



SAMOA

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the definitive prayer guide to every nation



WATCH & PRAY

GIVE THANKS

Samoans have been Christians for a century, and every village has at least one Church

PRAY FOR

In the traditional Samoan religion, it is said the war goddess Nafanua predicted the arrival of a new religion which would replace the old, and when Christianity arrived on the islands many converted and saw this as a fulfilment of the prophesy. A group of islands in the South Pacific Ocean, Samoa has had a strong Christian heritage ever since. Although the first Europeans to arrive were Christian missionaries, Samoa passed from German control to New Zealand administration and then UN management until independence in 1962. The Samoan people comprise the second largest Polynesian group and the first Polynesian nation to re-establish independence.

The Samoan economy is dependent on developmental aid, agriculture, and fishing. Agriculture makes up 90% of exports and employs 70% of the population. Tourism, offshore banking, and light manufacturing are also expanding. Many youth emigrate to New Zealand or American Samoa looking for work. There is a close link between Samoan society and Christianity: the national motto is "Samoa is founded on God", and the constitution states the country is "based on Christian principles and Samoan customs".

While missionaries officially arrived in 1830, a number of Samoans had already become followers of Jesus due to shipwrecked sailors. Most Samoans converted to the new religion, and Samoan missionaries played a large role in evangelizing other pacific people groups. Today the population is 97% Christian, with 58% protestant, 19% Catholic, and a large Mormon population. The church building is central to the Samoan village and is a center for recreation and social life. The villages also set aside time every day for prayer. Growing quickly, the Mormon Church sends and receives more missionaries to and from Samoa than any other faith. The Church in Samoa suffers from nominalism, and the various denominations are plagued by rivalry, pride, and conflict, which divide and weaken. Yet, Church attendance remains high, and the long lasting Christian tradition continues.

- Much of the Church suffers from nominalism, and rivalry among denominations does not generate a good spiritual atmosphere. Pride and politics influence church life too much, and the financial demands on a poorer population are heavy. These, coupled with the modern challenges of domestic strife and imported moral vice, make for a society in need of prayer.
- Pray for God's provision for the unemployed and underemployed in rural areas.
- Pray for sound Biblical teaching that exposes the errors of Mormonism.
- Pray for church leaders across all denominations to embrace one another in love.
- Pray for harmony between the newer and the more traditional branches of the Church



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THE UNREACHED

Although there may be a few believers or even a few churches, they are a people group among which there is no indigenous community of believing Christians with adequate numbers and resources to evangelize their own people group.

**A total of 0 People Groups are Unreached –
0 (0% of population) people who have limited or NO access to the Gospel.**



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