

Pray for Uruguay

Population: 3,372,222

Major Religions:

Christian 63.69%

Of which 6.2% are evangelical

And 55% are Roman Catholic,
mainly nominal only.

Agnostic: 28.8%

Ethnoreligious/Atheist: 6.6%

PRAYER POINTS:

- Pray that the people in Uruguay who have not yet heard the Gospel would be given that opportunity and be open to accepting the truth of Christ.
- Pray for a new and deeper work of the Holy Spirit to continue the awakening of the church.
- Pray for more leaders to be trained accurately in the Scriptures.
- Pray for the truth of the Gospel to penetrate the darkness of this country.

Spiritual Climate: religious freedom,
Roman Catholicism is the officially
recognized state church, but most do
not attend church.

Interesting Facts:

- It is considered the most secular nation in Latin America.
- There are 12 languages spoken in this small country.

Uruguay



How can we pray for Uruguay? How is God working here?

Uruguayan society has been characterized by secularism and hope in man for over 100 years. The Catholic Church espoused liberation theology and failed to attend to the spiritual needs of Uruguayans. Catholicism may lay claim to 55% of the population, but only 2.3% attend Mass. Most Catholics are, in practice, non-religious. Such godlessness has in turn led to some of the highest rates of depression, suicide, abortion and divorce in Latin America. Pray for the Lord, through His Church, to radically transform Uruguayan society for His glory.

Lack of knowledge of God gives opening to a spirit of error. Afro-Brazilian Spiritism is the fastest growing religion in Uruguay. The largest non-Catholic religious bodies are cults and sects of questionable orthodoxy. While 81% believe in God, most adhere to a “do-it-yourself” spirituality influenced by New Age thinking. Pray for all religious deceptions to be exposed and the demonic powers behind them to be defeated.

Spirituality is increasing in Uruguay. Although a high degree of secularization persists, many thousands of non-religious and nominal Christians are discovering a spiritual dimension that has been missing from their lives, and churches are growing as a result. Evangelicals’ growth is rapidly accelerating. The last 20 years have witnessed a significant growth in a country previously resistant to the gospel. Praise God for His work and this growth. Pray that it will continue, and that these new believers will be disciple and pastored effectively. The recent awakening generates many challenges. Evangelical churches are working together on an unprecedented scale. Pray also for the hugely strategic ministries of the 20 or so seminaries or Bible schools; doubling the number of congregations creates a demand for godly, well-trained pastors. Some schools have been negatively impacted in the past by liberal theology.

Within the Church there is a need for stronger discipleship, along with better leadership training and increased missions vision. Mission vision is still limited, but interest is growing. Mission work by outsiders is having success, especially with church planters from other Latin American countries. Pray that God will give the Uruguayan Church vision and the ability to raise up many Uruguayans to reach out to their own people.

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. (Revelation 7:9)