

Pray for the United Kingdom

Population: 65,634,580

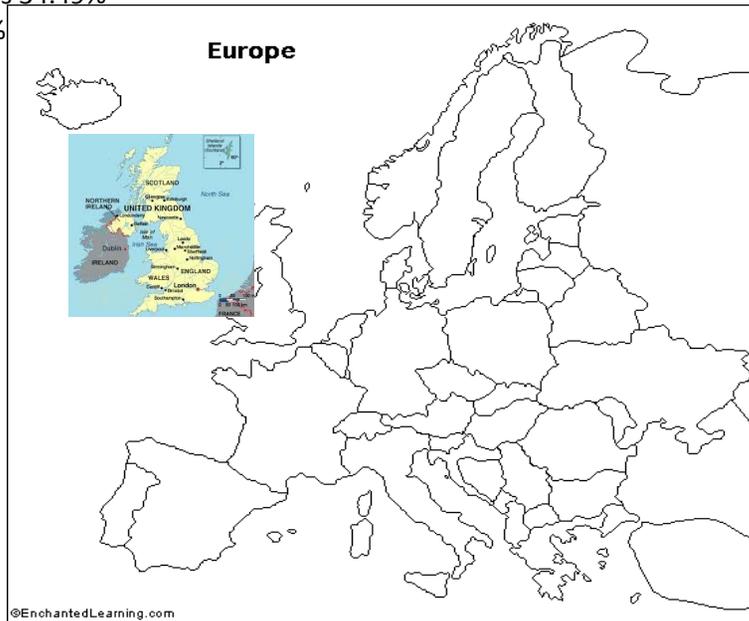
Major Religions:

Christian 59.66% (15% evangelical)

Non-religious 34.49%

Muslim 3.2%

Spiritual Climate: religious freedom,
but some hostility to overt religiosity



PRAYER POINTS:

- Pray that the people in the United Kingdom who have not yet heard the Gospel would be given that opportunity and be open to accepting the truth of Christ.
- Pray for God to break through the veil of religion to reach the hearts of people to see their need for Christ as Savior.
- Pray for Christians to be light to those around them in the middle of multi-cultural pluralism and marginalized Christianity.
- Pray for the large immigrant population, consisting of millions living in the UK, to hear and respond to the Gospel and to be moved to bring it back to their home lands.

Interesting Facts:

- England is the most secular of the 4 countries that comprise the UK.
- London has a strong claim to be the world's most international city.
- The UK has made significant contributions to global Christianity for centuries—from Wycliffe and Tyndale up to today with the Alpha course and a host of theologians and evangelical writers.

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How is God working here?

This month we have the opportunity to pray for the United Kingdom, which is made up of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. While Christians there do not face the physical persecution found in countries like China, the challenges are no less daunting.

Although it is listed as almost 60% Christian, this can be deceiving; only about **15%** are evangelical Christians. Christianity is increasingly marginalized by hostile media and public mood. There has been a severe decrease in morality and Christian values over the last several decades. Multi-cultural pluralism has replaced Judeo-Christian tradition as the foundation of society. Minority religions, particularly Islam receive notable attention and government support, yet they still feel discriminated against. A national awakening is needed! Pray that Christians might grow passionate for God's honor, burdened to pray for revival and free from deadening negativism and materialism that pervade the churches. Pray that Christians might recognize and address the decline of Christianity in the public sphere; that they might recover confidence in the gospel to change lives and boldness to share it with others.

The Church is growing among many ethnic minorities. Part of this is due to widespread immigration from strongly Christian nations, such as Nigeria and Brazil, and part is through considerable conversion growth among Africans, Chinese, Polish, and others. Immigration has brought many unevangelized people right onto the doorstep of gospel-oriented churches. "Reverse mission" is also an undeniable trend, with many Christian missionaries go to the UK from the Americas, Africa and Asia. Multi-ethnic churches are sprouting up and seeing new converts to Christ. Pray that both immigration and mission efforts will be fully utilized to see new churches planted, new peoples reached and Jesus glorified.

The Alpha Course and Christianity Explored have spread across the country to nearly every denomination. However, without the immigration of Christians evangelical Christianity would not be growing, and may even be pronounced as declining. Britain's contribution to world evangelization and the Protestant missions movement in the last 220 years is unique, but interest is waning as the Church weakens. Pray that God would replace cynicism with renewed passion and vision, and the Church would grow in its conviction and commitment to reach the lost.

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)