Algeria

Of the fifty-four countries in Africa, Algeria is the largest. As a matter of fact, Algeria is the tenth-largest country in the world. Most of it—80% of all the land—is covered by the Sahara, the world's largest desert. Very few Algerians, not even three percent, live in the desert. It can get hotter than 120 °F (49 °C) in the Sahara, and sometimes an extremely hot, dry wind called a *sirocco* blows there.

Most Algerians, more than 90%, live in an area called the Tell along the coast of the Mediterranean Sea. The word *tell* is an Arabic word for *hill*. Farmers grow wheat, barley, dates, olives, grapes, and other foods. There are also factories in the Tell that produce iron, steel, petroleum products, and many other materials. The weather here usually doesn't reach very high above 77 °F (25 °C) in the summer, and around 16 inches (41 cm) of rain falls each year.

South of the Tell is an area called the High Plateaus. About 7% of Algerians live here, and farmers raise cattle, sheep, and goats.

Algeria is a very old country and has been the home of Berbers, Phoenicians, Romans, Vandals, Byzantines, Arabs, Ottomans, and the French. The country gained its independence from France on July 3, 1962.

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I hope you've enjoyed visiting four of the many amazing places in Algeria! Before you leave to go home, could I ask you to do something special for the people here? Very few people in Algeria understand what Jesus has done for everyone who trusts Him, though the number is growing. Pray that more and more people will accept the love and salvation Jesus offers. And pray that the government would not try to tell people they are not allowed to believe in Jesus or punish those who do.

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

- ❤️ Pray that all people will understand how much Jesus loves them.
- ❤️ Pray for the people living in Algiers and Constantine, the people in the areas of Tassili N'Ajjer and the Ahaggar Mountains, plus every city and town to believe in Jesus.
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