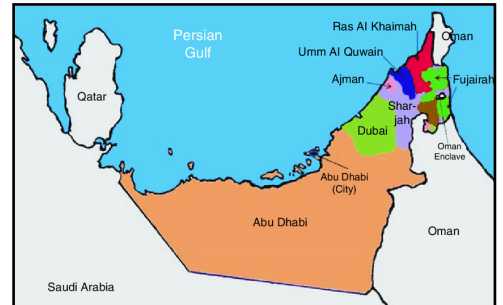


Pray for the United Arab Emirates

April 2025

The United Arab Emirates (UAE), or simply the Emirates, is made up of seven emirates, with Abu Dhabi serving as its capital. When the British-Trucial Sheikdoms treaty expired in December 1971, the emirates of Abu Dhabi, Ajman, Dubai, Fujairah, Sharjah, and Umm Al Quwain formed a union named the United Arab Emirates. Ras al-Khaimah joined in January 1972. The UAE has the world's seventh largest oil and gas reserves. Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, ruler of Abu Dhabi and the UAE's first president, invested the oil income to develop the UAE into one of the world's wealthiest states in only about 50 years. Islam is the official religion, and Arabic is the official language, while English is the most spoken language.



Capital City:	Abu Dhabi
Government:	Federal Islamic semi-constitutional monarchy
Major People Groups:	59% South Asian, 12% Emirati Arab, 10% Egyptian, 6% Filipino, 13% other
Population:	9,592,000
Religion:	74.5% Islam, 12.9% Christian expatriates, 6.2% Hindu, 3.2% Buddhist, 3.2% other

Islam is the official religion. While the UAE constitution guarantees freedom of worship, the government considers conversion from Islam to another religion as apostasy, a crime punishable by death, although no executions have been reported. Attempts to spread Christianity among Muslims are not permitted. Converts from Islam to Christianity face pressure, particularly from their families, and may lose jobs, homes, and family relationships if their faith is discovered.

- Pray that the Lord will preserve the faith of our Emirati brothers and sisters, especially those facing persecution.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit would prepare the hearts of Emirati people to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus.
- Pray that many will come to faith through the faithful witness of courageous believers.



Prayer resources:

- <https://www.pray-ap.info/uae.html>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BAR-96Yqiao>

“Remember the word that I said to you: ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours.” (John 15:20 ESV).