

DV PRAYER POINTS AND INFORMATION ON FINLAND

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General Information about Finland:

Population in 2020: 5,536,146.

Capital: Greater Helsinki Metro Area with a population of 1,268,296 (23% of the total Finnish population).

Population Breakdown:

- Finish: 91.54%
- Other European: 4.12%
- Asian: 2.77%
- African: 1.09%
- Other: 0.48%

Top Immigrant Groups in Finland (in Order from Largest to Smallest):

- Russia
- Estonia
- Sweden
- Iraq
- China
- Somalia
- Thailand
- Vietnam
- Serbia
- India
- Turkey

Finland became a modern independent country on December 6, 1917 gaining independence from the Russian Empire.

Finland has been invaded by Russia three times in the last 100 years and in 1940 Russia took 10% of Finland's territory and incorporated it into Russia.

Finland is a neutral country. Finland joined the EU on January 1, 1995.

Pray for Finland as they are currently considering joining NATO or not very soon as Russia has threatened Finland many times that if they join NATO that Russia will invade Finland.

Pray for wisdom for Finland's current Prime Minister, Sanna Marin (Who took office in 2019 at age 34).

Finland's Religious Situation:

Overall Religious Breakdown in Finland:

- Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland: 66.59%
- Orthodox Church: 1.07%
- Other Christians (mostly Evangelicals): 0.94%
- Other Religions: 0.82%
- Unaffiliated: 30.58%

Note: only 1/3 of Finns believe in God.

World Religion Groups in Finland:

- Muslims: 150,000 (2.7% of Finland's total population) with 107 mosques
- Buddhists: 10,000 with 48 Buddhist temples/groups
- Hindus: 6,000 with 32 Hindu temples/groups
- Jews: 1,800 with 4 Jewish synagogues/groups
- Sikhs: 700 with 7 Sikh temples/groups

Cult/Occult Groups in Finland:

- Jehovah's Witnesses: 25,900 in 278 Kingdom Halls
- Mormons: 4,961 in 33 churches (Mormon Temple in Helsinki)
- Bahai: 1,800 in 14 Spiritual Assemblies
- Witches/Wiccan/Pagans/Neo-Pagans: 1,000 in 19 known Covens/groups
- Satanism: ? Unknown secret in at least one group (Temple of Set)

Christian Breakdown in Finland:

- Finland has 2,057 total churches which is 1 church per 2,694 people.
- The number of churches in Finland has declined by 9.1% in the last 20 years.
- Evangelical Christians in Finland: 100,309 meeting in 642 churches (including 1 Messianic Jewish congregation, house churches, and immigrant churches). This is about 1% of Finland's population that is Evangelical Christian.
- Finland needs an additional 4,894 to 10,430 more new churches to reach the entire country. Thus, Finland needs 87%-94% more Evangelical churches than it currently has to reach its country.
- There are at least 200 Muslim Background Believers (MBBs) in Finland.
- There are 560 missionaries who have been sent to Finland and 1,200 Finnish missionaries sent out from Finland worldwide.