

Emirates National Day

December 2nd

United Arab Emirates



UAE was founded on December 2, 1971 and comprises 7 independent emirates: Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Sharjah, Ajman, Umm Al Quwain, Ras Al Khaimah and Fujairah. UAE is the most liberal country in the Arabian Gulf and went through tremendous and astounding transformations in the last 50 years.



Capital City:	Abu Dhabi
Government:	Federation of Monarchies
Major People Groups:	Arab, Asian, African
Population:	9.9 million (www.worldometers.info)
Religion:	76% Muslim, 9% Christian, 15% other

Religious freedom is tolerated, but conversion from Islam is discouraged. Converts are often persuaded or coerced to return to Islam, or must leave the country.

Proselytizing is illegal.



UAE, with its relative liberal policies, became the regional hub in the Middle East. Oil industry, trades, tourism and finance, together with easy access of western standard healthcare and higher education, attract many foreigners, who made up almost 90% of the population.

According to the Arab Youth Priorities Survey (2020), safety and security is the most critical priority for Arab youth. UAE has become their most desirable city.

Religious tolerance is granted to Christians, churches, and Christian schools can operate publicly in government determined locations.

Prayer resources:

<https://prayercast.com/unity-arab-emirates.html>

<https://prayforap.com/uae.html>

<http://www.apinfo.eu>

- The UAE is a hot desert land like most of the AP. Pray that they will learn that Jesus Christ is the “Water of Life” and go to him to drink and live!
- Pray for the nullification of laws banning people from sharing their faith.



- Pray that expat Christians would catch a vision to see the Gospel proclaimed to the Emirati people.
- Pray for more discipleship training for Christian expatriates working in the Emirates.
- Pray for open minds that are not afraid of radical change toward new thinking and beliefs. Pray for a greater openness to the Gospel as they leave some traditional ideas behind.
- Pray for the few Emirati believers, that they would grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

But whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life. John 4:14