## **Pray for Yemen**



North Yemen became independent of the Ottoman Empire in 1918. The British, who had set up a protectorate area around the southern port of Aden in the 19th century, withdrew in 1967 from what became South Yemen. Three years later, the southern government adopted a Marxist orientation. The massive exodus of hundreds of thousands of Yemenis from the south to the north contributed to two decades of hostility between the states. The two countries were formally unified as the Republic of Yemen in 1990.



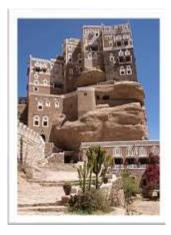
Capital City: Sanaa

Major People Groups: 94% Arab, 6% others

Population: 30 Million+ (<u>www.worldometers.info</u>)

Religion: 99.9% Muslim

Christian converts are Intensely persecuted by family, community, and the government. It is illegal to proselytize Muslims, and non-Muslims are deeply discriminated against.



Yemen is one of the oldest inhabited area of the world. It was once part of the Kingdom of Sheba whose queen brought rare and costly gifts to King Solomon. Yemen was one of the first countries to embrace Islam in the 7<sup>th</sup> century.

Poverty stricken Yemen suffers from an internal conflict between forces loyal to President Hadi and those allied to the ethnic Houthi rebel movement. Much of the population lives in fear of violence and lacks access to food and medical care. About 24 million people — 80% of Yemen's population — need aid. Over 4 million people have been displaced from their homes.

Violence, hunger, and deprivation are taking a terrible toll on Yemeni people. However, God's love draws people to Himself. The Lord is building His Body among the Yemeni.

## **Prayer resources:**

https://pray4yemen.com https://prayercast.com/yemen.html https://www.pray-ap.info/yemen.html http://www.apinfo.eu

- Pray for the Gospel to go forth in power despite current legal restrictions.
- Pray for freedom from a narcotic called qat. 80% of Yemeni consume it daily.
- Pray for God to protect the Yemeni people, be their comfort and peace amid suffering and the collapse in most of their infrastructure.
- Pray for corruption and greed to end, so aids can be delivered to those who need it.
- Pray for the internal conflict and economic hardship to ease and for peace to some on this land.
- Pray for Yemenis to find lasting hope and security, which can only be found in Christ.
- Pray for Yemeni believers to be steadfast in their faith and grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord sustains the fatherless and the widow, but He frustrates the ways of the wicked. Psalm 146:9