



Turkey

Turkey sits in the Middle East on parts of both Europe and Asia. A small part of the country is in Thrace, a part of eastern Europe. Here, Turkey borders Greece and Bulgaria. Most of Turkey is in a section of Asia called Anatolia. Here, Turkey borders Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Iran, Iraq, and Syria. Turkey also borders the Black Sea, Aegean Sea, and Mediterranean Sea.

The Sea of Marmara separates the two parts of Turkey. The Bosphorus and the Dardanelles are straits that control traffic into and out of the sea. Because these three bodies of water control travel between the Black Sea and the Mediterranean Sea, they have been of incredible strategic importance to nations throughout history. Turkey was part of the Ottoman Empire for several hundred years. Turkey became a republic in 1922, the year after the end of the Ottoman Empire.

Most of Turkey's people, as many as 75%, live in the cities. The rest live in villages, and some of them are farmers. Turkish is the official language. The highest point in Turkey is Mount Ararat.



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I hope you've enjoyed visiting four of the many amazing places in Turkey! Before you leave to go home, could I ask you to do something special for the people here? Very few people in Turkey believe in Jesus, only about one person in every 450. It is very hard to be a Christian in Turkey, and there is much pressure not to put your faith in Jesus. Most of the people in Turkey still haven't understood yet that Jesus loves them and is worth risking everything for.

Will you remember to pray for the people of Turkey? 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 Ankara, Istanbul, Ephesus (Izmir), and the region of Cappadocia, plus every city and town to believe in Jesus.

