

*This week we pray for the country of*

## Saudi Arabia

Saudi Arabia is the land where Muhammad started Islam in AD 610. The word Islam means surrender; man surrenders to God and His commands and laws. This is the religion of some 1.3 billion Muslims. A Muslim is someone who has, so they say, surrendered to God.

Saudi Arabia adheres to Wahhabi Islam which is a very strict and fundamentalist form of that religion. The laws and the political, educational, judiciary and social systems are drawn from the teachings of the Qur'an and Islamic traditions.

In the country of Saudi Arabia, we find the holiest Muslim cities (Mecca and Medina) and sites (the Sacred Mosque in Mecca and the Prophet's Mosque in Medina where Muhammad is buried).

With staggering riches pouring in from the country's oil revenues, Saudi Arabia generously supports the spread of Islam around the world and particularly in the West.



### PRAYER

Almighty God, our Father, blessed be Your name from age to age. You control events and change times and seasons. You set up kings and depose them!

Hear my cry for a country that has shut its doors against the Christ of God (Luke 9:20). They persecute Your children, beat them, torture them and kill them. By doing so, they think they are doing You a service (John 16:2). Have mercy on them and reveal Your mighty power to them. Turn their antagonism to the Gospel into missionary zeal to spread Your Word.

I pray for the ruling family, for the king, emirs, ministers, rulers and governors and their families. Bring them to the cross of Calvary to acknowledge Jesus the King of kings and Lord of lords. Fill them with the Holy Spirit and passion to bring others to Your Kingdom. May they govern in the fear of the Lord with justice, compassion and integrity.

In Christ's holy name I pray. Amen.

### PROMISE

*I have made you a light to the Gentiles, to bring salvation to the farthest corners of the earth (Acts 13:47, NLT).*