

PROVIDENCE CHURCH Prayer for the Nations

MAURITANIA**General Information**

- Pronounced: “*Moor-i-tania*”
- Population: 3,281,635 (2011).
- Religion: Muslim 99.8%, Christian 0.3%
- One of the poorest countries in the world.
- Islam is the constitutionally declared religion of the people and of the states. The government prohibits the distribution of non-Islamic religious materials and the evangelism of Muslims. It is illegal for citizens to enter non-Muslim households, and anyone who confesses Christ faces the death penalty. There is tremendous social pressure against anyone who converts.

**Challenges**

- One of the most hostile states worldwide towards Christianity.
- Mauritania Christians have become targets of Muslim retaliation following an alleged public burning of Qurans on Friday, April 27. State television and other media immediately picked up the story. The incident was broadcast across Mauritania, leading to protests denouncing Christians. Muslim leaders are calling on the president to protect the sanctities of the nation and hold the Christians accountable, stating, "Mauritania is an Islamic country and we will not accept opposition to the doctrine of the nation. The perpetrators of this work will be judged according to Sharia law."

Pray For

- Protection of Christians.
- Conversion of president: President Mohamed Ould Abdel Aziz
- Ministries have dug wells for Christians in area in hopes of helping with severe poverty.

Reference and further reading

- <http://www.persecution.com/public/restrictednations.aspx?clickfrom=bWFpbl9tZW51>
- <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mauritania>