

# AFGHANISTAN



**Capital:** Kabul

**Population:** 36.9 million (March 2019 UN estimates)

**Official language(s):** Dari, Pashto

**Main religions:** Islam

**People groups:** Pashtun (42%), Tajik (33%), Hazara (23%), Uzbek (10%), Aimaq, Turkmen, Baloch, Nuristani, Pashai, Nuristani, Arab, Brahui, Pamiri, Gujjar)

**Some interesting facts:** Buzkashi, Afghanistan's national sport, is a game where players try to catch a goat while riding on horseback!

Children in Afghanistan love to fly kites. They enjoy participating in kite flying competitions.

**How to say "I love you!" in Dari:**

Dostat daaram. (م دوستت دارم) - I love you.

Man ham dostat daaram. (من هم دوستت دارم) - I love you too.

**How to say "Thank you!" in Dari:**

Tashakor (شکر) Thank you.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ssCJfAvwMg>

<https://www.17-minute-world-languages.com/en/dari/>



**Prayer for the Afghan people:**

Father God, we know that you love all the people in the world. You created them! We pray for the people in Afghanistan. We pray they would all have many opportunities to hear about Your love for them, and that they would love you too. We pray for peace in their country. We pray for families to be reunited and for all their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs to be met.

We pray this all in the name of Jesus, Amen.