

# Greenland



Greenland is the largest island in the world that isn't a continent, and it's the twelfth-largest country in the world. In the Greenlandic language, its name is Kalaallit Nunaat, which means "Land of the Greenlanders," and in Danish, it is called Godthab.

Greenland is self-governing but has a special relationship with Denmark, which is about 1,300 miles (2,090 km) away. It would take about 50 Denmarks to equal the size of Greenland, but about 100 times more people live in Denmark than live in Greenland, mostly because of the weather. About 80% of Greenland isn't green at all—it's actually covered by ice and is above the Arctic Circle. It is home to the northernmost point of land in the world, Cape Morris Jessup, just 440 miles (708 km) from the North Pole. Most of the people live in the southwest along the coast where the temperatures are around 50 °F (10 °C) in summer.

So what does it mean that Greenland has a special relationship with Denmark? Greenland is in charge of its own government, but the government operates under Denmark's constitution. Denmark also takes care of Greenland's international relationships and is responsible for defending Greenland in case of a threat from another country.

Fishing and industries related to fishing provide income for most of the people in Greenland. Some also work in mining and tourism.



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I hope you've enjoyed visiting four of the many amazing places in Greenland! Before you leave to go home, could I ask you to do something special for the people here? Most of the people in Greenland know about Jesus, but some of them don't really believe in their hearts that Jesus loves them and paid the price for their sins. Pray that everyone in Greenland will know and believe in Jesus as their Savior.

Will you remember to pray for the people of Greenland? 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 Nuuk, Ilulissat, Disko Bay, and Ittoqqortoormiit, plus every city and town to believe in Jesus.

