



MOROCCO

day 20

Morocco's strategic location has shaped its history, and its resources have led to early competition among European powers in Africa. France and Spain were entrusted in 1912 to jointly police Morocco. France was the protectorate of Morocco, while Spain assumed the role of protecting power over the Northern and Southern Sahara zones. In 1956, Morocco regained its independence and also was the second Arab state to invite the Israeli Prime Minister for a visit. Morocco was the first country to seek diplomatic relations with the government of the United States in 1777 and remains one of its oldest and closest allies in the region. The Treaty of Peace and Friendship that was negotiated between the United States and Morocco is the longest unbroken treaty relationship in our history.

By the late 1980's, Chicago's Moroccan community was becoming more geographically defined, organized, and religious. Men found work as taxi drivers, restaurant workers, and mechanics, while women became employed as childcare providers and domestic workers.

This small community of Moroccans in Chicago are predominately nominal Muslims. Most gather around restaurants, cafes, and mosques. **Pray for ongoing contact with Christians who would frequent these restaurants and cafes, building relationships with those who work there.** Moroccans have had limited association with Chicago's Arab and Muslim communities from the Middle East; instead they have turned toward relationships with other immigrants from the Maghreb, the term used for the Western countries of North Africa. **Pray for Moroccan believers to be emboldened to share their faith with other Moroccans in the city, in spite of persecution.**



FAQS

SIZE

Larger than California

POPULATION

33,757,175

CAPITAL

Rabat

LANGUAGE

Arabic

RELIGION

Islam

UPG'S

25

POP. IN CHICAGO

1,000

LOCATION

Albany Park, Lincoln Square, Rogers Park, Uptown

VISIT

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PSALM 2:8

"Ask of Me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for your possession."

