

HOW TO PRAY FOR
EUROPE



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MISSIONS

Thank you for praying for Europe!

As you read this guide, you'll learn about this diverse region and a young unreached people group.

744 million people currently live in 51 European countries and speak over 200 languages. With so much diversity, most experts divide the continent into three major categories: Romance, Germanic, and Slavic.



Romance languages dominate western and Mediterranean Europe. All are derived from the Latin language of the Roman empire.

Germanic languages are found in central, northern, and northwestern Europe. They derive from a common tribal language that originated in southern Scandinavia. English is technically a Germanic language, but half of its vocabulary has Romance origins.

Lastly, Slavic languages are characteristic of eastern and southeastern Europe. Russia, which stretches from Europe to Asia, is also Slavic.

Like its languages, Europe's religious divisions fall into three broad categories: Christianity, Judaism, and Islam. West and southwest Europe are predominantly Roman Catholic, while the north is Protestant and the east and southeast are Eastern Orthodox.

Judaism in Europe dates back to the Roman empire, although only 0.2% of Jews live there now. Islam arrived in the Middle Ages with invaders of the Iberian and Balkan peninsulas and is steadily growing.





One of the areas Islam is growing is in the Balkans of southeastern Europe. Montenegro, a young Balkan country that was once part of Yugoslavia, has a population of 600,000 and is almost 20% Muslim. While the remaining population largely identifies as Eastern Orthodox, most claim this identity for economic and cultural reasons, not because they have a personal faith.



The growing tide of Islam and the shrinking number of believing Christians are two reasons why ethnic Montenegrins are considered an unreached people group (UPG).

A UPG is a group of people with a shared culture that have less than 2% of professing evangelical Christian believers. Only 0.3% of Montenegrins, or 180,000, are evangelical believers. That leaves 420,000 people who have yet to hear the Good News of Jesus and accept a personal relationship with Him.

There is a great need for Montenegrins to break free of the idea that religion is about cultural morality, family heritage, and economic stability. They need to understand that believing in Jesus is about having a personal, loving relationship with their Savior. Thankfully, native missionaries are ready to make the introduction.



Boris and Urša are two native missionaries working in Montenegro with their young family. Personal relationships with other people led them to accept Jesus Christ as their Savior, totally transforming their lives.



Now, they prayerfully work to see others experience the same turning point.

The family lives in Podgorica, the capital of Montenegro, where Boris pastors a small church. He and Urša are also evangelists who share their stories of forgiveness and transformation with their community.

Many Montenegrins and other Balkan people long for forgiveness, hope, and the possibility of new life. The history of their country and region is based on division as different religions, ethnic groups, and political parties clash.

Relationships are improving, but the hope of the Gospel can unite unlike anything else. Join us in praying for the unreached Montenegrins, the Balkan region, and all of Europe.



5 WAYS TO PRAY FOR EUROPE



1. A new outpouring of the Holy Spirit in Europe.
2. For believers to rise and shine the light of Jesus through their lives.
3. More workers in the harvest field of Europe.
4. For believers and churches to work together in unity.
5. For God to unite western and eastern Europe, who can together advance His kingdom.
6. Encouragement for the churches in Eastern Europe as many people, especially young people, leave the country to find better prospects in the west.
7. For strength and wisdom for native missionaries when reaching out into their communities.
8. For the Montenegrins to find their identity, not only in their nationality, but in Christ.
9. For ANM's native missionaries to not grow weary of doing good and remember that they will reap a harvest in due season.
10. For people to realise the need for prayer and stand with these missionaries in spiritual battle for the souls of Europe.



ANM is a global missions organization delivering the Gospel to those who still need to hear the Good News of Jesus in 100+ countries.

We're a little different from the traditional missions organizations you may be familiar with. Instead of sending missionaries to other countries where they have to learn a new language, adapt to new ways of living, and make substantial cultural adjustments, we support missionaries sharing the Gospel in their own countries.

These native missionaries are impacting the kingdom tremendously – *you can help.*

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