



MAURITIUS

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the definitive prayer guide to every nation

 **PRAYERCAS**

An exquisite African gem, the volcanic island of Mauritius is home to a breathtaking array of natural wonders. From the virgin forests of the island's interior to the sandy surroundings of dreamy lagoons and warm tropical beaches that span the coastline, Mauritius's habitat is as refreshing as the people who have maintained its beauty. In addition to the fairytale environment, the nation's history remains stoically distinct from the many tragedies of other African nations.

Discovered by Westerners as early as the 10th century, Mauritius was not explored until the 1500's by the Portuguese. A Dutch settlement during the 1600's ushered in five hundred years of colonial occupation ending in 1968, when Mauritius gained independence from the UK. The Dutch, French, and British occupations interestingly left the island free of political strife. The nation has since maintained a stable democracy, and the economy, though fragile upon independence, has grown through the booming tourism and textile industries. The capital city of Port Louis is the wealthiest city in Africa, and the nation has one of the highest per capita incomes on the continent. With free health care and university education, the citizens of this nation are physically well cared for.

An ethnic melting pot, Mauritius is home to peoples of Indonesian, Creole, Chinese, and European descent, and with such variety has come a multiplicity of religious beliefs. The Hindu majority, whose ideologies infiltrate much of society and culture, make it difficult to evangelize effectively. The need is great for Gospel advancement amongst unreached ethnic minorities and the young people of this nation. Mauritius has the highest opiate use in Africa, primarily among young people. In response, the church must reach out to those in bondage and share God's saving truth to people in need of healing.

WATCH & PRAY

GIVE THANKS

**God continues to
renew the
Catholic Church.**

**The Charismatic
movement and
house church
movements also
produce genuine
faith.**

**New religious
groups grow
rapidly**

PRAY FOR:

- Pray for many islanders who call themselves Christian, but who do not yet know the power of Christ in their lives to deliver and save.
- Pray that more indigenous leaders and pastors may be trained to lead the congregations as they grow in size.
- Pray that believers might mature, and that churches might grow, even when they are in isolated locations.
- Pray for unity between church groups, which has been lacking in the past.

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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.

THE 10/40 WINDOW



A total of 7 People Groups are Unreached –

102,000 (38,9%) people who have limited or NO access to the Gospel.

Pray for the Rodrigues Islanders of Mauritius (38 000). They are largely Creole and live in poverty and isolation on this remote island. Many blend biblical teaching with unbiblical traditional beliefs. Pray for God’s Spirit to work anew among the Creole.

JOSHUA PROJECT



The Bible Society in Mauritius distributes over 200 000 Scripture portions each year to all the island territories of the Indian Ocean. Bible translation continues in a modern Creole. Gospel Radio is an important tool.

- Pray for Media to stay pure and be a source of the Gospel to all.
- Pray for more Christian internet resources in the languages of the highly-connected population

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