



BRUNEI

OPERATION WORLD

the definitive prayer guide to every nation



WATCH & PRAY

GIVE THANKS

Praise God for the bold Christian witness of Malaysian Churches on the borders of Brunei

For the nation of Brunei, government and religion are intermingled. A constitutional sultanate, locally known as the Malay Islamic Monarchy, rules the nation in an Islamic tradition dating back to the 15th century.

Brunei exercised power over neighboring coastal regions and nearby Philippine islands during the 15th and 17th centuries. Political succession, European colonization, and piracy disrupted domestic stability for many years. Brunei became an English colony in 1888, and nearly one hundred years later, in 1984, the nation gained independence. The monarchy of Brunei, which has been run by members of the same family for six generations, provides free healthcare for its citizens as well as education, including university studies. Rich in natural gas and petroleum, Brunei has one of Asia's highest per capita incomes.

Though only 65% of Bruneians are Muslim, it is illegal to proselytize, and Muslims are forbidden to convert from Islam. These restrictions greatly hinder missionary attempts to establish new Christian communities. Though Christianity is second to Islam, representing 11% of the population, it is not recognized or affirmed in a nation where constitutional mandates supposedly allow practice of other religions. The Church in Brunei is in dire need of bold Spirit-filled leaders who can rightly teach the Word of Truth and lead Christian communities in sound doctrine.

PRAY FOR

- The Sultan is considered the world's second wealthiest royal. Pray for salvation of the royal family, that they would lead their nation to righteousness.
- Pray for conversions to Christ in the large royal family
- Pray for the Spirit to move in the hearts of the Christian Malay who keep their faith private.
- Pray for spiritual maturity and Biblical training for lay persons leading the underground Church.
- Most Christians come from local tribal peoples and Chinese. Pray for new believers from among all ethnic groups and segments of society.
- Islam dominates life in Brunei. Pray for spiritual openness and for religious freedom.





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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 8 People Groups are Unreached – 238,000 (55,8% of population) people who have limited or NO access to the Gospel.



THE 10/40 WINDOW

DAY 20 of PRAYING THROUGH THE WINDOW

For many people in Brunei, to be Bruneian is to be Muslim and to become a Christian is to lose their ethnic identity. Pray that God will transform this mindset and replace it with truth (The Bible, [Ephesians 1:5-6](#)).

Pray that the Loving Heavenly Father will draw many people with His kindness to repentance and faith in Him (The Bible, [Romans 2:4](#)).



OPEN DOORS

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on the Open Doors WWL of countries who face the worst Christian persecution.

- Every day in the local newspapers, there are reports of converts to Islam who were given gifts and financial support. In contrast, Christians are not allowed to evangelize at all. Pray that, on such an unfair playing field, God will grant His Church wisdom and boldness in sharing Jesus.
- Pray for the underground believers. Persecution is felt strongly because the country is so small that there is nowhere to run if their faith in Christ is exposed. That is why they choose to remain as secret believers.
- Pray for Muslims who turn to Christ and now face strict punishment under sharia law.



PRAY FOR THE MUSLIM WORLD

Christian converts from Islam face the strongest pressure from their family, friends and neighbours to recant their Christian faith. Christians are affected by the growing Islamic conservatism in both their private and business lives. Employment, especially in the public sector, is discriminatory against Christians and children of Christians face discrimination and bias by teachers and fellow students in schools. Additionally, they are forced to take Islamic lessons. Converts are sometimes forced to go into hiding and many young Christians leave the country as they do not want to live in a society increasingly focused on sharia law.

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