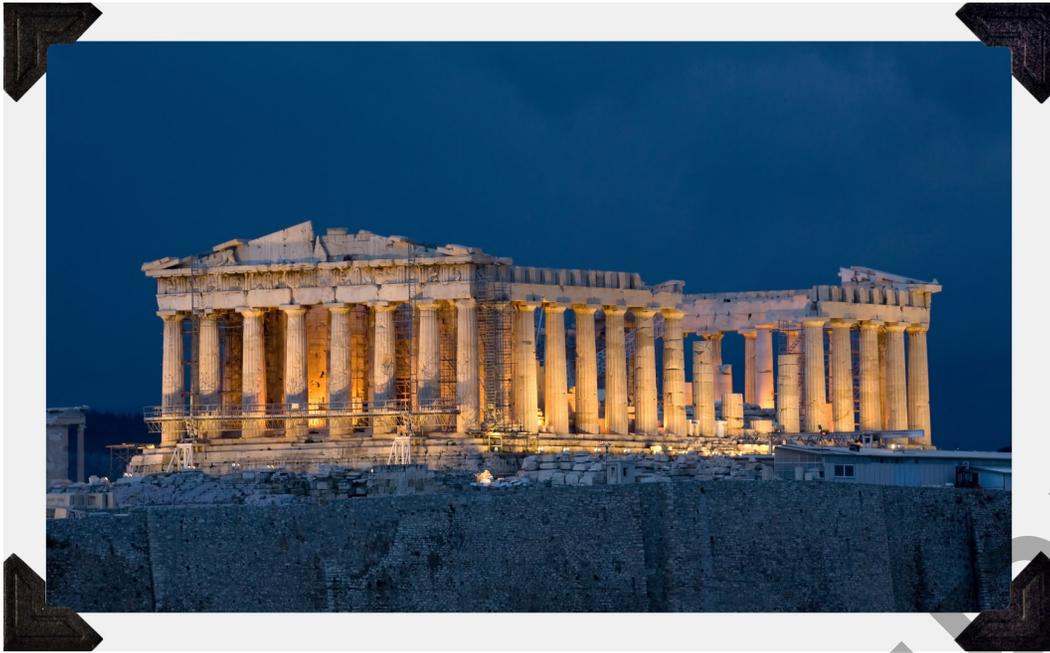




Greece

Greece is a small nation that has left a big impact on the world. Around 2,500 years ago, it was the home of a powerful ancient empire that ruled until it was defeated by Rome. Greece gave the world beautiful literature and art, made key scientific and mathematic advancements, and was the birthplace of the idea that individual people had rights and freedoms. Because of that, we call Greece the "birthplace of democracy." And because the ancient Greeks wrote down so much of their history and achievements, and because that language is still known to us today, there is much we know about the country's history and heritage. Ancient Greece gave us something else that was very important. Much of the New Testament was originally written in Greek.

Greece is surrounded on three sides by water, and no place in Greece is more than 85 miles (137 km) from the sea. It is part of the Balkan Peninsula and is surrounded by the Adriatic, Ionian, Mediterranean, and Aegean Seas. About one-tenth of the people farm for a living, but much of Greece is rocky and mountainous, so there is not a lot of land that is good for farming.



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I hope you've enjoyed visiting four of the many amazing places in Greece! Before you leave to go home, could I ask you to do something special for the people here? Many people in Greece believe in God, but there are still others who haven't understood yet that Jesus loves them. Greece is also home to many refugees, people who are fleeing their home countries because of war and other major problems. These people need to hear about God's love for them, too.

Will you remember to pray for the people of Greece? Here are a few things you can pray for. You can add more prayer requests to the list as you think of them!



Pray that people will have Bibles to read in whatever language they speak.



Pray for the people living in Athens, Thessaloniki, and Heraklion, and on the island of Rhodes, plus every city and town to believe in Jesus.

