

## PROVIDENCE CHURCH Prayer for the Nations

**SYRIA**

## General Information

- Population: 22.4 million
- Syria is home to diverse ethnic and religious groups, including Kurds, Armenians, Assyrians, Christians, Druze, Alawites, Shiites and Sunnis.
- It is a secular state, but Islam is recognized as the religion of the majority, and Shariah is the source of all legislation. The constitution requires that the president be a Muslim.
- Muslim 90.0%, Christian 6.3%
- Capital City - Damascus
- President Bashar al-Asad



## Challenges

- Since civil war erupted in March 2011, an estimated 9,000 people have been killed.
- Thousands of Christians have fled Syria after being accused of supporting the Assad regime or observing a "Western religion." Church groups report that some believers have even been killed.
- Civil war could engulf many other nations in response to reports of the use of chemical weapons.

## Pray For

- The Arab Spring uprisings have not resulted in positive change for Christians. Pray for the divine protection of Christians in Syria. Pray that they will find safe refuge and that they will prosper and flourish wherever they go, and pray for peace in Syria.
- "Do not lie in wait, O wicked man, against the dwelling of the righteous; do not plunder his resting place; for a righteous man may fall seven times and rise again, but the wicked shall fall by calamity." Proverbs 24:15-16

## Reference

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