C.

Currency: U.S. Dollar

Religious Makeup: 65% Christian

Fun Facts:

- Most of the world's tornadoes occur in the U.S.
- The United States remains the **only** country to have ever landed humans on the moon.
- More than two thirds of Americans have pets.



Prayer Points

- Pray for a move of the Holy Spirit that replaces national rebellion with widespread repentance.
- Pray for radical love for God and people to heal and unite a divided Church.
- Pray for godly men and women to take courageous and humble leadership.
- Pray for vast resources to be leveraged for God's glory among all nations.

Group D

Pos	Team
D1	 <i>United States</i>
D2	 Paraguay
D3	 Australia
D4	 Turkey ^[Q]

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Paraguay

Population: 6.4 million

Area: 157,048 sq miles

Language: Spanish (primary), Guarani

Capital: Asunción

Currency: Guarani

Religious Makeup: 95.5% Christian

Fun Facts:

- While Spanish is official, the indigenous language, Guarani, is spoken by over 80% of the population.
- Paraguay is the only country in the world with a national flag that features different emblems on the front and back.



Prayer Points

- Pray for the Spirit of Truth to renew the Church and break the power of superstition.
- Pray for government leaders to embrace God's righteousness in place of corruption.
- Pray for followers of Jesus to unite across denominational lines.

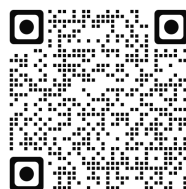
Group D

Pos	Team
D1	 <i>United States</i>
D2	 Paraguay
D3	 Australia
D4	 Turkey ^[Q]

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Australia

Population: 27.7 million

Area: 2.9 million sq miles

Language: English (primary)

Capital: Canberra

Currency: Australian Dollar

Religious Makeup: 48% Christian; 38% None,

Fun Facts:

- Australia is the world's sixth-largest country and the only one that covers an entire continent.
- Australia is home to the world's most venomous spider and snake.



Prayer Points

- Pray for believers to stand firm on the Truth of the Gospel in combating increased secularization of their culture.
- Pray for Jesus Christ to capture hearts of the next generation before they succumb to competing influences.
- Pray for a move of the Holy Spirit to transform Australia and revive its Church.

Group D

Pos	Team
D1	 <i>United States</i>
D2	 Paraguay
D3	 Australia
D4	 Turkey ^[Q]

Prayercast



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Turkey

Population: 85.52 million

Area: 302,535 sq miles

Language: Turkish (primary); Kurdish

Capital: Ankara

Currency: Turkish Lira

Religious Makeup: 99.8% Muslim

Fun Facts:

- Istanbul is the only city in the world located on two continents—Europe and Asia.
- Saint Nicholas, who inspired the Santa Claus legend, was born in Patara on Turkey's Mediterranean coast.



Prayer Points

- Pray for the Church to help Turkish nationals find their identity in Jesus alone.
- Pray for tourists and refugees to boldly share the Good News of Jesus.
- Pray for leaders and their families to be transformed by the love of Jesus.

Group D

Pos	Team
D1	 <i>United States</i>
D2	 Paraguay
D3	 Australia
D4	 Turkey ^[Q]

Prayercast



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Group E Teams

- ❖ Germany
- ❖ Curaçao
- ❖ Ivory Coast
- ❖ Ecuador

Matches and Results

Match 1: June 14, 2026
Germany vs Curaçao
Score: _____

Match 2: June 14, 2026
Ivory Coast vs Ecuador
Score: _____

Match 3: June 20, 2026
Germany vs Ivory Coast
Score: _____

Match 4: June 20, 2026
Ecuador vs Curaçao
Score: _____

Match 5: June 25, 2026
Curaçao vs Ivory Coast
Score: _____

Match 6: June 25, 2026
Ecuador vs Germany
Score: _____

Team Highlights

Germany

Germany were champions in 1954, 1974, 1990, and 2014.

Key players: Jamal Musiala, Florian Wirtz, and Joshua Kimmich.

Curaçao

Curaçao make their World Cup debut in 2026.

Key players: Leandro Bacuna, Tahith Chong, and Daijiri Chirino.

Ivory Coast

Ivory Coast have never advanced beyond the group stage.

Key players: Simon Adingra, Wilfried Singo, and Evann Guessand.

Ecuador

Ecuador reached the Round of 16 in 2006.

Key players: Moisés Caicedo, Piero Hincapié, and William Pacho.

Points:	GER	CUR	IVR	EQU	PTS
Germany	X	---	---	---	---
Curaçao	---	X	---	---	---
Ivory Coast	---	---	X	---	---
Ecuador	---	---	---	X	---

Germany

Population: 83.5 million

Area: 137,847 sq miles

Language: German

Capital: Berlin

Currency: Euro

Religious Makeup: 49.7% Christian, 46.2% No Religion

Fun Facts:

- Oktoberfest, despite its name, actually begins in September. Additionally, there are over 1,000 types of sausages.
- The Christmas tree tradition (*Tannenbaum*) originated in Germany in the 16th century.



Prayer Points

- Pray for a second reformation to make the Church culturally relevant and Biblically sound
- Pray for a spiritual awakening among the predominantly lost youth.
- Pray for wisdom, compassion, and provision as the nation receives and assimilates historic numbers of migrants.

Group E

Pos	Team
E1	 Germany
E2	 Curaçao
E3	 Ivory Coast
E4	 Ecuador

Prayercast



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Curaçao

Population: 155,826

Area: 171 sq miles

Language: Papiamentu, Dutch

Capital: Willemstad

Currency: Caribbean Guilder

Religious Makeup: 90% Christian

Fun Facts:

- Curaçao is a constituent country of the Kingdom of the Netherlands.
- Temperatures are consistently around 86 degrees all year round.



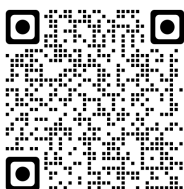
Prayer Points

- Pray for vibrant, growing churches to permeate the island.
- Pray for increased production of Christian literature in the Papiamentu language.
- Pray for authentic relationships with the living Christ among nominal Christians.

Group E

Pos	Team
E1	 Germany
E2	 Curaçao
E3	 Ivory Coast
E4	 Ecuador

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Ivory Coast

Population: 31.5 million

Area: 123,503 sq miles

Language: French

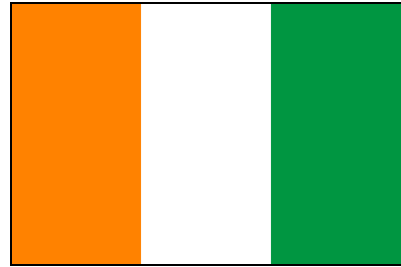
Capital: Yamoussoukro

Currency: West African Franc

Religious Makeup: 42.5% Christian, 39.8% Islam

Fun Facts:

- In 1985, the government requested that the country be called Côte d'Ivoire in all languages to avoid confusion, rather than Ivory Coast.
- As the top exporter of cocoa beans, Ivory Coast is crucial to the global chocolate industry.



Prayer Points

- Pray for the gospel to penetrate into the unevangelized sectors of the Muslim north.
- Pray for Christians to seize evangelistic opportunities among foreigners flowing into the country.
- Pray for the pure truths of the Bible to be taught and used effectively to disciple believers.

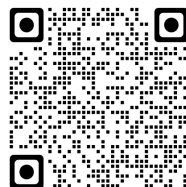
Group E

Pos	Team
E1	 Germany
E2	 Curaçao
E3	 Ivory Coast
E4	 Ecuador

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Ecuador

Population: 17.4 million

Area: 109,484 sq miles

Language: Spanish, *Quichua*

Capital: Quito

Currency: U.S. Dollar

Religious Makeup: 89.3% Christian

Fun Facts:

- Quito is the second-highest administrative capital city in the world at 9,350 feet above sea level.
- Ecuador is the world's leading exporter of bananas.



Prayer Points

- Pray for wise government leaders who are committed to justice and willing to address difficult social issues.
- Pray for a spiritual maturity in the church that roots out false teaching and embraces a heart for the less evangelized.
- Pray for effectively trained workers equipped for addressing both physical and spiritual poverty.

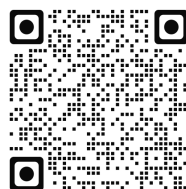
Group E

Pos	Team
E1	 Germany
E2	 Curaçao
E3	 Ivory Coast
E4	 Ecuador

Prayercast



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Group F Teams

- ❖ Netherlands
- ❖ Japan
- ❖ Sweden
- ❖ Tunisia

Matches and Results

Match 1: June 14, 2026

Netherlands vs Japan

Score: _____

Match 2: June 14, 2026

Sweden vs Tunisia

Score: _____

Match 3: June 20, 2026

Netherlands vs Sweden

Score: _____

Match 4: June 20, 2026

Tunisia vs Japan

Score: _____

Match 5: June 25, 2026

Japan vs Sweden

Score: _____

Match 6: June 25, 2026

Tunisia vs Netherlands

Score: _____

Team Highlights

Netherlands

Netherlands were runners-up in 1974, 1978, and 2010.

Key players: Virgil van Dijk, Frenkie de Jong, and Cody Gakpo

Japan

Japan reached the Round of 16 in 2002, 2010, 2018, and 2022.

Key players: Takefusa Kubo, Kaoru Mitoma, and Wataru Endo.

Sweden

Sweden were runners-up in 1958.

Key players: Alexander Isak, Viktor Gyökeres, and Dejan Kulusevski.

Tunisia

Tunisia have never advanced beyond the group stage.

Key players: Ellyes Skhiri, Ali Abdi, and Hannibal Mejbri.

Points:	NET	JAP	SWE	TUN	PTS
Netherlands	X	---	---	---	---
Japan	---	X	---	---	---
Sweden	---	---	X	---	---
Tunisia	---	---	---	X	---

Netherlands

Population: 18 million

Area: 16,164 sq miles

Language: Dutch

Capital: Amsterdam

Currency: Euro

Religious Makeup: 56% No Religion, 31% Christian

Fun Facts:

- There are over 22 million bicycles for 18 million residents and 21,700 miles of dedicated bike paths.
- Approximately 26% of the country is below sea level, protected by a massive system of dikes, dams, and pumps.



Prayer Points

- Pray for a second reformation to make the Church culturally relevant and Biblically sound
- Pray for a spiritual awakening among the predominantly lost youth.
- Pray for wisdom, compassion, and provision as the nation receives and assimilates historic numbers of migrants.

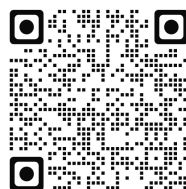
Group F

Pos	Team
F1	 Netherlands
F2	 Japan
F3	 Sweden ^[T]
F4	 Tunisia

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Japan

Population: 122.9 million

Area: 145,937 sq miles

Language: Japanese

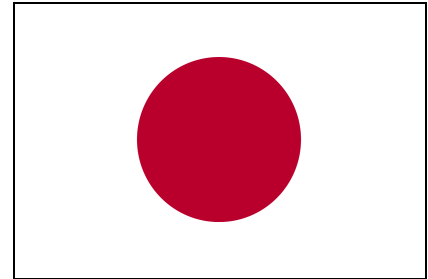
Capital: Tokyo

Currency: Japanese Yen

Religious Makeup: 84%-96% Shintoism

Fun Facts:

- Many streets in Japan do not have names; addresses are based on block and building numbers.
- Slurping noodles and eating noisily is considered a compliment to the chef, showing you are enjoying the food.



Prayer Points

- Pray for the Gospel to take root in Japanese culture and no longer be perceived as a western religion.
- Pray for drifting, over-worked, and anxious youth to find freedom in Christ.
- Pray for the unity of God's Spirit to demolish barriers dividing the 120 different denominations.

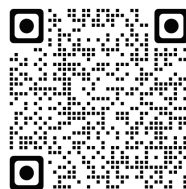
Group F

Pos	Team
F1	 Netherlands
F2	 Japan
F3	 Sweden ^[1]
F4	 Tunisia

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Sweden

Population: 10.6 million

Area: 173,860 sq miles

Language: Swedish

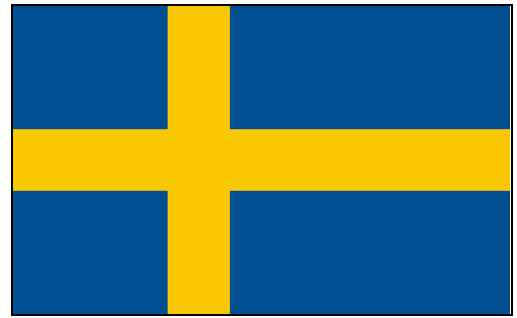
Capital: Stockholm

Currency: Swedish Krona

Religious Makeup: 50% Christian, 30% No Religion

Fun Facts:

- In Sweden, Christmas is celebrated on the 24th of December rather than the 25th.
- Fika is a mandatory daily coffee break to share a pastry and socialize, which is considered essential to Swedish work culture.



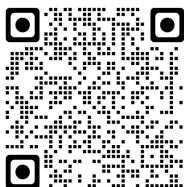
Prayer Points

- Pray for agnostics, atheists and nominal Christians to personally encounter Jesus.
- Pray for godly stewardship of the nation's wealth and freedoms.
- Pray for more gospel workers among the youth and Muslims.

Group F

Pos	Team
F1	 Netherlands
F2	 Japan
F3	 Sweden ^[T]
F4	 Tunisia

Prayercast



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Tunisia

Population: 11.9 million

Area: 63,170 sq miles

Language: Arabic, French

Capital: Tunis

Currency: Tunisian Dinar

Religious Makeup: 99% Islam

Fun Facts:

- Cape Angela is officially the northernmost point on the African continent.
- Many *Star Wars* scenes, including Luke Skywalker's home, were filmed in Tunisian desert locations.



Prayer Points

- Pray for courage and strength for persecuted believers.
- Pray for Christ's hope for youth disillusioned by Islam and politics.
- Pray for persecutors' hearts to encounter Jesus' love.

Group F

Pos	Team
F1	 Netherlands
F2	 Japan
F3	 Sweden ^[T]
F4	 Tunisia

Prayercast



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Group G Teams

- ❖ Belgium
- ❖ Egypt
- ❖ Iran
- ❖ New Zealand

Matches and Results

Match 1: June 15, 2026

Belgium vs Egypt

Score: _____

Match 2: June 15, 2026

Iran vs New Zealand

Score: _____

Match 3: June 21, 2026

Belgium vs Iran

Score: _____

Match 4: June 21, 2026

New Zealand vs Egypt

Score: _____

Match 5: June 26, 2026

Egypt vs Iran

Score: _____

Match 6: June 26, 2026

New Zealand vs Belgium

Score: _____

Team Highlights

Belgium

Belgium finished third in 2018.

Key players: Kevin De Bruyne, Jérémy Doku, and Thibaut Courtois.

Egypt

Egypt have never advanced beyond the group stage.

Key players: Mohamed Salah, Omar Marmoush, and Mohamed Abdelmonem.

Iran

Iran has never advanced beyond the group stage.

Key players: Mehdi Taremi, Ali Gholizadeh, and Allahyar Sayyadmanesh.

New Zealand

New Zealand have never advanced beyond the group stage.

Key players: Chris Wood, Liberato Cacace, and Joe Bell.

Points:	BEL	EGP	IRN	NZL	PTS
Belgium	X	---	---	---	---
Egypt	---	X	---	---	---
Iran	---	---	X	---	---
New Zealand	---	---	---	X	---

Belgium

Population: 11.8 million

Area: 11,849 sq miles

Language: Dutch, French, German

Capital: Brussels

Currency: Euro

Religious Makeup: 59% No Religion, 34% Christian

Fun Facts:

- The highest peak in Belgium, Signal de Botrange, is only 694 meters high—lower than the world's tallest building.
- The longest tram line in the world, the Belgian Coast Tram, runs along the entire coast.



Prayer Points

- Pray for true reconciliation and unity between Flemish and Walloon peoples.
- Pray for immigrants and foreigners to be embraced in a vibrant Christian community.
- Pray for Brussels to be a key city for spiritual revival where people are drawn to Christ.

Group G

Pos	Team
G1	 Belgium
G2	 Egypt
G3	 Iran
G4	 New Zealand

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Egypt

Population: 107.8 million

Area: 390,121 sq miles

Language: Egyptian Arabic

Capital: Cairo

Currency: Egyptian Pound

Religious Makeup: 85% Islam, 15% Coptic Christian

Fun Facts:

- Roughly 95% of Egypt's population lives along the Nile River, as most of the country is desert.
- Egypt technically only has two seasons: a hot summer (May to October) and a mild winter (November to April).



Prayer Points

- Pray for divine dreams, visions, and miracles to draw Muslims to the truth of Jesus.
- Pray for God to raise righteous leaders who defend truth, justice, and religious freedom.
- Pray for protection and a bold witness for every persecuted believer.

Group G

Pos	Team
G1	 Belgium
G2	 Egypt
G3	 Iran
G4	 New Zealand

Prayercast



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Iran

Population: 92.4 million

Area: 636,372 sq miles

Language: Persian (Farsi)

Capital: Tehran

Currency: Iranian Rial

Religious Makeup: 90% Shia Islam

Fun Facts:

- Car horns are used as a nuanced language, with specific honks for saying "peace" "thank you," or telling someone to hurry up.
- The Persian cat, known for its long fur and distinct look, originates from Iran.



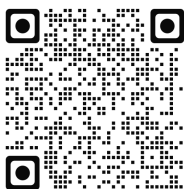
Prayer Points

- Pray for youth to find hope in Christ amid growing political and economic disillusionment.
- Pray for the Lord's love to transform the hearts of mullahs and government leaders.
- Pray for effective outreach by international Iranians towards those living in the country.

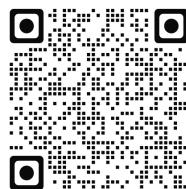
Group G

Pos	Team
G1	 Belgium
G2	 Egypt
G3	 Iran
G4	 New Zealand

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New Zealand

Population: 5.3 million

Area: 101,660 sq miles

Language: English, Māori

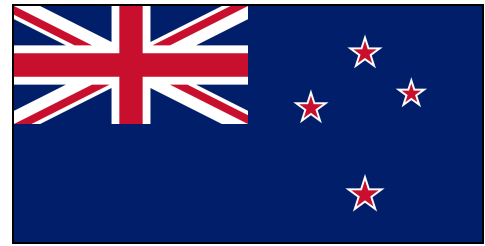
Capital: Wellington

Currency: New Zealand Dollar

Religious Makeup: 51.6% No Religion, 32.3% Christian

Fun Facts:

- There are no snakes or dangerous wild animals in New Zealand.
- New Zealand was the first country to grant all women the right to vote in 1893.



Prayer Points

- Pray for the non-religious to encounter Jesus in unexpected ways.
- Pray for increased unity and partnership among churches and denominations.
- Pray for unique expressions of faith to grow among the Maori and other minority groups.

Group G

Pos	Team
G1	 Belgium
G2	 Egypt
G3	 Iran
G4	 New Zealand

Prayercast



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Group H Teams

- ❖ Spain
- ❖ Cape Verde
- ❖ Saudi Arabia
- ❖ Uruguay

Matches and Results

Match 1: June 15, 2026
Spain vs Cape Verde
Score: _____

Match 2: June 15, 2026
Saudi Arabia vs Uruguay
Score: _____

Match 3: June 21, 2026
Spain vs Saudi Arabia
Score: _____

Match 4: June 21, 2026
Uruguay vs Cape Verde
Score: _____

Match 5: June 26, 2026
Cape Verde vs Saudi Arabia
Score: _____

Match 6: June 26, 2026
Uruguay vs Spain
Score: _____

Team Highlights

Spain

Spain were champions in 2010.

Key players: Rodri, Lamine Yamal, and Pedri.

Cape Verde

Cape Verde make their World Cup debut in 2026.

Key players: Ryan Mendes, Logan Costa, and Bruno Varela.

Saudi Arabia

Saudi Arabia reached the Round of 16 in 1994.

Key players: Salem Al-Dawsari, Firas Al-Buraikan, and Musab Al Juwair.

Uruguay

Uruguay were champions in 1930 and 1950.

Key players: Federico Valverde, Darwin Núñez, and Ronald Araújo.

Points:	SPN	CPV	KSA	URG	PTS
Spain	X	---	---	---	---
Cape Verde	---	X	---	---	---
Saudi Arabia	---	---	X	---	---
Uruguay	---	---	---	X	---

Spain

Population: 49.5 million

Area: 195,380 sq miles

Language: Spanish

Capital: Madrid

Currency: Euro

Religious Makeup: 55% Christian, 15%
Atheist, 13% Agnostic

Fun Facts:

- Spanish children don't have a tooth fairy; they have a mouse named *Ratoncito Pérez* who takes lost teeth and leaves a small gift.
- Spain has the longest high-speed rail network in Europe.



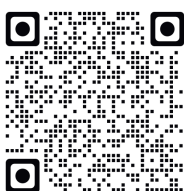
Prayer Points

- Pray for churches to walk alongside those struggling with addictions to lead them into freedom.
- Pray for vibrant believers within every town and ethnic group.
- Pray for both the youth and the elderly to find true hope and purpose in Christ.

Group H

Pos	Team
H1	 Spain
H2	 Cape Verde
H3	 Saudi Arabia
H4	 Uruguay

Prayercast



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Cape Verde

Population: 491,233

Area: 1,557 sq miles

Language: Portuguese, Cape Verdean Creole

Capital: Praia

Currency: Cape Verdean Escudo

Religious Makeup: 81.7% Christian, 15% No Religion

Fun Facts:

- The beaches of Cape Verde are the third largest nesting site for loggerhead turtles in the world.
- The only mammal indigenous to the islands is the long-eared bat.



Prayer Points

- Pray for biblical preaching free of superstition and fetishism.
- Pray for vibrant relationships with Jesus to replace religious rules and traditions.
- Pray for encounters with Jesus among the many living abroad due to droughts.

Group H

Pos	Team
H1	 Spain
H2	 Cape Verde
H3	 Saudi Arabia
H4	 Uruguay

Prayercast



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Saudi Arabia

Population: 33.7million

Area: 830,000 sq miles

Language: Arabic

Capital: Riyadh

Currency: Saudi Riyal

Religious Makeup: 97% Islam

Fun Facts:

- Saudi Arabia has no permanent rivers, relying instead on desalination plants and underground aquifers for water.
- Saudi Arabia was the last nation on earth to allow women to vote in 2015.



Prayer Points

- Pray for recent political and social shifts to open doors for Gospel proclamation.
- Pray for the emergence of a bold, vibrant, and Spirit-filled Saudi Church.
- Pray for the epicenter of Islam to become a launch pad for the Gospel to the Muslim world.

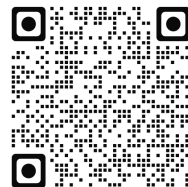
Group H

Pos	Team
H1	 Spain
H2	 Cape Verde
H3	 Saudi Arabia
H4	 Uruguay

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Uruguay

Population: 3.5 million

Area: 68,037 sq miles

Language: Spanish

Capital: Montevideo

Currency: Uruguayan Peso

Religious Makeup: 55% Christian, 30% No Religion, 15% Atheist

Fun Facts:

- Salt shakers are banned from being served on restaurant tables. If you want salt, you must ask for it.
- Uruguay has one of the longest national anthems in the world by duration, lasting over six minutes.



Prayer Points

- Pray for a renewed value for life to slash the high rates of abortion, depression, and suicide.
- Pray for righteous and equipped pastors to lead the large number of new believers.
- Pray for the many agnostics and atheists to personally encounter Jesus.

Group H

Pos	Team
H1	 Spain
H2	 Cape Verde
H3	 Saudi Arabia
H4	 Uruguay

Prayercast



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Group I Teams

- ❖ France
- ❖ Senegal
- ❖ Iraq
- ❖ Norway

Matches and Results

Match 1: June 16, 2026

France vs Senegal

Score: _____

Match 2: June 16, 2026

Iraq vs Norway

Score: _____

Match 3: June 22, 2026

France vs Iraq

Score: _____

Match 4: June 22, 2026

Norway vs Senegal

Score: _____

Match 5: June 27, 2026

Senegal vs Iraq

Score: _____

Match 6: June 27, 2026

Norway vs France

Score: _____

Team Highlights

France

France were champions in 1998 and 2018.

Key players: Kylian Mbappé, Ousmane Dembele and William Saliba.

Senegal

Senegal reached the quarterfinals in 2002.

Key players: Sadio Mané, Kalidou Koulibaly, and Nicolas Jackson.

Iraq

Iraq have never advanced beyond the group stage.

Key players: Ali Adnan, Ibrhim Bayesh, and Zidane Iqbal.

Norway

Norway reached the Round of 16 in 1998.

Key players: Erling Haaland, Martin Ødegaard, and Alexander Sørloth.

Points:	FRA	SNG	IRQ	NRW	PTS
France	X	---	---	---	---
Senegal	---	X	---	---	---
Iraq	---	---	X	---	---
Norway	---	---	---	X	---

France

Population: 69.1 million

Area: 244,287 sq miles

Language: French

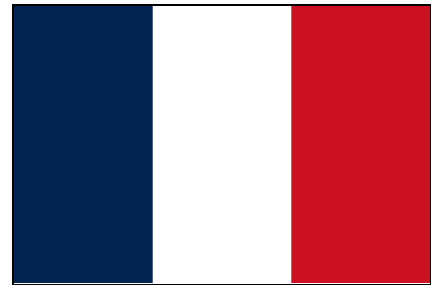
Capital: Paris

Currency: Euro

Religious Makeup: 50% Christian, 33% No Religion, 4% Islam

Fun Facts:

- The French consume around 25,000 tons of snails every year.
- The Louvre, in Paris, is the world's most visited museum.



Prayer Points

- Pray for the Living God to shatter the power of spiritual oppression and atheism.
- Pray for compelling Christlikeness among both foreign and indigenous believers.
- Pray for Christ to transform Muslim immigrants into bold proclaimers of the Gospel.

Group I

Pos	Team
I1	 France
I2	 Senegal
I3	 Iraq ^[U]
I4	 Norway

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Senegal

Population: 18.8 million

Area: 75,955 sq miles

Language: French

Capital: Dakar

Currency: West African Franc

Religious Makeup: 97.2% Islam

Fun Facts:

- Dakar, the capital, is situated on the Cape Verde Peninsula, making it the westernmost point of continental Africa.
- Lake Retba (or Lac Rose) often turns a rosy pink color due to high salt content, which is 10 times higher than the ocean.



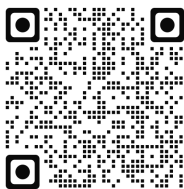
Prayer Points

- Pray for spiritual breakthroughs among the Muslim majority.
- Pray for the small body of believers to boldly live out their faith in a way that draws Muslims to Christ.
- Pray for indigenous churches to be planted among many unreached people groups.

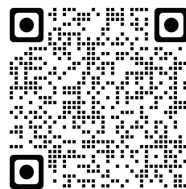
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Iraq

Population: 46.1 million

Area: 169,235 sq miles

Language: Arabic, Kurdish

Capital: Baghdad

Currency: Iraqi Dinar

Religious Makeup: 95% Islam, 5% Christian

Fun Facts:

- Mesopotamia, located in modern-day Iraq, is widely considered the birthplace of civilization.
- About 40% of Iraq is covered by desert.



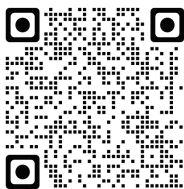
Prayer Points

- Pray for bold church leaders who disciple Muslim background believers and youth.
- Pray for resettlement and economic opportunities for internally displaced peoples.
- Pray for Iraqis to find hope in Christ amid an environmental crisis.

Group I

Pos	Team
I1	 France
I2	 Senegal
I3	 Iraq ^[U]
I4	 Norway

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Norway

Population: 5.6 million

Area: 148,729 sq miles

Language: Norwegian

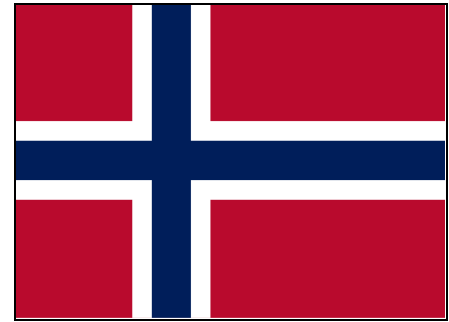
Capital: Oslo

Currency: Norwegian Krone

Religious Makeup: 68.5% Christian, 27% No Religion

Fun Facts:

- During summer, the sun doesn't set for 78 days in parts of Northern Norway.
- Modern skiing was pioneered by a Norwegian in the 19th century.



Prayer Points

- Pray for revival and sound Biblical teaching in Norwegian churches.
- Pray for churches to compassionately care for refugees and trafficked girls.
- Pray for conviction to turn from relativism and materialism to follow Jesus.

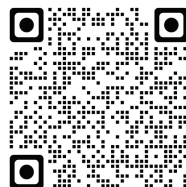
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Group J Teams

- ❖ Argentina
- ❖ Algeria
- ❖ Austria
- ❖ Jordan

Matches and Results

Match 1: June 16, 2026

Argentina vs Algeria

Score: _____

Match 2: June 16, 2026

Austria vs Jordan

Score: _____

Match 3: June 22, 2026

Argentina vs Austria

Score: _____

Match 4: June 22, 2026

Jordan vs Algeria

Score: _____

Match 5: June 27, 2026

Algeria vs Austria

Score: _____

Match 6: June 27, 2026

Jordan vs Argentina

Score: _____

Team Highlights

Argentina

Argentina were champions in 1978, 1986, and 2022.

Key players: Lionel Messi, Julián Álvarez, and Enzo Fernández.

Algeria

Algeria reached the Round of 16 in 2014.

Key players: Riyad Mahrez, Ismaël Bennacer, and Amine Gouiri.

Austria

Austria finished third in 1954.

Key players: David Alaba, Marcel Sabitzer, and Christoph Baumgartner.

Jordan

Jordan will make their World Cup debut in 2026.

Key players: Musa Al-Taamari, Yazan Al-Naimat, and Nizar Al-Rashdan.

Points:	ARG	ALG	AUS	JRD	PTS
Argentina	X	---	---	---	---
Algeria	---	X	---	---	---
Austria	---	---	X	---	---
Jordan	---	---	---	X	---

Argentina

Population: 46.7 million

Area: 1.1 million sq miles

Language: Spanish

Capital: Buenos Aires

Currency: Argentine Peso

Religious Makeup: 79.6% Christian, 18.9% No Religion

Fun Facts:

- Yerba Mate is the most popular drink and a staple of daily life.
- The Pampas region is home to *gauchos*, the traditional, skilled horsemen and cattle farmers.



Prayer Points

- Pray for strategic church planting movements in the largest cities.
- Pray for Christ's hope to bring freedom from corruption, violence, and addiction.
- Pray for widespread salvation and Gospel-driven social reform.

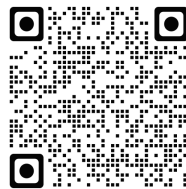
Group J

Pos	Team
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Algeria

Population: 47.4 million

Area: 919,519 sq miles

Language: Arabic, Berber

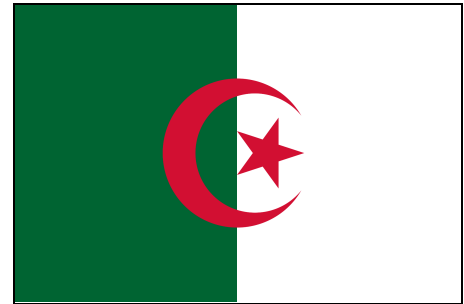
Capital: Algiers

Currency: Algerian Diner

Religious Makeup: 99% Islam

Fun Facts:

- Algeria is the largest country in Africa.
- Algeria has a high percentage of women in the legal profession, with women making up roughly 70% of lawyers and 60% of judges.



Prayer Points

- Pray for God's Word to get into the hands, homes, and hearts of Algerians.
- Pray for intensifying persecution to embolden and multiply this growing Church.
- Pray for equipped and compassionate Algerian believers to proclaim Jesus throughout the country.

Group J

Pos	Team
J1	 Argentina
J2	 Algeria
J3	 Austria
J4	 Jordan

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Austria

Population: 9.2 million

Area: 132,386 sq miles

Language: German

Capital: Vienna

Currency: Euro

Religious Makeup: 68.2% Christian, 22.4% No Religion

Fun Facts:

- The Austrian national flag is one of the oldest in the world, originating in 1191.
- Over 60% of Austria's land is covered by the Austrian Alps.



Prayer Points

- Pray for musicians, dancers, and visual artists to point people to Jesus.
- Pray for student ministries to equip future pastors and leaders.
- Pray for Austrians to share God's love with foreign diplomats and refugees.

Group J

Pos	Team
J1	 Argentina
J2	 Algeria
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J4	 Jordan

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Jordan

Population: 11.5 million

Area: 34,495 sq miles

Language: Arabic

Capital: Amman

Currency: Jordanian Dinar

Religious Makeup: 95% Islam

Fun Facts:

- Coffee is a staple in Jordanian culture, and it is usually served in small cups and spiced with cardamom.
- Jordan is home to the lowest point on Earth, the Dead Sea, which sits over 1300 feet below sea level and is nearly 10 times saltier than the ocean.



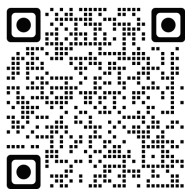
Prayer Points

- Pray for Jordanians to find stability and hope in Jesus.
- Pray for believers to demonstrate a unified witness to the unreached Muslim majority and refugees.
- Pray for Christ's provision and peace amid economic crisis and growing regional conflict.

Group J

Pos	Team
J1	 Argentina
J2	 Algeria
J3	 Austria
J4	 Jordan

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Group K Teams

- ❖ Portugal
- ❖ DR Congo
- ❖ Uzbekistan
- ❖ Columbia

Matches and Results

Match 1: June 17, 2026

Portugal vs DR Congo

Score: _____

Match 2: June 17, 2026

Uzbekistan vs Colombia

Score: _____

Match 3: June 22, 2026

Portugal vs Uzbekistan

Score: _____

Match 4: June 22, 2026

Colombia vs DR Congo

Score: _____

Match 5: June 27, 2026

Colombia vs Portugal

Score: _____

Match 6: June 27, 2026

DR Congo vs Uzbekistan

Score: _____

Team Highlights

Portugal

Portugal finished third in 1966.

Key players: Cristiano Ronaldo, Bruno Fernandes, and Vitorinha

DR Congo

DR Congo, historically as Zaire, have never advanced beyond the group stage.

Key players: Yoane Wissa, Simon Banza, and Aaron Wan-Bissaka.

Uzbekistan

Uzbekistan make their World Cup debut in 2026.

Key players: Eldor Shomurodov, Khusniddin Alikulov, and Abdukodir Khusanov.

Columbia

Colombia reached the quarterfinals in 2014.

Key players: Luis Díaz, James Rodríguez, and Jhon Durán.

Points:	POR	DRC	UZB	COL	PTS
Portugal	X	---	---	---	---
DR Congo	---	X	---	---	---
Uzbekistan	---	---	X	---	---
Columbia	---	---	---	X	---

Portugal

Population: 10.7 million

Area: 60,462 sq miles

Language: Portuguese

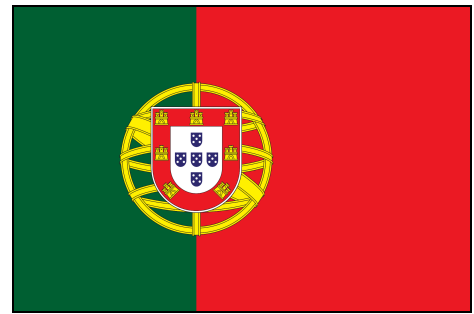
Capital: Lisbon

Currency: Euro

Religious Makeup: 80.2% Christian, 14.7% No Religion

Fun Facts:

- Portugal has maintained the same borders since 1139.
- Portugal holds records for both the longest (Henrique, 73 years) and shortest (Luis Filipe, 20 minutes) reigning monarchs.



Prayer Points

- Pray for the Portuguese to desire more than religious tradition, and to know joy-filled life in Christ.
- Pray for authority figures to lead with honor and integrity.
- Pray for the Church in Portugal to preach the Gospel in relevant, heart-changing ways.

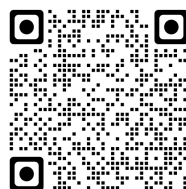
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K1	 Portugal
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DR Congo

Population: 124.4 million

Area: 905,567 sq miles

Language: French

Capital: Kinshasa

Currency: Congolese Franc

Religious Makeup: 95.4% Christian

Fun Facts:

- Kinshasa, the capital of the DRC, is the largest French-speaking city in the world, surpassing Paris.
- Over 200 different ethnic groups live in the country, speaking around 250 languages and dialects.



Prayer Points

- Pray for a stable national government rooted in righteousness.
- Pray for followers of Jesus to be ambassadors of spiritual and national reconciliation .
- Pray for the Prince of Peace to heal those traumatized by widespread violence.

Group K

Pos	Team
K1	 Portugal
K2	 DR Congo ^[W]
K3	 Uzbekistan
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Uzbekistan

Population: 38.3 million

Area: 173,351 sq miles

Language: Uzbek

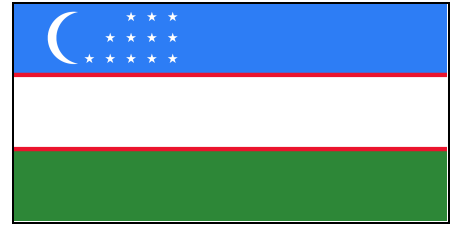
Capital: Tashkent

Currency: Uzbek Sum

Religious Makeup: 94.8% Islam

Fun Facts:

- Traditional Uzbek bread, *lepioshka*, is sacred. It is never placed upside down, broken with one hand, or put on the ground.
- The Aral Sea, once the fourth largest lake in the world, has largely dried up due to irrigation projects, creating the new "Aralkum Desert".



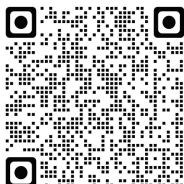
Prayer Points

- Pray for the gospel to spread freely despite governmental surveillance.
- Pray for God's Word to be treasured above all Islamic tradition.
- Pray for a redeemed and empowered generation of youth.

Group K

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K1	 Portugal
K2	 DR Congo ^[W]
K3	 Uzbekistan
K4	 Colombia

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Columbia

Population: 52.7 million

Area: 440,831 sq miles

Language: Spanish

Capital: Bogotá

Currency: Colombian Peso

Religious Makeup: 87% Christian

Fun Facts:

- The national sport is Tejo, which involves throwing metal discs at targets stuffed with gunpowder.
- Radio and public television are required to play the national anthem every day at 6 a.m. and 6 p.m..



Prayer Points

- Pray for Christ's peace to replace fear amid ongoing tension and violence.
- Pray for safety for medical missionaries who are often targeted.
- Pray for wisdom in handling the economic and social challenges triggered by mass Venezuelan immigration.

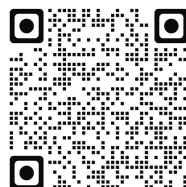
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Group L Teams

- ❖ England
- ❖ Croatia
- ❖ Ghana
- ❖ Panama

Matches and Results

Match 1: June 17, 2026
England vs Croatia
Score: _____

Match 2: June 17, 2026
Ghana vs Panama
Score: _____

Match 3: June 23, 2026
England vs Ghana
Score: _____

Match 4: June 23, 2026
Panama vs Croatia
Score: _____

Match 5: June 27, 2026
Panama vs England
Score: _____

Match 6: June 27, 2026
Croatia vs Ghana
Score: _____

Team Highlights

England

England were champions in 1966.

Key players: Harry Kane, Jude Bellingham, and Bukayo Saka.

Croatia

Croatia were runners-up in 2018 and finished third in 1998 and 2022.

Key players: Luka Modrić, Joško Gvardiol, and Mateo Kovačić.

Ghana

Ghana reached the quarterfinals in 2010.

Key players: Mohammed Kudus, Antoine Semenyo, and Iñaki Williams.

Panama

Panama have never advanced beyond the group stage.

Key players: Michael Amir Murillo, Luis Mejia, and Orlando Mosquera.

Points:	ENG	CRO	GHA	PAN	PTS
England	X	---	---	---	---
Croatia	---	X	---	---	---
Ghana	---	---	X	---	---
Panama	---	---	---	X	---

England

Population: 58.6 million

Area: 51,325 sq miles

Language: English

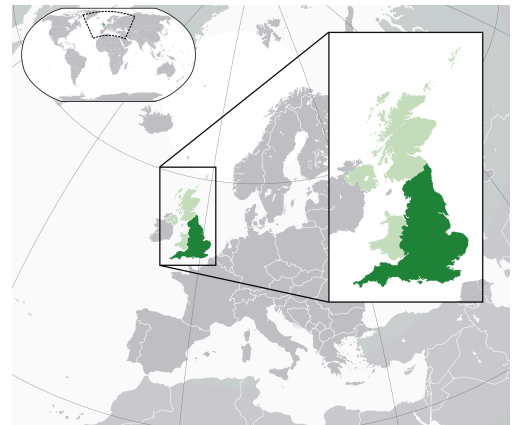
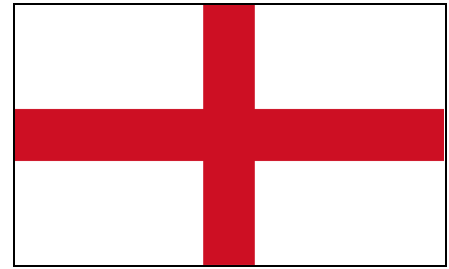
Capital: London

Currency: Pound Sterling

Religious Makeup: 46.3% Christian, 36.7% No Religion

Fun Facts:

- Many popular sports including cricket, football (soccer), rugby, and tennis originated in England.
- People in England drink roughly 100 million cups of tea daily, which is 20 times more per person than in the US.



Prayer Points

- Pray for the Holy Spirit to breathe new life into His Church and His people.
- Pray for Muslims and Hindus to encounter the love of Jesus and vibrant Christian community.
- Pray for passionate believers to creatively reach urban communities with the Gospel.

Group L

Pos	Team
L1	 England
L2	 Croatia
L3	 Ghana
L4	 Panama

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Croatia

Population: 3.8 million

Area: 21,838 sq miles

Language: Croatian

Capital: Zagreb

Currency: Euro

Religious Makeup: 87.4% Christian

Fun Facts:

- Dalmatians, the famous black-and-white spotted dog breed originated in Croatia's Dalmatia region.
- The modern necktie originated from Croatian soldiers' traditional scarves in the 17th century.



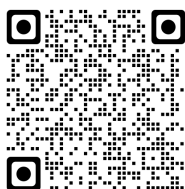
Prayer Points

- Pray for reconciliation among Bosnians, Serbs, and Croats after centuries-long rivalry.
- Pray for Croatians to find new spiritual passion through surrendering fully to Christ.
- Pray for cross-denominational Church unity that attracts others to the Gospel.

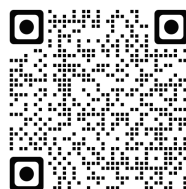
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Ghana

Population: 35 million

Area: 93,000 sq miles

Language: English

Capital: Accra

Currency: Cedi

Religious Makeup: 71.3% Christian, 20% Islam

Fun Facts:

- The capital city is named Accra. Its name translates to “ants.” The name was gained because of the anthills that used to surround the city.
- Due to cultural traditions, many people are named after the day of the week they were born (e.g., Kofi for Friday, Kwame for Saturday).



Prayer Points

- Pray for the Ghanaian church to develop a missions vision for the unreached villages of the north and beyond.
- Pray for those who claim to be Christian to be transformed by the power of the true gospel.
- Pray for the rapid spread of Islam to be thwarted.

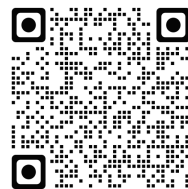
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Panama

Population: 4.3 million

Area: 29,119 sq miles

Language: Spanish

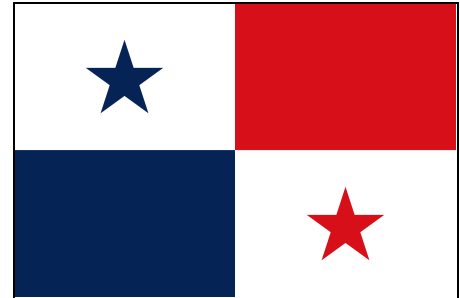
Capital: Panama City

Currency: Balboa and U.S. Dollar

Religious Makeup: 91.5% Christian

Fun Facts:

- The Panama Canal is 77 km (48 miles) long, and an average of 35-40 ships pass through it daily.
- Panama has more bird species than the United States and Canada combined.



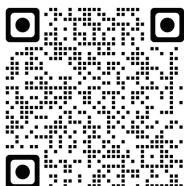
Prayer Points

- Pray for the Panamanian Church to equip and send missionaries.
- Pray for vibrant faith to replace nominalism and compromise within the Church.
- Pray for Gospel-driven social transformation, justice, and equality.

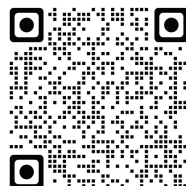
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A Few Final Words

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I also want to thank those who prayed for this project as it came together and asked that God would use it to strengthen the work of the local church. Like most worthwhile things in ministry and life, this was truly a team effort.

My prayer is that this resource would help stir greater prayer, deeper compassion, and renewed interest in the work of the Great Commission among the nations.

I will work to continue to create resources and write articles to encourage and equip missions pastors, mobilizers and all the ordinary Christians God is using to reach the nations locally and globally. You can stay up to date with all of these at my blog Everywhere to Everywhere (<https://www.everywhere2everywhere.org/>)