

World Wide Prayer Focus

Middle East Region

Prayer Requests:

- We celebrate 10 Years in the Middle East this year and we give thanks for God's faithfulness.

Please pray that we can engage meaningfully with people from numerous different countries and cultures, many who come out of their comfort zones of home into the desert places of the Gulf countries.

- There are also challenges to cross religious boundaries and build friendships with Muslim neighbours, employers, landlords and officials.

Please pray that we overcome any fear we have of building bridges, for meaningful conversations and the ability to be salt and light.

- There are many expatriate Salvationists from around the world working in the Middle East in Kuwait, Bahrain, UAE, Oman, Qatar and Saudi Arabia. Fellowships have sprung up under local officer leadership and grown as more people move here, and as The Salvation Army becomes known to be here. The Salvation Army is alive and active and soldiers and members will continue to need pastoral care and leadership.

Please pray for local leaders and officer support.

- As part of the region's social programs, a safe place for women caught up in human trafficking offers them care while their legal cases are being resolved, and they are eventually repatriated.

Please pray for the protection of the women and safe repatriation

- Living conditions for migrant labour workers to the Gulf States are tough, with long working hours, cramped accommodation and low salaries. The Salvation Army has a social care program of outreach.

Please pray for wisdom and discernment to show mercy and when to speak up for justice.