

Djibouti

Political Leader: President Ismail Omar Guelleh

Dominant Religion: Sunni Islam

Christians: 6%

Persecution Ranking: 25th

Islam is the state religion in Djibouti, but conformity is not forced and other religions are accorded some freedom. Many Ethiopian refugees in Djibouti are Orthodox Christians. Most of the Christian churches exist purely for the benefit of expatriates. The government requires that all religious groups register with the Ministry of the Interior and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Christians face significant social pressures. There have been reports of harassment and abuse of Christians by militant Muslim groups and the police.

Prayer Points:

- Pray for Christian Believers who are isolated and suffer pressure from relatives.
- Pray that the few Christians in the country will stand strong in their faith, and that the LORD will increase the unity in the Church in Djibouti.
- Pray that house churches will grow in numbers and in spiritual depth.
- Pray that current freedoms will not be eroded by the politics of the surrounding countries.

LORD, we pray for Christians in Djibouti that they would be a good witness. We pray that you would protect our Christian brothers and sisters from those who would oppose them. LORD of all, we ask that faith groups in Djibouti would live together in peace and that one group will not be stirred up against another. We thank You for religious freedom in Djibouti and ask that it will be preserved in practice as well as in principle, so that people might be able to accept the Gospel of Jesus Christ without fear of potential reprisal.