

# State of Kuwait

## National Day - February 25<sup>th</sup>



Kuwait is located at the northeast corner of the Arabian Peninsula, between Iraq and Saudi Arabia. It has flourished as a strategic trading link since the time of Alexander the Great. Oil was discovered in the 1940's which led to the country's rapid growth and modernization.

The Al-Sabah family has ruled Kuwait since 1756. In 1961, Kuwait became independent with the end of the British protectorate that had been in place since 1899. Kuwait celebrates National Day on February 25<sup>th</sup>, the day when Sheikh Abdullah Al-Sabah, who was in power at the time of independence, ascended to the throne in 1950.

Iraq, under the leadership of Saddam Hussein, invaded Kuwait summer 1990. The seven months of occupation was ended after the military intervention of a coalition led by the United States.



Capital City:	Kuwait City
Government:	Constitutional Monarchy
Major People Groups:	61% Arab, 39% non-Arab
Population:	4.6 million ( <a href="http://www.worldometers.info">www.worldometers.info</a> )
Religion:	87% Muslim, 8% Christian, 2% Hindu 3% other

**Though freedom of belief is a constitutional right, non-Muslims are forbidden from sharing their faith. There are other laws which restrict religious freedom and prohibit apostasy and blasphemy.**



Kuwait was the first state in the Arabian Peninsula to have an elected parliament. In 2005 the parliament granted full political rights to women.

This oil-rich state enjoys economic prosperity, attracts large numbers of migrant workers, and boasts as one of the highest living standards in the world.

Though officially a Muslim State, there are several hundred Kuwaitis with a Christian heritage. They keep a low profile because of potential persecution. It is difficult to determine whether they are cultural Christians or Born-Again Believers.

### Prayer resources:

- <https://prayercast.com/kuwait.html>
- <https://prayforap.com/kuwait.html>
- <http://www.apinfo.eu>

- Pray that the message of the Gospel will reach many people in Kuwait, both indigenous and expatriates, through various channels and media.
- Pray for the government of Kuwait to provide more freedom for Christians—especially indigenous Christians and those from a Muslim background—to meet, pray and share their faith freely.
- Pray for the salvation of Kuwaitis studying in nations where the Gospel is openly proclaimed.
- Pray for expatriate believers working in Kuwait to be fearless speakers of truth.
- Pray for indigenous Kuwaiti Christians from Christian and Muslim backgrounds to persevere, stand strong in Christ, continue to practice their faith and fellowship with other believers.



**I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. John 10:16**