

Prayer for Egypt (22nd ~ 28th Apr.)



[Egypt]

【 Geography 】

Area: 997,739 sq km

Mostly desert; only 3% is arable land – along the banks and delta of the Nile River and around the Western Desert oases.

Population: 84,474,427 Annual Growth: 1.83%

Capital: Cairo

Urbanites: 42.8%

HDI Rank: 123 of 182 (UN Human Development Reports 2009)

【 People / Language 】

Peoples: 39 (59% unreached) All peoples

Unreached Peoples Prayer Card

Official language: Arabic Languages: 27 All

【 Religion 】

Christians 10,838,069 12.83 1.4

Evangelicals 3,282,646 3.9 4.6

Muslim 73,213,986 86.67

【 Challenge for Prayer 】

The Coptic Church is by far the largest body of Christians in the Middle East and is a strategic key for the evangelization of the region. Pray for:

- Church leaders, especially the Coptic Pope. Wisdom, grace and confidence are needed in handling the Muslim authorities, Islamist persecution and the questioning world. A close walk with God is essential to be both a bridge between communities and an example to their flock.
- A spiritual awakening Church-wide in the midst of mounting pressures and communal tensions. Many Copts are very nominal. The responses to Muslim agitation need to be humble and loving but strong, and only those walking in faith are capable of this.
- The biblically based renewal movement in the Coptic Church, which has steadily gained momentum since 1930. It strongly emphasizes Bible study and personal faith, and many are fervent witnesses for the Lord. Monasticism sees a rejuvenation as well. Pray for the growth and effectiveness of this movement of the Spirit.
- Christians are numerous in business, the professions and health services, but overall the Coptic influence within Egypt is much less than their large numbers warrant. Pray that Copts might have a positive and transforming effect in the nation, just as Joseph did millennia ago.

【 Alumni 】 8 alumni of ACTS are currently in ministry in Ethiopia.

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