

South Asian Peoples

The greatest concentration of lostness on Earth

Praying for:

Maldives

“Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise from the ends of the earth, you who go down to the sea, and all that is in it, you islands, and all who live in them.” – Isaiah 42:10 (HCSB).



A cluster of 1,190 tropical islands to the southwest of India makes up the small nation of Maldives. Maldivian nationals inhabit only 200 of these islands and another 80 are established as resort islands. Maldives depends heavily on its large tourism industry as well as fishing to maintain its economy. The islands are popular among tourists because of their beautiful beaches, exotic marine life, and tropical diversity.

Maldivians proudly claim that 100 percent of the population is Muslim. The real number is closer to 99.4 percent. It is illegal for a person to bring more than one Bible into the country, so spreading the Good News can be difficult.

Prayer points:

Omnipotent God, because it is so difficult for international Christians to bear witness of Jesus Christ in the Maldives, we ask you to empower the Maldivian Christians to be Your powerful witnesses themselves. Burden their hearts with a sense of urgency and responsibility.

Loving Father, open the hearts of Maldivian Muslims to be receptive to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Holy Spirit, we pray that Maldivian Christian leaders will be bold as they seek opportunities to spread Your Word.

God of All Nations, we pray that every person in the Maldivian Islands will have a chance to hear and respond to the Gospel.

O Good Shepherd, provide the opportunity and means for Maldivian believers to be disciplined in Your Word. Equip them to disciple others.

Lord of the Harvest, our limited understanding of things makes it difficult for our human minds to conceive how the harvest can come to Maldives when they do everything they can to keep the Gospel out. Yet, You know. Work out Your plans to bring about



a church-planting movement that touches every island.

God of All Creation, as Maldivians wake each morning to the beauty of Your sunrise, stir their hearts to seek You. As they retire each evening, let them pause to soak in the splendor of the sunset and recognize Your creative power. Let the voice of nature singing Your praises resound in their souls, leading them to lift their own voices in worship of the One True God.

King of Kings, bring about political change in Maldives that will allow more religious freedom so that churches can be planted.

Living Word, You have prepared Maldivians to receive the Scriptures, as most people there are literate. We pray that Gospel portions of the Bible in the Divehi language will be available across the islands. Let the continuing translation work move forward.

Almighty One, break the bonds of sin and a works-based faith that are keeping Maldivians from experiencing the salvation that comes through Christ.