

Pray for Oman

The Sultanate of Oman is located on the southeastern coast of the Arabian Peninsula. It shares land borders with Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Yemen. In 1970 Sultan Qaboos bin Said Al Said ousted his father and ruled as sultan until his death in January of 2020. His extensive modernization program opened the country to the outside world. Oman's moderate, independent foreign policy has sought to maintain good relations with all Middle Eastern countries. Sultan Qaboos was succeeded by his cousin Haitham bin Tariq Al Said who has continued his moderate policies. Oman's economy includes oil production, agriculture and fishing. There has been considerable investment in health and education. The number of college educated Omanis is growing rapidly and youth unemployment is a significant problem.



Capital City:	Muscat
Government:	Unitary Islamic absolute monarchy
Population:	5,468,000 (Joshua Project)
Religion:	90.7% Muslim, 5.2% Hindu, 3.0% Christian (expats), 1.1% other (Joshua Project)

Oman is the oldest independent state in the Arab world. Most Omanis follow the more tolerant Ibadi sect of Islam. Despite modernization redefining their lives, Omanis hold tightly to their traditions, customs and conservative values. Increasing affluence along with deep cultural and religious pride make Omanis resistant to the Gospel. Though religious tolerance is promoted, religious freedom is restricted. Christians and Hindus are only allowed to worship in government approved locations. Praise God, there are a few local believers, but converts from Islam to Christianity are often shunned by families and communities. Local believers are reluctant to gather because of the threat of persecution. Some converts have even had to leave the country due to threats on their lives. Recently there has been an increase in government efforts frustrate or stop Christian witness. Expats have been denied visas or been asked to leave.

- Pray for the Gospel to infiltrate Omani culture, reaching the many who are still unreached.
- The fear of evil spirits is a reality to many Omanis. Pray that God would release them from fear and reveal Himself to them.
- Pray for God to call Omanis to be worshipers of Jesus Christ, and that whole families will be saved.
- Pray that God's church will be firmly established in Oman and that nothing will prevail against it.



Oman Prayer Resources:

- <https://www.pray-ap.info/oman.html>
- <https://prayercast.com/prayer-topic/oman/>

"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." (Mark 1:15 ESV)

