



**VICTORY BEYOND THE CUP**

# **NATIONS BOOK**

Recipes, soccer history, fun facts,  
and more from each country

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# OUR MISSION



Victory Beyond the Cup exists to equip believers to leverage the World Cup for Kingdom impact by creating spaces that deepen relationships, spark meaningful conversations, and point people to lasting hope.

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*\*At the time of publication, these nations were still competing for the 6 remaining World Cup spots.*



# THE 2026 TOURNAMENT



The 2026 tournament welcomes 48 nations to compete in 16 cities across three different countries in North America. Starting in Mexico City on June 11 and ending in New Jersey on July 19, with dozens of matches in between, the world will watch as 48 teams compete for the title of World Cup champion.

This provides a tremendous opportunity to partner with the global Church as one body of Christ seeking to build relationships with so many on a quest for victory.

Athletes come from around the world to compete in one of the most challenging sports. Coaches travel alongside them, doing everything they can to keep them motivated to win. Fans follow to see their country represented with pride and honor on a global stage.

But they are all seeking something temporary. Victory in a global sporting event like this only lasts until the next set of games, but Jesus remains victorious over death, hell, and the grave. The world should have the opportunity to know!

# SOCCER/FOOTBALL 101

## THE BASICS

### OBJECTIVE

Score more goals than the opponent in **90 minutes**.

### THE FIELD

Two teams, **11 players each** (including 1 goalkeeper).

Teams attack opposite goals.

Only the **goalkeeper** may use hands (and only inside the penalty area).

### MATCH LENGTH

**90 minutes**, split into:

- **1st Half:** 45 minutes
- **Halftime:** 15 minutes
- **2nd Half:** 45 minutes

**Stoppage Time** is added at the end of each half to make up for injuries, substitutions, and delays.

In knockout games (later in the tournament), tied matches may go to:

- **Extra Time:** Two 15-minute periods
- **Penalty Shootout** (if still tied)

## SCORING

A goal only counts when the **whole** ball crosses the goal line between the posts.

## OFFSIDE (A BIG ONE)

A player is offside if:

- They're behind the last defender **when the ball is played to them, and**
- They become involved in the play.  
*Think of it as preventing "cherry-picking."*

## FREE KICKS & PENALTIES

**Free Kick:** Awarded after fouls; can be direct (can shoot) or indirect (must pass first).

**Penalty Kick:** Awarded for fouls inside the box—1v1 shot versus the goalkeeper. This is similar to a free-throw in basketball, just with a goalkeeper.

## FOULS & CARDS

**Foul:** Illegally kicking, tripping, pushing, or holding a player.

**Yellow Card:** Warning. Two yellows = red.

**Red Card:** Player is ejected, and their team must play with 10 players.

## OTHER THINGS TO PAY ATTENTION TO

### THE BUILD-UP

Soccer isn't constant scoring—enjoy the tension as teams:

- Switch the field
- Weave passes through defenders
- Attack on the wings (sides of the field)

### MOMENTS OF MAGIC

A sudden long pass over the defense

A quick combination of short passes (“tiki-taka”)

A curling shot toward the top corner

A dramatic save

### BIG PLAYERS

Even if you don't know the roster, watch for:

- Players who **always want the ball**
- Speedy wingers who take on defenders 1v1
- Midfielders controlling the game's tempo

## THE WORLD CUP ITSELF

Held every **four years**. The 2026 tournament is hosted by the **USA, Canada, and Mexico**.

Features **48 national teams** (expanded from 32).

Each country brings its own rhythm, style, and fan culture.

## GROUP STAGE

12 groups, 4 teams each

Top **two** teams + **some third-place teams** advance

Three points for a win, one for a draw

## KNOCKOUT STAGE

Lose = out

Matches can go to extra time and penalties

## WHAT YOU MIGHT HEAR

### "Advantage"

Ref lets play continue after a foul if the fouled team has a good opportunity.

### "Cross"

A pass sent from the wing into the box.

### "Counterattack"

A fast break after winning the ball.

### "Press!"

Applying intense pressure to regain possession.

### Chants & Noise

Expect drums, singing, scarves in the air, and loud emotional reactions at every close shot.

## A FEW ADDITIONAL RULES/REMINDERS

Match = 90 minutes + stoppage time

No hands (except goalkeeper)

Offside stops unfair "cherry picking" or just waiting by the goal

Yellow = warning, Red = ejected (or getting two yellow cards = ejected)

Penalty kick = foul inside box

World Cup games can end in shootouts

# LOVE GOD. LOVE PEOPLE.

**So, how do we as Christians make the best of this great opportunity?**

**In Matthew 22:37–39**, Jesus communicates the two greatest commandments to love the Lord our God and to love our neighbor as ourselves. Later in Matthew 28, Jesus gives us the mission of going to all people to teach them all that He's taught us. So, who are our neighbors, and how do we lovingly go and teach all?

In sharing the good news of Jesus with anyone, it's significantly helpful to consider our posture. Often, we think of evangelism as "talking", and that's a key part, but have you tried to listen first?

Curious questions can help us learn helpful things about a person's worldview, perspective on what's happening in society, and values in life. Their answers can lead us to meaningful spiritual conversations that eventually lay the foundation for building a significant friendship and later sharing the good news of Jesus.

# PRAY, PREPARE, PLAY

This book holds an opportunity to learn some basic and general information about the nations competing in the World Cup so that you might know how to pray and engage with them.

Here are some ideas on how to use these pages:

## PRAY

**Especially for the athletes, coaches, and fans traveling from a nation.**

**Praise God** for creating them in His image and for His glory. Pray for the people groups of that nation.

**Confess** to God the biases, fears, or worries you experience around people from that country page.

**Ask** God to reveal opportunities for you to connect with someone from that country.

## PREPARE

**Take time to ponder these questions:**

In what ways is your national or regional culture different or similar?

How can you create a welcoming environment for someone from that nation?

Who do you know who can help you understand more about that country's spiritual climate?

Where can you go to learn about people from that nation?

## PLAY

Play a match, watch a game, or cook a recipe. We know everyone isn't into soccer (or football), but there are many ways to connect through the World Cup. What are some ideas God has given you?



# WHAT IS CULTURE?

# CULTURE-CROSSING TIPS

Is it what you look like? Is it how you sound? Is it what you eat or how you dress? Is culture what you say or how you behave? Could it be the traditions of the place you grew up in or the place that you live in now? Does it have to do with ethnicity or geography? Could you have more than one?

Yes, and. Sometimes it can be difficult to identify culture. It can even be difficult to acknowledge one's cultural influences. Many times "culture" is limited to one's ethnic heritage, but that's only a part of our cultural makeup. Someone once said that describing one's culture is like asking a fish to describe the water it's in - it's not easy.

Culture has a lot to do with behaviors. One suggestion for identifying a culture is to look at "the way we do things around here." The "we" in this statement identifies the cultural group, and the "things we do" and "the way" we do them are culture.

**Speak in "general" terms.** While people generally share cultural norms, it's important to remember that not every person from a particular culture behaves the same way. There are a wide variety of influences outside of culture that can also impact our behaviors. Some include personalities, family dynamics, and faith.

**Learn God, Self, and Others - in that order.** Curiosity helps us avoid biased judgment, but it's also helpful to know yourself first. Just like we encourage new believers to primarily understand their own faith instead of seeking to understand all the other faiths, we want to do the same with culture.



# THE NATIONS

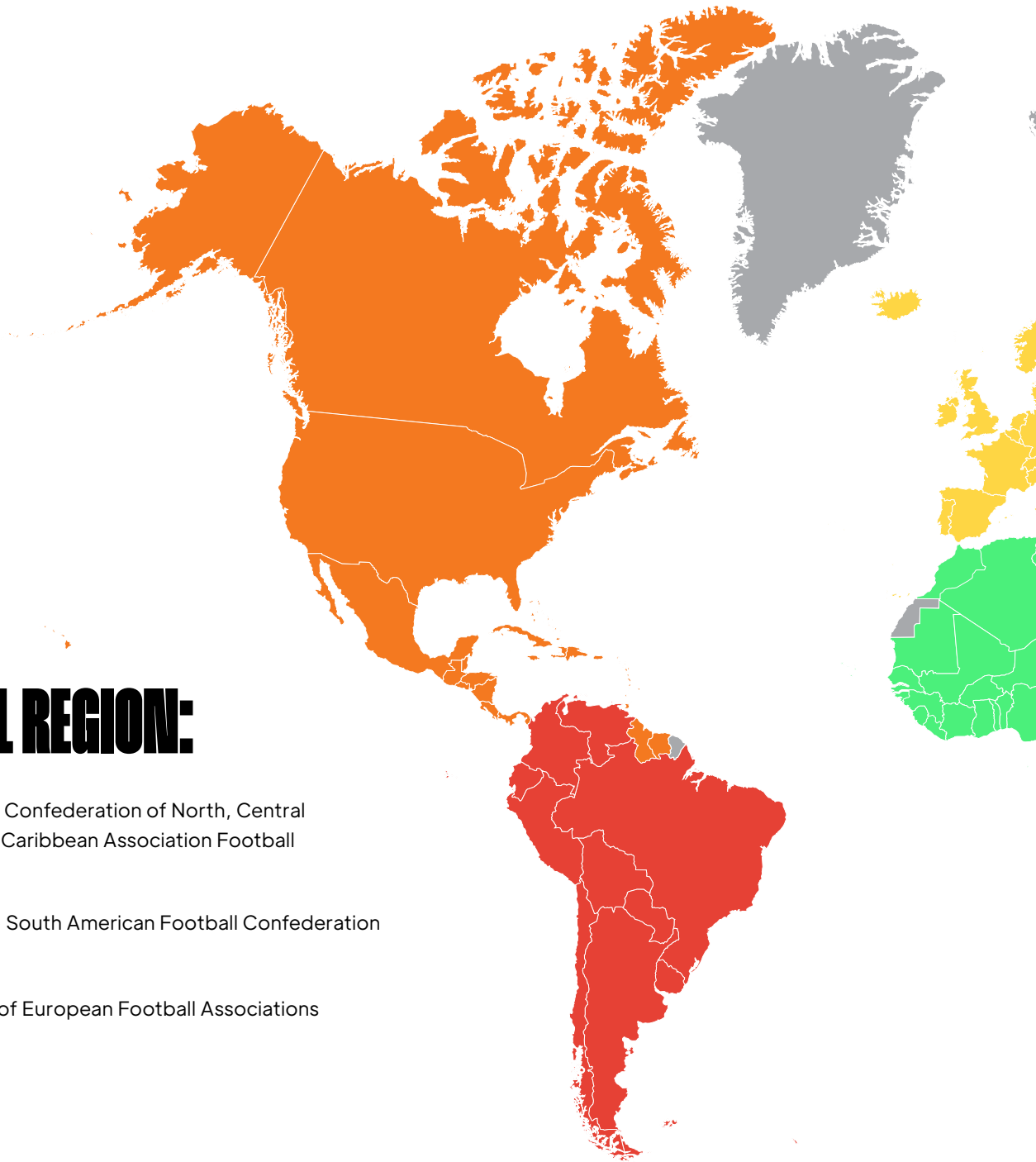
After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice:

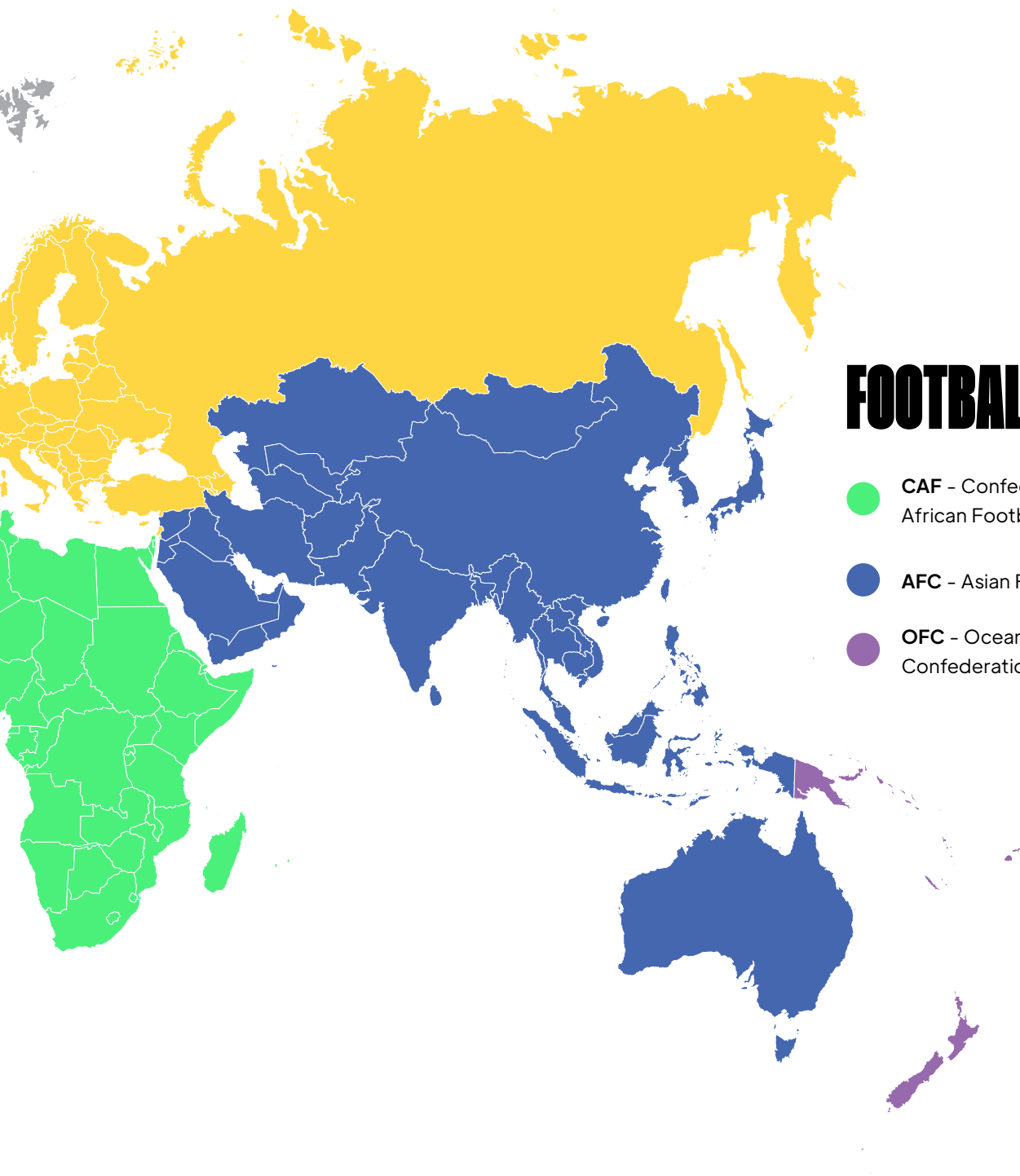
***“Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”***

*Revelation 7:9–10*

# FOOTBALL REGION:

-  **CONCACAF** - Confederation of North, Central American and Caribbean Association Football
-  **CONMEBOL** - South American Football Confederation
-  **UEFA** - Union of European Football Associations





# FOOTBALL REGION:

- CAF - Confederation of African Football
- AFC - Asian Football Confederation
- OFC - Oceania Football Confederation

# ALBANIA

## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** Albanian

**Greeting:** "Përshëndetje"  
(Hello); "Mirëmëngjes"  
(Good morning); "Si je?"  
(How are you?)

**Main Religion:** Islam

**Location:** Southeastern Europe

**Capital:** Tirana

**Area (Sq Mi):** ~11,100

**People Groups:** 10

**Population:** ~2,800,000

**Unreached:** ~36,000

## PRAYER POINTS

For protection of the vulnerable

## WORLD CUP FACTS

**Nickname:** Kuq e Zi (The Red and Blacks)

**FIFA Region:** UEFA

**World Cup History:** They have never qualified for the World Cup.

**Football Team Fun Fact:** Albania's first major tournament appearance was in 2016 at the EURO's.

## COUNTRY FUN FACT

About 70% of the country is mountainous, with the highest peak being Mount Korab.





#### RECIPE: BYREK

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# ALGERIA



## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** Arabic and Berber, French is widely spoken

**Greeting:** "Salam alaikum" (Peace be upon you); "Bonjour" (Hello)

**Main Religion:** Islam

**Location:** North Africa

**Capital:** Algiers

**Area (Sq Mi):** 919,595

**People Groups:** 37

**Population:** ~47,400,000

**Unreached:** ~47,300,000

## PRAYER POINTS

That God would help believers share their faith and make disciples

## WORLD CUP FACTS

**Nickname:** Les Fennecs (The Desert Foxes)

**FIFA Region:** CAF

**World Cup History:** Algeria has qualified for several World Cups (notably 1982, 1986, 2010, 2014, and recent tournaments) and reached the Round of 16 in 2014.

**Football Team Fun Fact:** Algeria won the Africa Cup of Nations in 1990 and 2019 and traditionally draws fierce regional rivalries with Morocco and Tunisia.

## COUNTRY FUN FACT

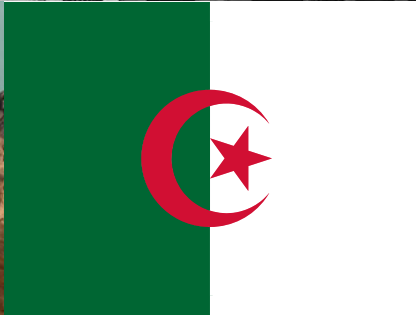
Algeria is the largest country in Africa by land area, and despite its size, most of the population lives along the Mediterranean coastal strip while the Sahara covers the majority of the country.



### RECIPE: SAFFRON AND RAISIN COUSCOUS WITH FRESH MINT

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# ARGENTINA



## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** Spanish

**Greeting:** "Hola"

**Main Religion:** Roman Catholicism

**Location:** South America

**Capital:** Buenos Aires

**Area (Sq Mi):** 1,073,500

**People Groups:** 78

**Population:** 45,885,928

**Unreached:** 237,000

## PRAYER POINTS

That God would help believers share their faith and make disciples

## WORLD CUP FACTS

**Nickname:** La Albiceleste (The White and Sky Blue)

**FIFA Region:** CONMEBOL

**World Cup History:** Appeared in the 1930 inaugural World Cup, and have won 3 times - 1978, 1986 and 2022. They hosted the World Cup in 1978.

**Football Fun Fact:** One of the most controversial moments of a World Cup took place during an Argentina match against England in 1986. Diego Maradona scored a goal using his hand, which would be named the "Hand of God" goal.

## COUNTRY FUN FACT

Argentina's national sport, Pato, is a combination of polo and basketball played on horseback.



### RECIPE: EMPANADAS

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# AUSTRALIA



## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** English

**Greeting:** "Hello" / informally "G'day"

**Main Religion:** Christianity

**Location:** Oceania

**Capital:** Canberra

**Area (Sq Mi):** 2,969,907

**People Groups:** 205

**Population:** 26,974,026

**Unreached:** 1,780,000

## PRAYER POINTS

Hearts to be open to the Gospel

## WORLD CUP FACTS

**Nickname:** Socceroos

**FIFA Region:** AFC

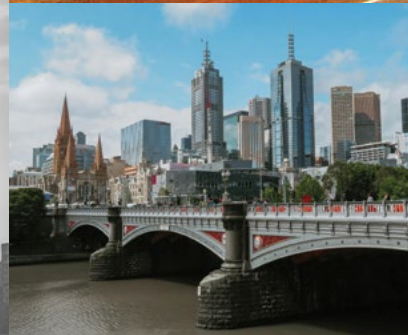
**World Cup History:** First appearance was in 1974 and their best finish was the round of 16 in 2005 and 2022. They have never hosted the men's World Cup but have hosted the women's.

**Football Fun Fact:** Holds the world record for the largest victory in a senior international match, with a 31-0 win against American Samoa.

## COUNTRY FUN FACT

Australia has the oldest indigenous culture in the world and a unique landscape featuring the world's largest coral reef and the Great Artesian Basin.





### RECIPE: LAMINGTONS

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# AUSTRIA



## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** German

**Greeting:** "Hallo" (Hello)

**Main Religion:** Roman Catholicism

**Location:** Central Europe

**Capital:** Vienna

**Area (Sq Mi):** ~32,386

**People Groups:** 46

**Population:** ~9,000,000

**Unreached:** ~411,000

## PRAYER POINTS

That God would help believers share their faith and make disciples

## WORLD CUP FACTS

**Nickname:** Das Team (The Team)

**FIFA Region:** UEFA

**World Cup History:** First qualified in 1934. Their best result was third place in 1954. Has never hosted the World Cup. Has 8 appearances including 2026.

**Football Team Fun Fact:** Austria's Christoph Baumgartner scored a goal just six seconds into a match against Slovakia in 2024, making it the fastest goal ever scored in international football.

## COUNTRY FUN FACT

Austria is home to the world's oldest zoo, Tiergarten Schönbrunn, in Vienna, founded in 1752.



### RECIPE: WIENER SCHNITZEL

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# BELGIUM

## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** Dutch (Flemish) and French

**Greeting:** "Halo" (Dutch); "Bonjour" (French)

**Main Religion:** Roman Catholicism

**Location:** Western Europe

**Capital:** Brussels

**Area (Sq Mi):** ~11,787

**People Groups:** 54

**Population:** ~11,700,000

**Unreached:** ~943,000

## PRAYER POINTS

That God would help believers share their faith and make disciples

## WORLD CUP FACTS

**Nickname:** Les Diables Rouges (The Red Devils)

**FIFA Region:** UEFA

**World Cup History:** First qualified in 1930 with their best result being 3rd place in 2018. 15 appearances, including 2026, and has never hosted the World Cup.

**Football Team Fun Fact:** Due to Belgium's linguistic diversity, the team uses English as a common language to avoid favoring either French or Dutch speakers.

## COUNTRY FUN FACT

Belgium is famous for inventing French fries (called frites locally), and they are traditionally served with mayonnaise — not ketchup.



### RECIPE: MOULES-FRITES

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# BOLIVIA



## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** Spanish

**Greeting:** "Hola"

**Main Religion:** Christianity

**Location:** Central South America

**Capital:** Sucre

**Area (Sq Mi):** 424,164

**People Groups:** 43

**Population:** ~12,500,000

**Unreached:** ~26,000

## PRAYER POINTS

For leaders to act with wisdom and integrity

## WORLD CUP FACTS

**Nickname:** La Verde (The Green)

**FIFA Region:** CONMEBOL

**World Cup History:** First qualified in 1930, also in 1950 and 1994. They have never made it out of the group stage.

**Football Team Fun Fact:** Bolivia's home stadium in La Paz is one of the highest-altitude venues in world football, often giving them a unique advantage.

## COUNTRY FUN FACT

Bolivia is home to Salar de Uyuni, the world's largest salt flat — so vast and reflective it's used to calibrate satellites.





## RECIPE: SALTEÑAS

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# BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA



## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** Bosnian, Croatian, Serbian  
**Location:** Southeastern Europe  
**Greeting:** "Zdravo" (Hello); "Dobar dan" (Good day); "Kako si?" (How are you?)  
**Capital:** Sarajevo  
**Area (Sq Mi):** ~19,741  
**People Groups:** 8  
**Main Religion:** Islam  
**Population:** ~3,200,000  
**Unreached:** ~1,200,000

## PRAYER POINTS

That God would help believers share their faith and make disciples

## WORLD CUP FACTS

**Nickname:** Zmajevi (The Dragons)  
**FIFA Region:** UEFA  
**World Cup History:** First and only qualification was in 2014 where the team did not make it out of the group stage.  
**Football Team Fun Fact:** Crest features the map of Bosnia and Herzegovina with national colors.

## COUNTRY FUN FACT

Perućica is one of Europe's last remaining primeval forests, located in Sutjeska National Park. The protected forest has trees over 300 years old and is home to the tallest Norwegian fir in Europe.



### RECIPE: BEGOVA ČORBA

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# BRAZIL



## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** Portuguese

**Greeting:** "Olá"

**Main Religion:** Roman Catholicism

**Location:** South America

**Capital:** Brasília

**Area (Sq Mi):** 3,287,000

**People Groups:** 321

**Population:** 212,991,110

**Unreached:** 768,000

## PRAYER POINTS

For spiritual awakening and revival

## WORLD CUP FACTS

**Nickname:** Seleção Canarinho "Canary Squad"

**FIFA Region:** CONMEBOL

**World Cup History:** Most successful team with 5 World Cup championships. First appearance was in the 1930 inaugural World Cup. They have hosted the World Cup twice in 1950 and 2014. They are the only national team to have played in every single FIFA World Cup.

**Football Fun Fact:** Brazil holds the distinction of being the only country to have won all men's FIFA 11-player competitions across all age levels.

## COUNTRY FUN FACT

Brazil produces 37% of the world's coffee.





**RECIPE: FEIJOADA  
(BLACK BEAN STEW)**

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make this popular dish  
with your neighbors.

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# CABO VERDE



## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** Portuguese  
**Greeting:** "Olá" ; "Bom dia"  
(Good Day)  
**Main Religion:** Roman  
Catholicism  
**Location:** Central Atlantic Ocean

**Capital:** Praia  
**Area (Sq Mi):** ~1,557  
**People Groups:** 5  
**Population:** ~600,000  
**Unreached:** 67,000

## PRAYER POINTS

Hearts to be open to the Gospel

## WORLD CUP FACTS

**Nickname:** Blue Sharks

**FIFA Region:** CAF

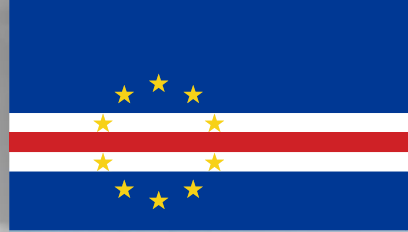
**World Cup History:** Cabo Verde qualified for its first FIFA World Cup finals for the tournament cycle leading into 2026.

**Football Team Fun Fact:** The national team's rise has been strongly supported by a large diaspora (notably in Portugal, New England, and other locations).

## COUNTRY FUN FACT

Cabo Verde is the birthplace of morna, a soulful music genre often compared to Portuguese fado and blues. The late Cesária Évora, known as the "Barefoot Diva," brought this music to international fame.





### RECIPE: CACHUPA

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# CANADA

## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** English and French  
**Greeting:** "Hello" / "Bonjour"  
**Main Religion:** Christianity  
**Location:** North America  
**Capital:** Ottawa

**Area (Sq Mi):** 3,855,100

**People Groups:** 243

**Population:** ~41,290,000

**Unreached:** 3,013,000

## PRAYER POINTS

For leaders to act with wisdom and integrity

## WORLD CUP FACTS

**Nickname:** Les Rouques & The Canucks

**FIFA Region:** CONCACAF

**World Cup History:** First appearance was in 1986, 2026 World Cup is their third appearance. They are one of the three co-hosts.

**Football Fun Fact:** Canada scored their first-ever World Cup goal in 2022.

## COUNTRY FUN FACT

Canada has more lakes than all other countries in the world combined, holding approximately 20% of the Earth's fresh water.





### RECIPE: POUTINE

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# COLOMBIA



## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** Spanish

**Greeting:** "Hola"

**Main Religion:** Roman Catholicism

**Location:** South America

**Capital:** Bogotá

**Area (Sq Mi):** ~440,800

**People Groups:** 120

**Population:** 53,541,981

**Unreached:** 213,000

## PRAYER POINTS

For protection and unity of believers

## WORLD CUP FACTS

**Nickname:** Los Cafeteros (The Coffee Growers)

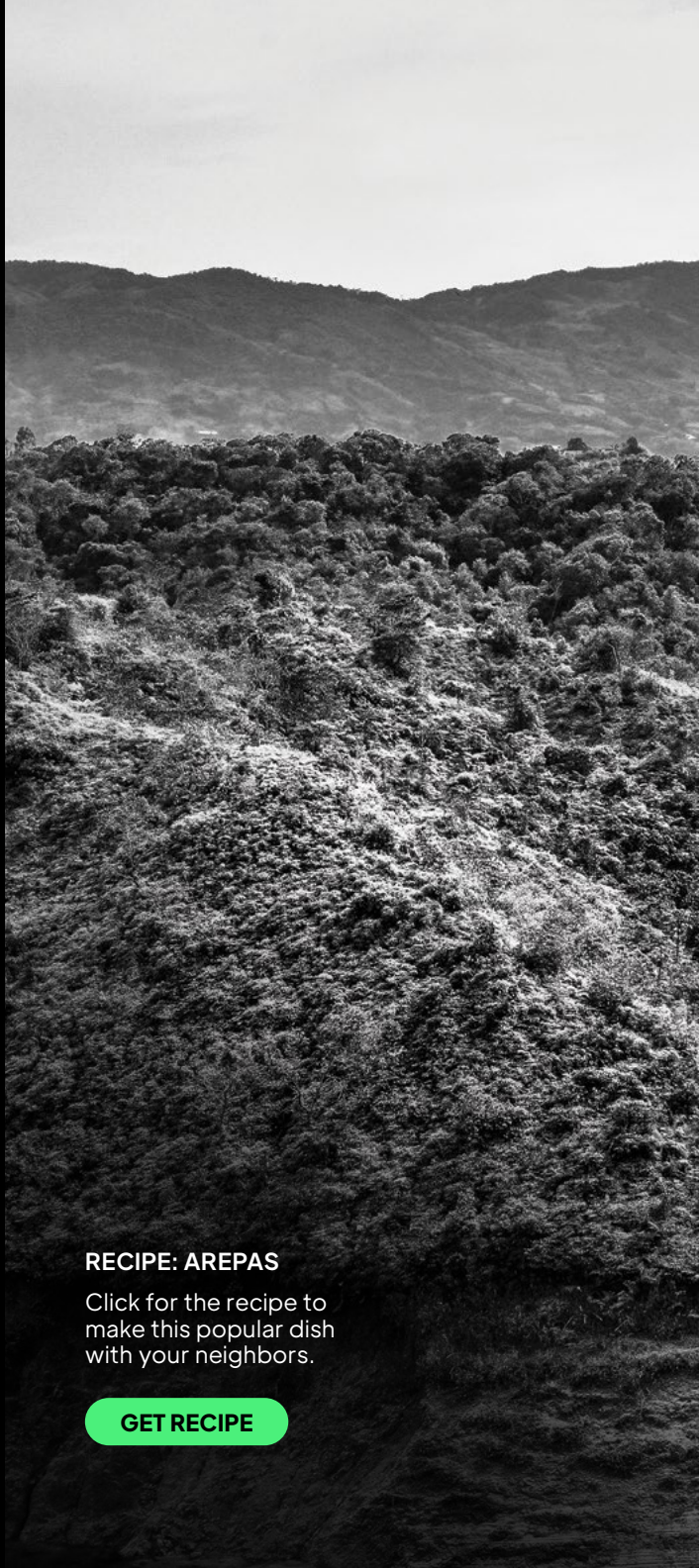
**FIFA Region:** CONMEBOL

**World Cup History:** First qualified for the 1962 World Cup. Their best finish is the quarterfinals in 2014.

**Football Fun Fact:** In 2001, Colombia won the Copa América on home soil, achieving a perfect record by winning all six games without letting any opponent score, outscoring their rivals 11-0.

## COUNTRY FUN FACT

Colombia is the world's leading producer and exporter of emeralds.



### RECIPE: AREPAS

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# CÔTE D'IVOIRE

## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** French

**Greeting:** "Bonjour"

**Main Religion:** Islam

**Location:** West Africa

**Capital:** Yamoussoukro

**Area (Sq Mi):** ~124,502

**People Groups:** 105

**Population:** ~32,200,000

**Unreached:** ~6,900,000

## PRAYER POINTS

For spiritual awakening and revival

## WORLD CUP FACTS

**Nickname:** Les Éléphants

**FIFA Region:** CAF

**World Cup History:** First qualified in 2006, then again in 2010 and 2014. They have never made it out of the group stage.

**Football Team Fun Fact:** "The Elephants" symbolizes power, memory, and pride, which is fitting for a team known for physicality and skill.

## COUNTRY FUN FACT

Côte d'Ivoire is home to the Basilica of Our Lady of Peace in Yamoussoukro, the largest church in the world by area.



### RECIPE: KEDJENOU DE POULET

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# CROATIA

## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** Croatian

**Greeting:** "Dobar dan"  
(Good day)

**Main Religion:** Roman  
Catholicism

**Location:** Southeastern Europe

**Capital:** Zagreb

**Area (Sq Mi):** ~21,851

**People Groups:** 17

**Population:** ~3,900,000

**Unreached:** ~31,000

## PRAYER POINTS

For protection of the vulnerable

## WORLD CUP FACTS

**Nickname:** Vatreni (The Blazers)

**FIFA Region:** UEFA

**World Cup History:** First qualified in 1998, runners up in 2018. 8 appearances including 2026.

**Football Team Fun Fact:** The famous red-and-white checkerboard pattern on their kits is inspired by the Croatian coat of arms and was designed in 1990, just before the country's independence.

## COUNTRY FUN FACT

Croatia has over 1,000 islands along its Adriatic coast, but only about 50 are inhabited.





### RECIPE: CEVAPI

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# CURAÇAO

## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** Papiamentu and English

**Greeting:** "Bon dia" (Good morning); "Kon ta bai?" (How are you?)

**Main Religion:** Roman Catholicism

**Location:** Caribbean Sea

**Capital:** Willemstad

**Area (Sq Mi):** ~171

**People Groups:** 16

**Population:** ~155,000

**Unreached:** ~1,000

## PRAYER POINTS

For protection and unity of believers

## WORLD CUP FACTS

**Nickname:** La Selección de Curaçao (often just called Curaçao National Team)

**FIFA Region:** CONCACAF

**World Cup History:** 2026 World Cup is the first time they have qualified.

**Football Team Fun Fact:** Remarkably, none of the players on the squad were born in Curaçao itself — most have roots in the Netherlands or elsewhere, reflecting the island's diaspora.

## COUNTRY FUN FACT

The name Curaçao may come from the Portuguese word coração (heart), possibly referring to its role as a heart of trade or a place where sailors recovered from illness.





**RECIPE: KESHI YENA**

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# CZECHIA



## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** Czech (official)

**Greeting:** "Ahoj" (Hi); "Dobrý den" (Good day); "Jak se máš?" (How are you?)

**Main Religion:** Non-religious

**Location:** Central Europe

**Capital:** Prague

**Area (Sq Mi):** ~30,450

**People Groups:** 16

**Population:** ~10,500,000

**Unreached:** ~17,000

## PRAYER POINTS

Hearts to be open to the Gospel

## WORLD CUP FACTS

**Nickname:** Národní tým (The National Team)

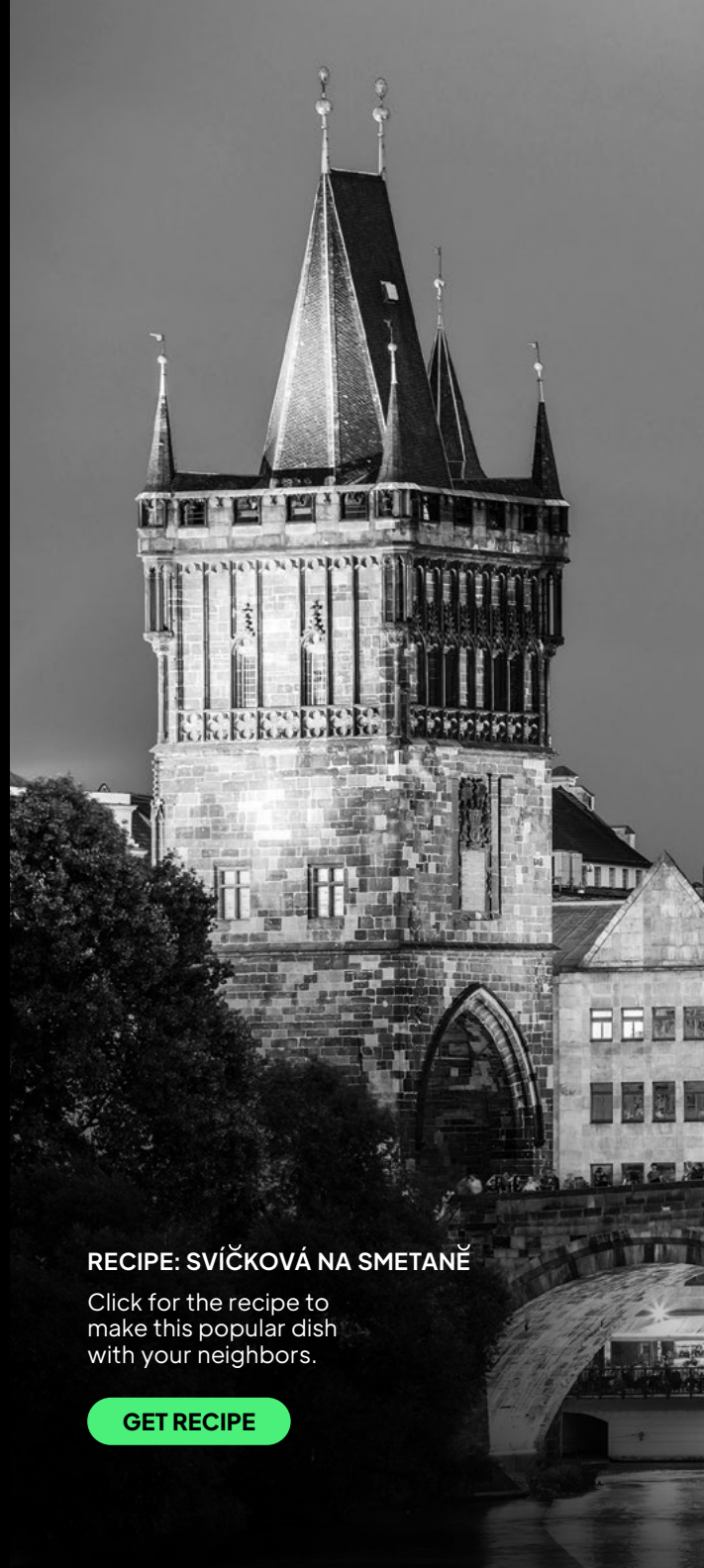
**FIFA Region:** UEFA

**World Cup History:** First qualified in 1934. The team has been the runner up twice – once in 1934 and the other time in 1962.

**Football Team Fun Fact:** Two Czech players, Josef Masopust (1962) and Pavel Nedved (2003), have won the prestigious Ballon d'Or award for the best player in Europe.

## COUNTRY FUN FACT

The Czech Republic is the birthplace of contact lenses, invented by Czech chemist, Otto Wichterle, in 1959.



### RECIPE: SVÍČKOVÁ NA SMETANĚ

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# DENMARK

## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** Danish

**Greeting:** "Hej" (Hi); "Goddag"  
(Good day); "Hvordan går det?"  
(How are you?)

**Main Religion:** Christianity

**Location:** Northern Europe

**Capital:** Copenhagen

**Area (Sq Mi):** ~16,640

**People Groups:** 50

**Population:** ~5,900,000

**Unreached:** ~310,000

## PRAYER POINTS

For spiritual awakening and revival

## WORLD CUP FACTS

**Nickname:** Danish Dynamite

**FIFA Region:** UEFA

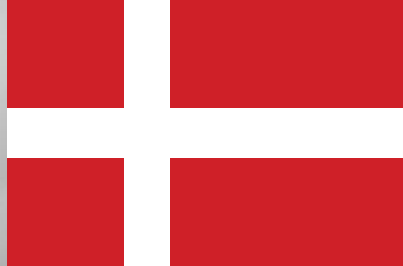
**World Cup History:** First qualified in 1986. 1998 was the team's best result making it to the quarterfinals.

**Football Team Fun Fact:** Denmark unexpectedly won the 1992 Euros after being invited to replace Yugoslavia, which was disqualified due to the ongoing civil war. They went on to defeat the reigning champions, the Netherlands, in the semi-finals and world champions, Germany, in the final.

## COUNTRY FUN FACT

Denmark is consistently ranked among the happiest countries in the world, thanks to its strong social welfare system and concept of hygge (coziness and contentment).





## RECIPE: SMØRREBRØD

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# DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** French

**Greeting:** "Bonjour" (Hello in French)

**Main Religion:** Christianity

**Location:** Central Africa

**Capital:** Kinshasa

**Area (Sq Mi):** ~905,355

**People Groups:** 231

**Population:** ~102,000,000

**Unreached:** ~791,000

## PRAYER POINTS

For protection and unity of believers

## WORLD CUP FACTS

**Nickname:** Les Léopards (The Leopards)

**FIFA Region:** CAF

**World Cup History:** First qualified in 1974 which is the only time the team has qualified. Did not make it out of the group stage.

**Football Team Fun Fact:** They were the first sub-Saharan African team to play in a World Cup, marking a major milestone for African football.

## COUNTRY FUN FACT

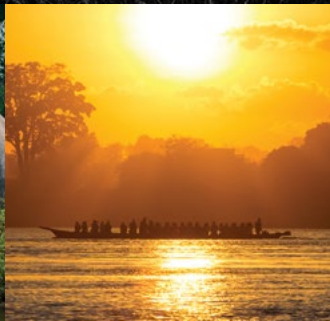
The DRC is home to the Congo River, the deepest river in the world, and the second largest by flow after the Amazon.



### RECIPE: MOAMBE

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# ECUADOR

## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** Spanish

**Greeting:** "Hola"

**Main Religion:** Roman Catholicism

**Location:** South America

**Capital:** Quito

**Area (Sq Mi):** ~109,483

**People Groups:** 33

**Population:** 18,324,631

**Unreached:** 51,000

## PRAYER POINTS

For leaders to act with wisdom and integrity

## WORLD CUP FACTS

**Nickname:** La Tricolor

**FIFA Region:** CONMEBOL

**World Cup History:** First appearance in 2002 and their best finish came in 2006 in the round of 16.

**Football Fun Fact:** Estadio Olímpico Atahualpa in Quito is located at a high elevation giving the team a great home field advantage.

## COUNTRY FUN FACT

Ecuador is the closest country to outer space.





### RECIPE: LLAPINGACHOS

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# EGYPT

## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** Arabic

**Greeting:** "Salam Alaikum"  
(Peace be upon you)

**Main Religion:** Islam

**Location:** Northeast Africa

**Capital:** Cairo

**Area (Sq Mi):** ~386,662

**People Groups:** 45

**Population:** ~117,900,000

**Unreached:** ~82,800,000

## PRAYER POINTS

For protection and unity of believers

## WORLD CUP FACTS

**Nickname:** The Pharaohs

**FIFA Region:** CAF

**World Cup History:** First qualified in 1934, also in 1990, 2018, and 2026. They have never won a match.

**Football Team Fun Fact:** Egypt holds the record for most Africa Cup of Nations titles (7).

## COUNTRY FUN FACT

Egypt is home to the world's oldest woven garment – the Tarkhan Dress – dating back over 5,000 years.





### RECIPE: KOSHARI

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# ENGLAND



## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** English

**Greeting:** "Hello"; "Cheers" (thanks); "Alright?" (informal greeting)

**Main Religion:** Christianity

**Location:** North West Europe

**Capital:** London

**Area (Sq Mi):** 50,301

**People Groups:** ~19

**Population:** ~57,700,000

**Unreached:** ~5,193,000

## PRAYER POINTS

For spiritual awakening and revival

## WORLD CUP FACTS

**Nickname:** The Three Lions

**FIFA Region:** UEFA

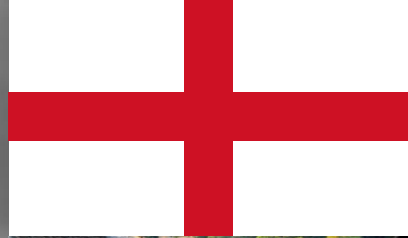
**World Cup History:** First appearance was in 1950. They both hosted and won in 1966.

**Football Team Fun Fact:** England's crest features three lions, a symbol dating back to Richard the Lionheart (1100s).

## COUNTRY FUN FACT

England is home to the largest library in the world — the British Library in London — with over 170 million items, including the Magna Carta and original Beatles lyrics.





## RECIPE: FISH AND CHIPS

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# FRANCE



## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** French

**Greeting:** "Bonjour"

**Main Religion:** Catholicism

**Location:** Western Europe

**Capital:** Paris

**Area (Sq Mi):** ~213,000

**People Groups:** 116

**Population:** ~66,600,000

**Unreached:** ~4,600,000

## PRAYER POINTS

That God would help believers share their faith and make disciples

## WORLD CUP FACTS

**Nickname:** Les Bleus (The Blues)

**FIFA Region:** UEFA

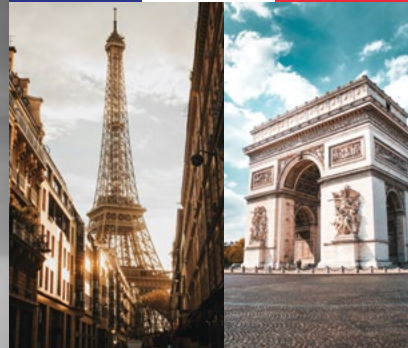
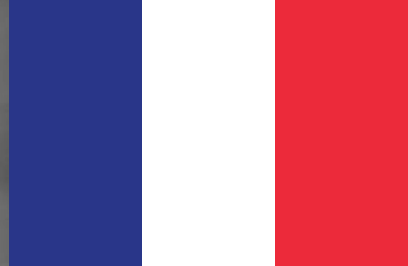
**World Cup History:** First qualified in 1930. Won in 1998 and 2018. Hosted in 1938 and 1998. 16 total appearances.

**Football Team Fun Fact:** Crest features the Gallic rooster; a national symbol.

## COUNTRY FUN FACT

France is the most visited country in the world, welcoming ~89 million tourists annually.





### RECIPE: CRÊPE

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# GERMANY



## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** German

**Greeting:** "Halo" (Hello);

"Guten Tag" (Good day)

**Main Religion:** Christianity

**Location:** Central Europe

**Capital:** Berlin

**Area (Sq Mi):** ~137,988

**People Groups:** 104

**Population:** ~84,000,000

**Unreached:** ~5,960,000

## PRAYER POINTS

For protection and unity of believers

## WORLD CUP FACTS

**Nickname:** Die Mannschaft (The Team)

**FIFA Region:** UEFA

**World Cup History:** First qualified in 1934, and have won 4 times. Hosted in 1974 and 2006.

**Football Team Fun Fact:** Germany is one of only two countries to have won both the men's and women's FIFA World Cups; Spain is the other.

## COUNTRY FUN FACT

Germany is Europe's largest car market, producing over 3 million passenger cars annually.





## RECIPE: BRATWURST

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# GHANA

## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** English and Twi

**Greeting:** "Hello" and "Akwaaba"  
(Welcome)

**Main Religion:** Christianity

**Location:** West Africa

**Capital:** Accra

**Area (Sq Mi):** 92,099

**People Groups:** 108

**Population:** ~34,900,000

**Unreached:** ~1,870,000

## PRAYER POINTS

For leaders to act with wisdom and integrity

## WORLD CUP FACTS

**Nickname:** The Black Stars

**FIFA Region:** CAF

**World Cup History:** First qualified in 2006, best result was in 2010 when they made the quarterfinals.

**Football Team Fun Fact:** The team's name honors the Black Star of Africa, a symbol of Pan-Africanism and unity.

## COUNTRY FUN FACT

Ghana is home to Lake Volta, one of the largest man-made lakes in the world, and was the first sub-Saharan African country to gain independence from colonial rule in 1957.



### RECIPE: JOLLOF RICE WITH GRILLED CHICKEN

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# HAITI



## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** Haitian Creole (Kreyòl Ayisyen) and French (both official)

**Greeting:** "Bonjour" (Good morning); "Bonswa" (Good evening); "Kijan ou ye?" (How are you?)

**Location:** Caribbean

**Main Religion:** Roman Catholicism

**Capital:** Port-au-Prince

**Area (Sq Mi):** ~10,714

**People Groups:** 5

**Population:** ~11,600,000

**Unreached:** ~40,000

## PRAYER POINTS

For protection of the vulnerable

## WORLD CUP FACTS

**Nickname:** Les Grenadiers (The Soldiers)

**FIFA Region:** CONCACAF

**World Cup History:** First qualification was in 1974 with 2026 being the second time Haiti has qualified.

**Football Team Fun Fact:** "Les Grenadiers" (The Grenadiers) symbolizes strength, resilience, and courage, inspired by Haiti's history and revolutionary past.

## COUNTRY FUN FACT

Haiti became the first independent Black-led republic in the world in 1804, after defeating Napoleon's forces.





### RECIPE: GRIOT

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# IRAN



## QUICK FACT

**Language:** Persian (Farsi)

**Greeting:** "Salām" (Peace)

**Main Religion:** Islam

**Location:** Western Asia

**Capital:** Tehran

**Area (Sq Mi):** 636,372

**People Groups:** 47

**Population:** 96,610,793

**Unreached:** 91,825,000

## PRAYER POINTS

For protection of the vulnerable

## WORLD CUP FACTS

**Nickname:** Team Melli

**FIFA Region:** AFC

**World Cup History:** First appearance was in 1978, they have never made it out of the group stage.

**Football Team Fun Fact:** Legendary striker Ali Daei is third on the all-time international goals list behind only Messi and Ronaldo.

## COUNTRY FUN FACT

Iran's official name is the Islamic Republic of Iran, but it was previously known as Persia before 1935.



### RECIPE: GHORMEH SABZI

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# IRAQ

## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** Arabic

**Greeting:** "As-salamu alaykum" (Peace be upon you); "Marhaban" (Hello)

**Main Religion:** Islam

**Location:** Middle East

**Capital:** Baghdad

**Area (Sq Mi):** ~169,235

**People Groups:** 33

**Population:** ~45,000,000

**Unreached:** ~44,000,000

## PRAYER POINTS

For protection of the vulnerable

## WORLD CUP FACTS

**Nickname:** Lions of Mesopotamia

**FIFA Region:** AFC

**World Cup History:** First qualified in 1986 which is the team's only appearance thus far.

**Football Team Fun Fact:** The national team is sometimes called "Lions of Mesopotamia" (نِي دِفَارِ اِلْ دَوْسَا), referencing Iraq's ancient civilization and historic lands between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers.

## COUNTRY FUN FACT

Iraq is home to Mesopotamia, often called the "Cradle of Civilization," where writing, the wheel, and early cities first developed.



### RECIPE: MASGOUF

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# ITALY



## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** Italian

**Greeting:** "Ciao" (Hi/Bye);  
"Buongiorno" (Good morning);  
"Come stai?" (How are you?)

**Main Religion:** Roman  
Catholicism

**Location:** Southern Europe

**Capital:** Rome

**Area (Sq Mi):** ~116,350

**People Groups:** 102

**Population:** ~59,000,000

**Unreached:** ~1,542,000

## PRAYER POINTS

That God would help believers share their faith and make disciples

## WORLD CUP FACTS

**Nickname:** Gli Azzurri (The Blues)

**FIFA Region:** UEFA

**World Cup History:** First qualified in 1934 where they hosted and won that tournament. Italy has won four times: 1934, 1938, 1982, and 2006.

**Football Team Fun Fact:** The Italian national team holds the world record for the most consecutive matches without a defeat, going 37 games unbeaten from October 2018 to October 2021.

## COUNTRY FUN FACT

Italy has more UNESCO World Heritage Sites than any other country in the world — over 50.





**RECIPE: LASAGNA  
ALLA BOLOGNESE**

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# JAMAICA



## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** English

**Greeting:** "Wah gwaan?"  
(What's going on?); "Hello";  
"Good morning"

**Main Religion:** Christianity

**Location:** Caribbean Sea

**Capital:** Kingston

**Area (Sq Mi):** ~4,244

**People Groups:** 9

**Population:** ~2,800,000

**Unreached:** ~7,500

## PRAYER POINTS

For leaders to act with wisdom and integrity

## WORLD CUP FACTS

**Nickname:** Reggae Boyz

**FIFA Region:** CONCACAF

**World Cup History:** First and only qualification was 1998. Did not make it out of the group stage.

**Football Team Fun Fact:** The excitement surrounding the 1998 qualification was so great that November 17, 1997 was declared a national holiday in Jamaica.

## COUNTRY FUN FACT

Jamaica is the birthplace of reggae music, with Bob Marley as its most famous cultural icon.



### RECIPE: JERK CHICKEN

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# JAPAN



## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** Japanese

**Greeting:** "Konnichiwa" (こんにちは - Hello)

**Main Religion:** Buddhism

**Location:** East Asia

**Capital:** Tokyo

**Area (Sq Mi):** 145,937

**People Groups:** 43

**Population:** 122,941,186

**Unreached:** 120,523,000

## PRAYER POINTS

For spiritual awakening and revival

## WORLD CUP FACTS

**Nickname:** Samurai Blue

**FIFA Region:** AFC

**World Cup History:** First qualified in 1988, best finish is round of 16. Co-hosted the 2002 World Cup with South Korea.

**Football Fun Fact:** They are nicknamed the "Samurai Blue" due to the dark indigo color of their home kits.

## COUNTRY FUN FACT

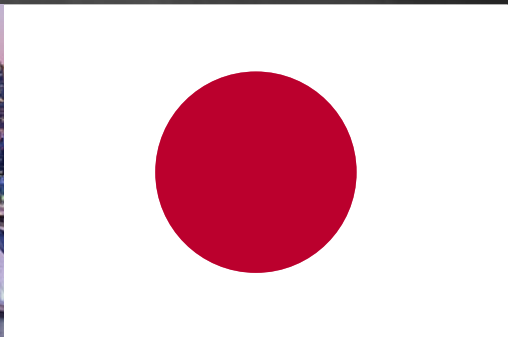
Japan is a chain of over 6,800 islands, not a single landmass.



### RECIPE: RAMEN

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# JORDAN

## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** Arabic

**Greeting:** "As-salām 'alaykum"

(م ك ي ل ع م ا ل س ل ا) – Peace be upon you)

**Main Religion:** Islam

**Location:** Middle East

**Capital:** Amman

**Area (Sq Mi):** 34,495

**People Groups:** 26

**Population:** 11,512,867

**Unreached:** 10,660,000

## PRAAYER POINTS

For leaders to act with wisdom and integrity

## WORLD CUP FACTS

**Nickname:** "Al-Nashama" ("The Brave Ones")

**FIFA Region:** AFC

**World Cup History:** 2026 is their first ever World Cup.

**Football Fun Fact:** Jordan uses a mix of domestic and diaspora talent, many players grow up in Europe or the U.S. and join the national team.

## COUNTRY FUN FACT

The Dead Sea is located at the Earth's lowest elevation on land, making it a unique geographical feature.





**RECIPE: MANSAF**

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# KOSOVO

## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** Albanian (official); Serbian (official in some municipalities)

**Greeting:** "Përshëndetje" (Hello in Albanian); "Zdravo" (Hello in Serbian)

**Main Religion:** Islam

**Location:** Southeastern Europe

**Capital:** Pristina

**Area (Sq Mi):** ~4,212

**People Groups:** 9

**Population:** ~1,900,000

**Unreached:** ~1,580,000

## PRAAYER POINTS

For leaders to act with wisdom and integrity

## WORLD CUP FACTS

**Nickname:** Dardanët (The Dardanians, referencing an ancient tribe)

**FIFA Region:** UEFA

**World Cup History:** They have never qualified for a World Cup. Their first attempt was in 2018.

**Football Team Fun Fact:** Kosovo is the most recent country to receive FIFA membership.

## COUNTRY FUN FACT

Kosovo is one of the youngest countries in Europe, declaring independence from Serbia in 2008.





### RECIPE: FLIJA

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# MEXICO

## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** Spanish

**Greeting:** "Hola"

**Main Religion:** Roman Catholicism

**Location:** North America

**Capital:** Mexico City

**Area (Sq Mi):** 761,600

**People Groups:** 333

**Population:** ~131,000,000

**Unreached:** 359,000

## PRAYER POINTS

For protection of the vulnerable

## WORLD CUP FACTS

**Nickname:** El Tri

**FIFA Region:** CONCACAF

**World Cup History:** First qualification in the 1930 inaugural World Cup, best finish quarterfinals. One of the co-hosts for the 2026 World Cup.

**Football Fun Fact:** Mexico played in the very first World Cup opening match in 1930.

## COUNTRY FUN FACT

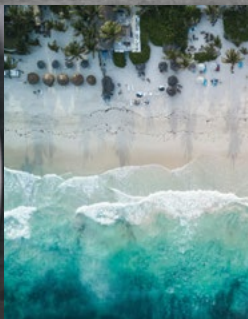
Mexico is home to the world's largest pyramid, the Great Pyramid of Cholula.



### RECIPE: ELOTE (MEXICAN STREET CORN)

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# MOROCCO



## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** Arabic and Amazigh

**Greeting:** "As-salām 'alaykum"  
(Peace be upon you)

**Main Religion:** Islam

**Location:** North Africa

**Capital:** Rabat

**Area (Sq Mi):** 172,413

**People Groups:** 28

**Population:** 38,514,989

**Unreached:** ~38,400,000

## PRAYER POINTS

Hearts to be open to the Gospel

## WORLD CUP FACTS

**Nickname:** The Atlas Lions

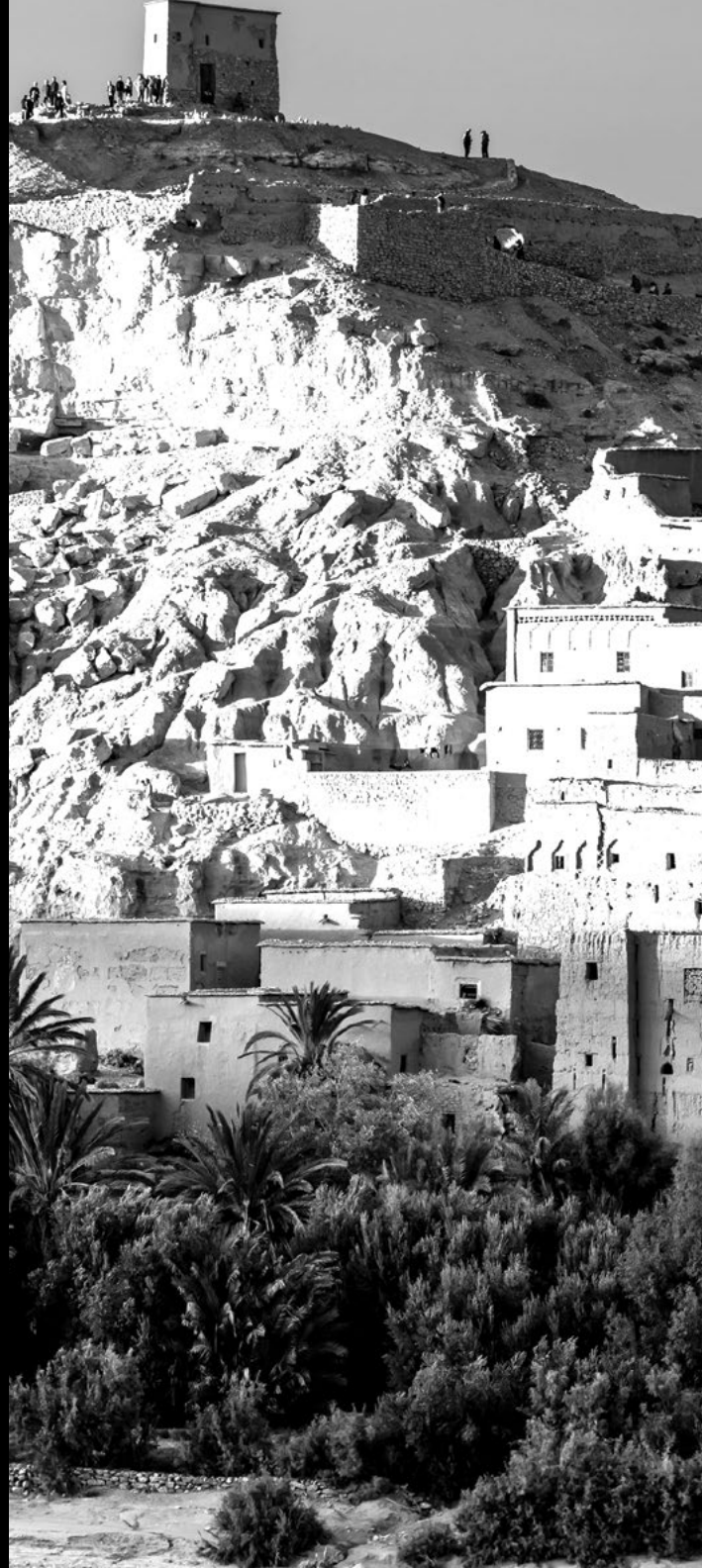
**FIFA Region:** CAF

**World Cup History:** First qualified for the World Cup in 1970. Highest finish was 4th place in 2022. Morocco will co-host the 2030 FIFA World Cup alongside Portugal and Spain.

**Football Fun Fact:** Achraf Hakimi, a right-back and key player for Morocco, was instrumental in the team's historic run to the 2022 FIFA World Cup semi-finals. His exceptional performance led to a 6th-place ranking in the 2025 Ballon d'Or, the highest for a Moroccan player.

## COUNTRY FUN FACT

Morocco is home to the world's oldest university still in operation. The University of Al Quaraouiyyine, located in Fez, was founded in 859 AD.





## RECIPE: COUSCOUS

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# NETHERLANDS



## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** Dutch

**Greeting:** "Halo" (Hello)

**Main Religion:** Secular/  
Non-Religious

**Location:** Northwestern Europe

**Capital:** Amsterdam

**Area (Sq Mi):** ~16,040

**People Groups:** 71

**Population:** ~17,900,000

**Unreached:** ~1,745,000

## PRAYER POINTS

Hearts to be open to the Gospel

## WORLD CUP FACTS

**Nickname:** Oranje (The Orange)

**FIFA Region:** UEFA

**World Cup History:** First qualified 1934, 2026 is their 12th appearance. Best result was runner up in 1974, 1978, and 2010. The Netherlands has never hosted the World Cup.

**Football Team Fun Fact:** Crest features the Dutch lion, symbol of courage and strength.

## COUNTRY FUN FACT

The Netherlands is famous for its windmills and tulips, but it's also the world's largest exporter of flowers, supplying over 70% of the global flower market.





## RECIPE: STROOPWAFELS

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# NEW CALEDONIA



## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** French

**Area (Sq Mi):** 7,172

**Greeting:** "Bonjour"

**People Groups:** 43

**Main Religion:** Christianity

**Population:** ~300,000

**Location:** South Pacific Ocean

**Unreached:** 0

**Capital:** Nouméa

## PRAYER POINTS

That God would help believers share their faith and make disciples

## WORLD CUP FACTS

**Nickname:** Les Cagous (The Kagus – named after a rare native bird)

**FIFA Region:** OFC

**World Cup History:** They have never qualified for the World Cup. Runners-up in OFC Nations Cup (2008, 2012).

**Football Team Fun Fact:** New Caledonia were not FIFA members until 2004.

## COUNTRY FUN FACT

New Caledonia is home to the world's largest lagoon, surrounded by a coral reef system that's a UNESCO World Heritage Site – perfect for diving, snorkeling, and marine research.



### RECIPE: BOUGNA

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# NEW ZEALAND



## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** English, Māori, and New Zealand Sign Language (all official)

**Greeting:** "Hello" / in Māori: "Kia ora"

**Main Religion:** Christianity

**Location:** Oceania

**Capital:** Wellington

**Area (Sq Mi):** 103,500

**People Groups:** 60

**Population:** 5,251,899

**Unreached:** 461,000

## PRAYER POINTS

For spiritual awakening and revival

## WORLD CUP FACTS

**Nickname:** All Whites

**FIFA Region:** OFC

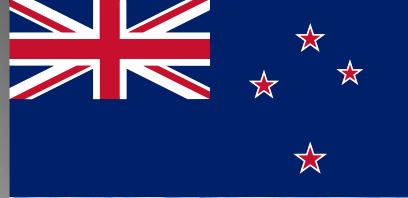
**World Cup History:** Their first World Cup was in 1982, and they have never made it out of the group stage.

**Football Fun Fact:** The only unbeaten team at the 2010 FIFA World Cup, despite being eliminated in the group stage without winning a game, a rare achievement in the tournament's history.

## COUNTRY FUN FACT

The term "kiwi" refers to the native flightless bird, the widely known kiwi fruit, and the people of New Zealand themselves.





#### RECIPE: PAVLOVA

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# NORTH MACEDONIA

## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** Macedonian

**Greeting:** "Zdravo" (Hello);  
"Dobro utro" (Good morning);  
"Kako si?" (How are you?)

**Main Religion:** Eastern  
Orthodox

**Location:** Southeastern Europe

**Capital:** Skopje

**Area (Sq Mi):** ~9,928

**People Groups:** 16

**Population:** ~2,100,000

**Unreached:** ~557,000

## PRAYER POINTS

For protection and unity of believers

## WORLD CUP FACTS

**Nickname:** Crveni Lavovi (The Red Lions)

**FIFA Region:** UEFA

**World Cup History:** They have never qualified for the World Cup.

**Football Team Fun Fact:** North Macedonia qualified for Euro 2020, marking their first appearance at a major tournament.

## COUNTRY FUN FACT

North Macedonia is home to Lake Ohrid, one of Europe's oldest and deepest lakes and a UNESCO World Heritage site.





### RECIPE: TAVČE GRAVČE

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# NORTHERN IRELAND



## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** English (official); Irish (Gaeilge) and Ulster Scots recognized regionally

**Greeting:** "Hello"; in Irish: "Dia dhuit" (Hello); in Ulster Scots: "Guid mornin" (Good morning)

**Main Religion:** Christianity

**Location:** United Kingdom

**Capital:** Belfast

**Area (Sq Mi):** ~5,456

**People Groups:** ~20

**Population:** ~1,900,000

**Unreached:** ~171,000

## PRAYER POINTS

That God would help believers share their faith and make disciples

## WORLD CUP FACTS

**Nickname:** The Green and White Army

**FIFA Region:** UEFA

**World Cup History:** First appearance was in 1958. Their best results came in 1958 and 1982 where the team finished in the quarterfinals.

**Football Team Fun Fact:** The first official team that represented just Northern Ireland (rather than the entirety of Ireland) was in 1921.

## COUNTRY FUN FACT

The famous ship RMS Titanic was built in Belfast.



### RECIPE: ULSTER FRY

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# NORWAY

## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** Norwegian

**Greeting:** "Hei" (Hi)

**Main Religion:** Christianity

**Location:** Northern Europe

**Capital:** Oslo

**Area (Sq Mi):** ~148,729

**People Groups:** 53

**Population:** ~5,500,000

**Unreached:** ~314,000

## PRAYER POINTS

Hearts to be open to the Gospel

## WORLD CUP FACTS

**Nickname:** Landslaget (The National Team)

**FIFA Region:** UEFA

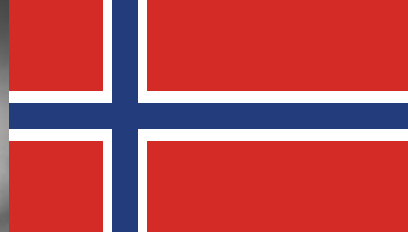
**World Cup History:** First qualified 1938, 4 appearances including 2026. Best finish was round of 16 in 1998.

**Football Team Fun Fact:** From 1993 to 1994, Norway went 17 matches undefeated, including World Cup qualifiers, demonstrating a strong team during that period.

## COUNTRY FUN FACT

Norway is consistently ranked among the happiest countries in the world and has one of the highest standards of living, thanks to its oil wealth and strong social systems.





### RECIPE: FÅRIKÅL

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# PANAMA

## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** Spanish

**Greeting:** "Hola" (Hello);

"Buenos días" (Good morning);

"¿Cómo estás?" (How are you?)

**Main Religion:** Roman Catholicism

**Location:** Central America

**Capital:** Panama City

**Area (Sq Mi):** ~29,157

**People Groups:** 26

**Population:** ~4,700,000

**Unreached:** ~20,000

## PRAYER POINTS

For spiritual awakening and revival

## WORLD CUP FACTS

**Nickname:** Los Canaleros (The Canal Men)

**FIFA Region:** CONCACAF

**World Cup History:** First qualified in 2018 but did not make it out of the group stage. 2026 is the nation's second qualification.

**Football Team Fun Fact:** Luis Tejada holds the record with 43 international goals, while captain Aníbal Godoy has the most caps (157).

## COUNTRY FUN FACT

Panama is home to the Panama Canal, one of the most important engineering projects in history, linking the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.



### RECIPE: ROPA VIEJA

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# PARAGUAY



## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** Spanish and Guaraní (both official) **Location:** South America

**Greeting:** "Hola"; in Guaraní, "Mba'éichapa" (How are you?) **Capital:** Asunción

**Main Religion:** Roman Catholicism **Area (Sq Mi):** 157,047

**People Groups:** 36

**Population:** 7,031,317

**Unreached:** 28,000

## PRAYER POINTS

That God would help believers share their faith and make disciples

## WORLD CUP FACTS

**Nickname:** La Albirroja (The White and Red)

**FIFA Region:** CONMEBOL

**World Cup History:** Participated in the 1930 inaugural World Cup. Their best finish was the quarterfinals in 2010.

**Football Fun Fact:** José Luis Chilavert of Paraguay holds the record for goals scored by a goalie, with 8 goals.

## COUNTRY FUN FACT

**Two-Sided Flag:** Paraguay is the only country with different emblems on each side of its national flag.



### RECIPE: SOPA PARAGUAYA

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# POLAND



## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** Polish (official)

**Greeting:** "Cześć" (Hi); "Dzień dobry" (Good day); "Jak się masz?" (How are you?)

**Main Religion:** Roman Catholicism

**Location:** Central Europe

**Capital:** Warsaw

**Area (Sq Mi):** ~120,733

**People Groups:** 24

**Population:** ~38,000,000

**Unreached:** ~52,000

## PRAYER POINTS

Hearts to be open to the Gospel

## WORLD CUP FACTS

**Nickname:** Biało-Czerwoni (The White and Reds)

**FIFA Region:** UEFA

**World Cup History:** First qualified in 1938. The team's best result was 3rd place in 1974 and 1982.

**Football Team Fun Fact:** Robert Lewandowski is the team's captain and all-time leading goalscorer.

## COUNTRY FUN FACT

Poland is home to the world's largest castle, Malbork Castle, built by the Teutonic Knights in the 13th century.





### RECIPE: PIEROGI

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# PORTUGAL



## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** Portuguese

**Capital:** Lisbon

**Greeting:** "Ola" (hello)

**Area (Sq Mi):** ~35,603

**Main Religion:** Roman Catholicism

**People Groups:** 35

**Location:** Southwestern Europe

**Population:** ~10,300,000

**Unreached:** ~121,000

## PRAYER POINTS

For spiritual awakening and revival

## WORLD CUP FACTS

**Nickname:** A Seleção das Quinas (The Team of the Shields)

**FIFA Region:** UEFA

**World Cup History:** First qualified in 1966 and finished 3rd that year. Has never hosted a World Cup.

**Football Team Fun Fact:** Cristiano Ronaldo has scored the most international goals by any male footballer with 143.

## COUNTRY FUN FACT

Portugal is the oldest nation-state in Europe, with its borders defined in 1139 — unchanged for nearly 900 years.



### RECIPE: BACALHAU A BRAS

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# QATAR

## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** Arabic

**Greeting:** As-salamu alaykum  
(Peace be upon you)

**Main Religion:** Islam

**Location:** Middle East

**Capital:** Doha

**Area (Sq Mi):** ~4,471

**People Groups:** 25

**Population:** ~3,100,000

**Unreached:** ~2,660,000

## PRAYER POINTS

Hearts to be open to the Gospel

## WORLD CUP FACTS

**Nickname:** The Maroons

**FIFA Region:** AFC

**World Cup History:** First qualified as a host in 2022 (first Arab country to host the tournament)

**Football Team Fun Fact:** Qatar won the AFC Asian Cup in 2019 and 2023, a major achievement for a small nation.

## COUNTRY FUN FACT

Qatar has one of the highest GDPs per capita worldwide due to large natural gas and oil reserves, and over 80% of its population lives in the capital region of Doha.



### RECIPE: MACHBOOS

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# REPUBLIC OF IRELAND



## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** Irish (Gaeilge) and English (both official)

**Greeting:** "Dia dhuit" (Hello, literally "God be with you"); "Conas atá tú?" (How are you?)

**Main Religion:** Roman Catholicism

**Location:** Northwestern Europe

**Capital:** Dublin

**Area (Sq Mi):** ~27,133

**People Groups:** 36

**Population:** ~5,300,000

**Unreached:** ~57,000

## PRAYER POINTS

For leaders to act with wisdom and integrity

## WORLD CUP FACTS

**Nickname:** The Boys in Green

**FIFA Region:** UEFA

**World Cup History:** First qualified in 1990 which was the team's best result of making the quarterfinals.

**Football Team Fun Fact:** Prior to 1953, both the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland teams claimed to be the national team of "Ireland," and players could be selected for either side.

## COUNTRY FUN FACT

Ireland is nicknamed the "Emerald Isle" for its lush green landscapes and is famous worldwide for its music, literature, and folklore.





### RECIPE: IRISH STEW

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# ROMANIA



## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** Romanian

**Greeting:** "Bună ziua" (Good day); "Salut" (Hi); "Ce faci?" (How are you?)

**Main Religion:** Eastern Orthodox

**Location:** Southeastern Europe

**Capital:** Bucharest

**Area (Sq Mi):** ~92,046

**People Groups:** 21

**Population:** ~19,000,000

**Unreached:** ~87,000

## PRAYER POINTS

That God would help believers share their faith and make disciples

## WORLD CUP FACTS

**Nickname:** Tricolorii (The Tricolors)

**FIFA Region:** UEFA

**World Cup History:** Qualified for the inaugural tournament in 1930. Their best result came in 1994 when the team reached the quarterfinals.

**Football Team Fun Fact:** In the 1994 World Cup, Romania defeated Argentina (the reigning champions) with a memorable free-kick goal by Gheorghe Hagi (nicknamed "Maradona of the Carpathians").

## COUNTRY FUN FACT

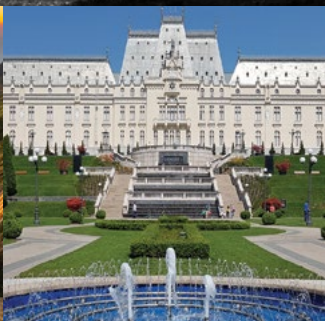
Romania is home to Bran Castle, often associated with the Dracula legend, and the Danube Delta, one of Europe's most biodiverse regions.



### RECIPE: SARMALE

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# SAUDI ARABIA



## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** Arabic

**Capital:** Riyadh

**Greeting:** "As-salamu alaykum"  
(Peace be upon you)

**Area (Sq Mi):** ~829,999

**Main Religion:** Islam

**People Groups:** 57

**Location:** Middle East

**Population:** ~33,000,000

**Unreached:** ~30,900,000

## PRAYER POINTS

For spiritual awakening and revival

## WORLD CUP FACTS

**Nickname:** The Green Falcons

**FIFA Region:** AFC

**World Cup History:** First qualified in 1994; reached the knockout Round of 16 in their debut.

**Football Team Fun Fact:** Saudi Arabia's national team crest and nickname reflects speed and agility, national pride, and their hunting instincts on the field.

## COUNTRY FUN FACT

Saudi Arabia is the birthplace of Islam and hosts the annual Hajj pilgrimage, bringing millions to Mecca and Medina each year.



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### RECIPE: AL KABSA

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# SCOTLAND



## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** English

**Greeting:** "Hello"; "Hiya"

**Main Religion:** Christianity

**Location:** Northern United Kingdom

**Capital:** Edinburgh

**Area (Sq Mi):** ~30,090

**People Groups:** ~40

**Population:** ~5,500,000

**Unreached:** ~495,000

## PRAYER POINTS

For leaders to act with wisdom and integrity

## WORLD CUP FACTS

**Nickname:** The Tartan Army (refers to fans); team often called Scotland National Team

**FIFA Region:** UEFA

**World Cup History:** First qualified in 1954, and has qualified 9 times including 2026. Scotland has never advanced out of the group stage.

**Football Team Fun Fact:** Scotland played in the world's first-ever international football match — against England on November 30, 1872, in Partick, Glasgow. The game ended in a 0–0 draw, and it set the stage for one of football's oldest rivalries.

## COUNTRY FUN FACT

Scotland is the birthplace of golf, with the Old Course at St Andrews considered the "home of golf."





#### RECIPE: HAGGIS

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# SENEGAL

## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** French (official); Wolof, Pulaar, Serer, Mandinka, Jola, and Soninke are widely spoken

**Greeting:** "Salaam aleikum" (Peace be upon you); "Nanga def?" (How are you? in Wolof)

**Main Religion:** Islam

**Location:** West Africa

**Capital:** Dakar

**Area (Sq Mi):** 75,951

**People Groups:** 54

**Population:** ~18,700,000

**Unreached:** ~15,300,000

## PRAYER POINTS

For protection of the vulnerable

## WORLD CUP FACTS

**Nickname:** Lions of Teranga

**FIFA Region:** CAF

**World Cup History:** First qualified in 2002, reaching the quarterfinals. Also qualified in 2018, 2022, and 2026.

**Football Team Fun Fact:** "Teranga" means hospitality in Wolof, symbolizing Senegalese culture and the pride and courage of the national team.

## COUNTRY FUN FACT

Senegal is home to Africa's tallest statue, the African Renaissance Monument in Dakar, standing at 160 feet — taller than the Statue of Liberty.





### RECIPE: THIÉBOUDIENNE

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# SLOVAKIA



## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** Slovak

**Greeting:** "Ahoj" (Hi); "Dobrý deň" (Good day); "Ako sa máš?" (How are you?)

**Main Religion:** Roman Catholicism

**Location:** Central Europe

**Capital:** Bratislava

**Area (Sq Mi):** ~18,933

**People Groups:** 15

**Population:** ~5,400,000

**Unreached:** 18,000

## PRAAYER POINTS

That God would help believers share their faith and make disciples

## WORLD CUP FACTS

**Nickname:** Sokoli (The Falcons)

**FIFA Region:** UEFA

**World Cup History:** First qualified for the 2010 world cup where the team made it to the round of 16.

**Football Team Fun Fact:** Crest features the Slovak double cross on three hills, from the national flag.

## COUNTRY FUN FACT

Slovakia is home to more than 6,000 caves and has one of the highest numbers of castles per capita in the world.



### RECIPE: BRYNDZOVÉ HALUŠKY

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# SOUTH AFRICA

## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** 12 official languages, including English, Afrikaans, Zulu, Xhosa, Sesotho, Setswana, and South African Sign Language

**Greeting:** "Hello" (English); "Sawubona" (Zulu); "Molo" (Xhosa); "Goeie dag" (Afrikaans)

**Main Religion:** Christianity

**Location:** Southern Tip of Africa

**Capital:** Three capitals – Pretoria (executive), Cape Town (legislative), Bloemfontein (judicial).

**Area (Sq Mi):** 471,445

**People Groups:** 62

**Population:** ~60,400,000

**Unreached:** 1,287,000

## PRAYER POINTS

That God would help believers share their faith and make disciples

## WORLD CUP FACTS

**Nickname:** Bafana Bafana (Zulu for "The Boys")

**FIFA Region:** CAF

**World Cup History:** Hosted in 2010 and therefore automatically qualified. The 2026 World Cup is the only tournament they have qualified for via merit.

**Football Team Fun Fact:** In 2010, the South African hosts became the first host nation not to advance past the group stage of the tournament.

## COUNTRY FUN FACT:

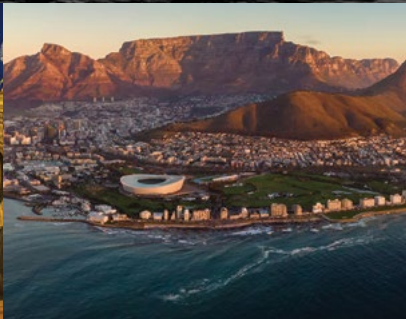
You can find wild African penguins at Boulders Beach near Cape Town – one of the few places in the world where penguins live naturally in a warm climate.



### RECIPE: BOBOTIE

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# SOUTH KOREA

## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** Korean

**Greeting:** "Annyeong haseyo"  
(안녕하세요 – Hello)

**Main Religion:** None

**Location:** East Asia

**Capital:** Seoul

**Area (Sq Mi):** 38,751

**People Groups:** 30

**Population:** 51,667,029

**Unreached:** 491,000

## PRAYER POINTS

For protection and unity of believers

## WORLD CUP FACTS

**Nickname:** Taegeuk Warriors (태극전사)

**FIFA Region:** AFC

**World Cup History:** First appearance was in 1954, their best result was fourth place in 2002. Co-hosted 2002 with Japan.

**Football Fun Fact:** In 2002, South Korea became the first Asian team to advance to the semi-finals of the FIFA World Cup.

## COUNTRY FUN FACT

All male citizens in South Korea between the ages of 18 and 35 are required to complete at least 21 months of military service.





### RECIPE: CABBAGE KIMCHI

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# SPAIN



## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** Castilian Spanish

**Greeting:** "Hola" (Hello); "¿Que Tal?" (How are you?)

**Main Religion:** Roman Catholicism

**Location:** Southwestern Europe, Iberian Peninsula

**Capital:** Madrid

**Area (Sq Mi):** ~194,000

**People Groups:** 77

**Population:** ~47,900,000

**Unreached:** ~1,260,000

## PRAYER POINTS

Hearts to be open to the Gospel

## WORLD CUP FACTS

**Nickname:** La Roja (The Red)

**FIFA Region:** UEFA

**World Cup History:** First qualified in 1935, winners in 2010 and hosted in 1982. They have 16 total appearances.

**Football Team Fun Fact:** Famous for tiki-taka passing style in their on-field play. Crest features the Spanish royal crown and national symbols.

## COUNTRY FUN FACT

**La Tomatina:** Spain hosts the world's largest tomato fight, a massive public food fight that takes place every year in the town of Buñol.



### RECIPE: TORTILLA DE PATATAS

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# SURINAME



## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** Dutch (official); Sranan Tongo (creole)

**Greeting:** "Hallo" (Hello in Dutch); "Fa waka?" (How are you? in Sranan Tongo)

**Main Religion:** Christianity

**Capital:** Paramaribo

**Location:** Northern South America

**Area (Sq Mi):** ~63,252

**People Groups:** 22

**Population:** ~640,000

**Unreached:** 33,000

## PRAAYER POINTS

Hearts to be open to the Gospel

## WORLD CUP FACTS

**Nickname:** Natio (The National Team)

**FIFA Region:** CONCACAF

**World Cup History:** They have never qualified for a World Cup.

**Football Team Fun Fact:** Many Surinamese players have represented the Netherlands (e.g., Clarence Seedorf, Edgar Davids, Virgil van Dijk (has Surinamese heritage)).

## COUNTRY FUN FACT

Suriname is the smallest country in South America by both area and population, but one of the most ethnically diverse.





#### RECIPE: POM

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# SWEDEN

## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** Swedish

**Greeting:** "Hej" (Hi); "God dag" (Good day); "Hur mår du?" (How are you?)

**Main Religion:** Christianity

**Location:** Northern Europe

**Capital:** Stockholm

**Area (Sq Mi):** ~173,860

**People Groups:** 74

**Population:** ~10,500,000

**Unreached:** 578,000

## PRAYER POINTS

For spiritual awakening and revival

## WORLD CUP FACTS

**Nickname:** Blågult (The Blue and Yellow)

**FIFA Region:** UEFA

**World Cup History:** First appearance was in 1934, hosted in 1958. The team's best finish came in 1958 as the runner ups.

**Football Team Fun Fact:** Zlatan Ibrahimovic is the country's most famous player for his prolific goal scoring and big personality.

## COUNTRY FUN FACTS

Sweden is the birthplace of ABBA, one of the world's most famous pop groups, and is also known for IKEA and Volvo.



### RECIPE: KÖTTBULLAR

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# SWITZERLAND



## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** German, French, Italian, and Romansh.

**Greeting:** "Grüezi" (Swiss German); "Bonjour" (French); "Buongiorno" (Italian); "Allegra" (Romansh)

**Main Religion:** Christianity

**Location:** Central Europe

**Capital:** Bern

**Area (Sq Mi):** ~15,940

**People Groups:** 58

**Population:** ~8,900,000

**Unreached:** 326,000

## PRAYER POINTS

For spiritual awakening and revival

## WORLD CUP FACTS

**Nickname:** La Nati (The National Team)

**FIFA Region:** UEFA

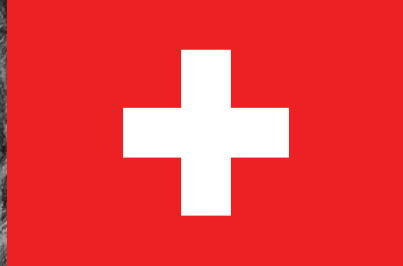
**World Cup History:** First qualified in 1934. Their best result was the quarterfinals in 1934, 1938 and 1954. Hosted in 1954.

**Football Team Fun Fact:** Crest features the Swiss cross, symbol of neutrality and national identity.

## COUNTRY FUN FACT

Switzerland is famous for its neutrality – it has not been involved in a foreign war since 1815.





### RECIPE: FONDUE

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# TUNISIA

## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** Arabic

**Greeting:** "As-salām 'alaykum"  
(مكيلي مع السلام – Peace be upon you)

**Main Religion:** Islam

**Location:** North Africa

**Capital:** Tunis

**Area (Sq Mi):** 63,170

**People Groups:** 18

**Population:** 12,348,573

**Unreached:** 12,221,000

## PRAYER POINTS

That God would help believers share their faith and make disciples

## WORLD CUP FACTS

**Nickname:** Eagles of Carthage

**FIFA Region:** CAF

**World Cup History:** First appearance was in 1978. They have never made it out of the group stage.

**Football Fun Fact:** Tunisia holds the record for the most consecutive participations in the Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON).

## COUNTRY FUN FACT

Tunisia's northernmost point, Cape Angela, is the most northerly point on the African continent.



### RECIPE: BRIK

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# TÜRKIYE



## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** Turkish

**Greeting:** "Merhaba" (Hello);  
"Selam" (Hi); "Nasılsın?" (How  
are you?)

**Main Religion:** Islam

**Capital:** Ankara

**Location:** Southeastern Europe  
and Western Asia

**Area (Sq Mi):** ~302,535

**People Groups:** 85

**Population:** 87,515,000

**Unreached:** 86,812,000

## PRAAYER POINTS

For protection of the vulnerable

## WORLD CUP FACTS

**Nickname:** Ay-Yıldızlılar (The Crescent-Stars)

**FIFA Region:** UEFA

**World Cup History:** First qualified in 1954. Their best result was  
3rd place in 2002.

**Football Team Fun Fact:** They earned the nickname "the Last-  
Minute Team" after three stoppage-time goals against multiple  
teams in the 2008 EURO's.

## COUNTRY FUN FACT

Türkiye is home to two of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient  
World — the Temple of Artemis at Ephesus and the Mausoleum  
at Halicarnassus.



### RECIPE: KEBAP (KEBAB)

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# UKRAINE

## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** Ukrainian (official)

**Greeting:** "Dobry den" (Good day); "Pryvit" (Hi); "Yak spravy?" (How are you?)

**Main Religion:** Eastern Orthodox

**Location:** Eastern Europe

**Capital:** Kyiv

**Area (Sq Mi):** ~233,062

**People Groups:** 56

**Population:** ~36,000,000

**Unreached:** 450,000

## PRAYER POINTS

For protection and unity of believers

## WORLD CUP FACTS

**Nickname:** Zbirna (The National Team)

**FIFA Region:** UEFA

**World Cup History:** First and only qualification was in 2006 where the team finished in the quarterfinals.

**Football Team Fun Fact:** Crest features the trident (Tryzub), Ukraine's national symbol.

## COUNTRY FUN FACT

Ukraine is known as the "breadbasket of Europe", thanks to its fertile soil (chernozem) and vast grain production.





### RECIPE: BORSCHT

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# UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** English

**Greeting:** "Hi", "Hello"

**Main Religion:** Christianity - Protestant

**Location:** North America

**Capital:** Washington D.C.

**Area (Sq Mi):** 3,809,525

**People Groups:** 496

**Population:** 340,830,281

**Unreached:** 14,562,000

## PRAYER POINTS

Hearts to be open to the Gospel

## WORLD CUP FACTS

**Nickname:** "Stars and Stripes"

**FIFA Region:** CONCACAF

**World Cup History:** Participated in the inaugural World Cup in 1930 where they finished 3rd—their highest finish to date. In their 37 World Cup matches, the USMNT has only been awarded two penalty kicks.

**Football Fun Fact:** The 1994 World Cup (hosted by the United States) still holds the attendance record for a World Cup tournament.

## COUNTRY FUN FACT

The U.S. has hosted the most Olympic games, invented the internet's precursor, and was the first nation to land humans on the moon.



### RECIPE: HAMBURGER

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# URUGUAY

## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** Spanish

**Greeting:** "Hola"

**Main Religion:** Roman Catholicism

**Location:** South America

**Capital:** Montevideo

**Area (Sq Mi):** ~68,000

**People Groups:** 24

**Population:** 3,384,260

**Unreached:** 23,000

## PRAYER POINTS

Hearts to be open to the Gospel

## WORLD CUP FACTS

**Nickname:** La Celeste (The Sky Blue)

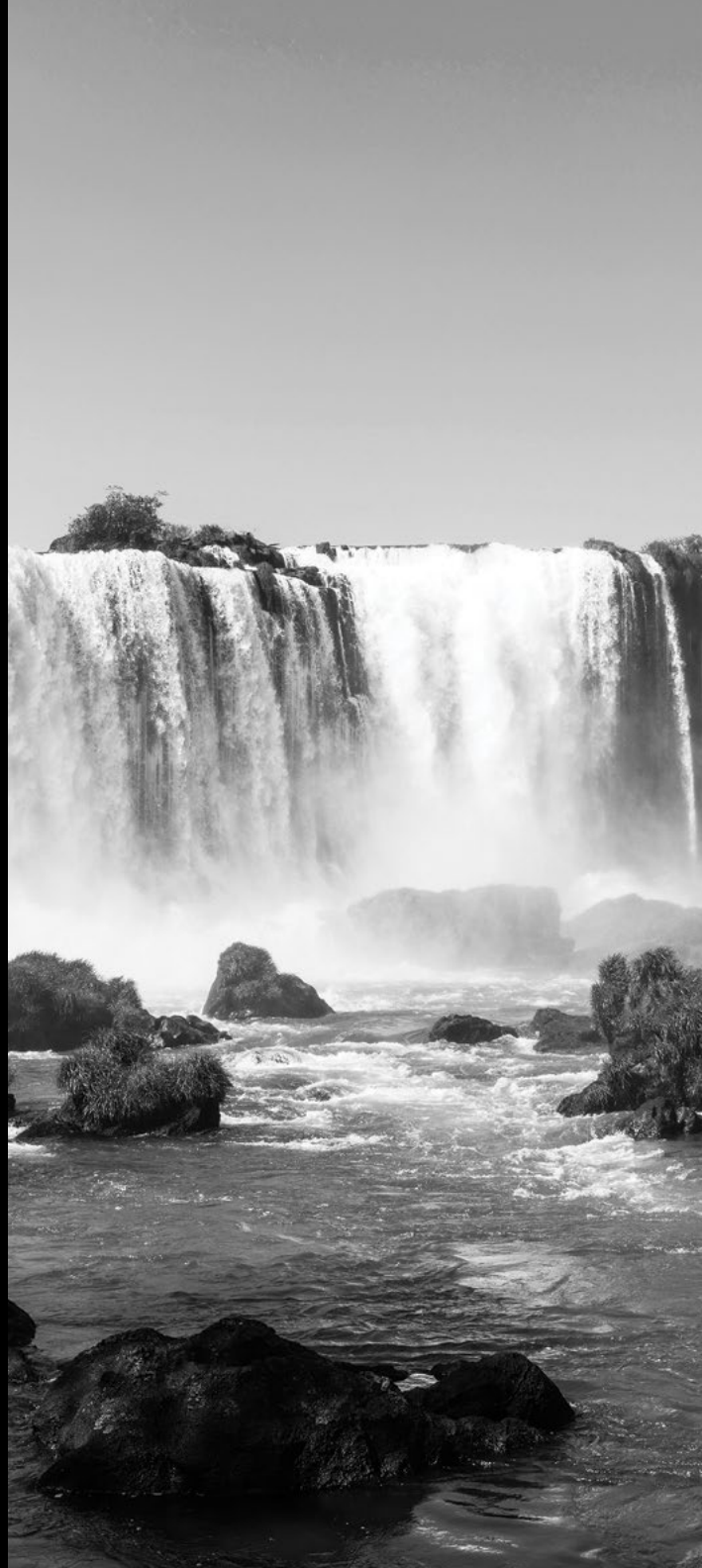
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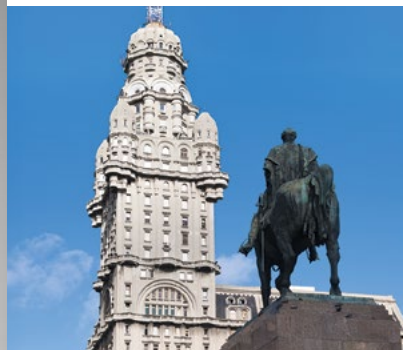
**World Cup History:** In 1930, they won the inaugural World Cup which they also hosted. They also won in 1950.

**Football Fun Fact:** The "Garra Charrúa" spirit describes the team's unique "warrior-like" spirit, characterized by a mentality of fighting adversity and winning.

## COUNTRY FUN FACT

Uruguay is a global leader in renewable energy, generating over 98% of its electricity from sources like wind, solar, hydro, and biomass.





### RECIPE: CHIVITO

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# UZBEKISTAN



## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** Uzbek

**Greeting:** "Assalamu alaykum"  
(Peace be with you)

**Main Religion:** Islam

**Location:** Central Asia

**Capital:** Tashkent

**Area (Sq Mi):** 172,700

**People Groups:** 44

**Population:** 37,053,428

**Unreached:** 35,402,000

## PRAYER POINTS

For spiritual awakening and revival

## WORLD CUP FACTS

**Nickname:** White Wolves

**FIFA Region:** AFC

**World Cup History:** 2026 is their first-ever qualification.

**Football Fun Fact:** They are Central Asia's first team to qualify for the World Cup.

## COUNTRY FUN FACT

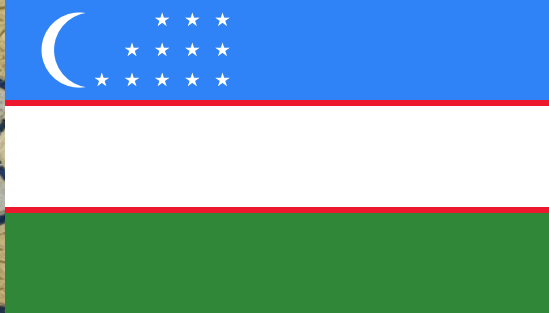
Uzbekistan is a double landlocked country, meaning it's a landlocked nation, and all its neighboring countries are also landlocked, with no direct access to the sea.



### RECIPE: PILAF

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# WALES

## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** English and Welsh (both official)

**Greeting:** "Hello"; in Welsh: "Shwmae" (Hi), "Bore da" (Good morning)

**Main Religion:** Christianity

**Location:** Western UK

**Capital:** Cardiff

**Area (Sq Mi):** ~8,023

**People Groups:** ~30

**Population:** ~3,100,000

**Unreached:** ~279,000

## PRAYER POINTS

For spiritual awakening and revival

## WORLD CUP FACTS

**Nickname:** The Dragons (Y Dreigiau)

**FIFA Region:** UEFA

**World Cup History:** First qualified in 1958 where the team made it to the quarterfinals. 2022 is the only other time the team has qualified.

**Football Team Fun Fact:** The team started taking deliberately awkward team photos after noticing how poor their previous ones were. This has now become a superstition for the team.

## COUNTRY FUN FACT

Wales is known as the "Land of Song", famous for its choirs and musical traditions. It also has more castles per square mile than any other country in Europe.



### RECIPE: CAWL

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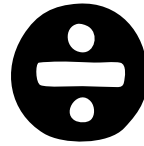
***“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.”***

*John 3:16*



## **GOD LOVES ME**

God loves you unconditionally. He knows you and wants to be close to you. He wants the best for you and offers you a fulfilled life that goes beyond death.



## **I LIVE APART FROM GOD**

By nature, we do not ask about God. We mistrust Him and go our own ways—that is what the Bible calls sin. Sin separates us forever from God and the life He has in store for us.



## **JESUS GAVE EVERYTHING FOR ME**

God's son, Jesus Christ, took our place on the cross, taking the consequences of sin upon Himself. He died, but rose from the dead. In doing so, He bridged the separation between ourselves and God.



## **WILL I CHOOSE TO FOLLOW JESUS?**

Jesus has restored the relationship between us and God. We can choose to live with God by accepting this gift through faith and by trusting Him. Will you do that today?



# PRAYER AND REFLECTION

**As you reflect on the nations and the people you've learned about, take a moment to ponder these questions. They are meant to stir your heart and guide your prayers.**

## **Prayer Questions:**

- Which nation or people group stood out to you the most, and why?
- Is there someone you know personally from this nation you can pray for this week?
- How can you pray for spiritual awakening and hope in this place?
- What struggles or needs of this nation move your heart to intercede?
- Are there ways God might be calling you to connect with or serve this nation?
- How can you pray for the next generation and future leaders there?
- What is one specific, tangible way you can remember to pray regularly for this nation?



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