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## Pray with Lebanon on Sunday, November 25, 2018

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***Lectionary Selection: John 18:33-37***

***Prayers for Lebanon:***

Almighty God, You are creator of all. You are the blessed and only Ruler. We come before you and praise you, for you are Lord of lords and King of kings.

You use your authority as the Omnipotent in ways unlike earthly kings.

Your rule brings peace and unity.

Your authority originates from doing the will of God.

We praise you for teaching us by example, to serve in humility.

You who are Sovereign are found in the most unlikely places.

You are with the refugee families in their tents and temporary housing. You are with the foreign workers who lack the most basic of legal protections. You bring light and truth into the darkest of places and situations. When we are impatient as we wait for better living conditions, better financial conditions, and for lasting peace, help us to see you and feel your presence, and acknowledge your sovereignty and Regal rule over the entire universe.

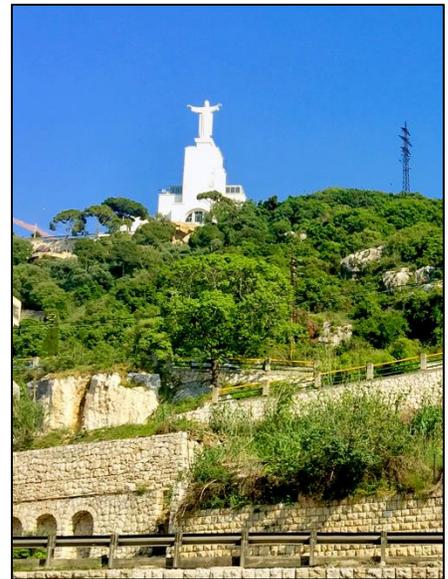
As the people of Lebanon face difficulty upon difficulty, help them to never lose hope in Christ the King. Monarchs and leaders come and go, but you are the same, yesterday, today and forever.

God of hope and light, fill us with trust in Christ our Savior. Amen.

***Mission Stewardship Moment from Lebanon:***

On November 22nd, Lebanon celebrated its 75th Anniversary of Independence. Yet there is an uneasy atmosphere as the country continues to await (since May) the formation of a new government.

Families with already limited financial resources are becoming more distraught and looking for ways to leave the country to a place they think will give their



children a better future.

The Union of the Armenian Evangelical Churches in the Near East, in partnership with bodies such as Global Ministries, is bringing hope to a new generation in several ways. Despite the anticipated burden of a yet to be implemented tax law, the UAECNE's schools continue to offer a high quality education to its students, the majority of whom go on to higher education.

At Haigazian University, students from different religious and ethnic backgrounds pursue their education while also forging friendships across religious and cultural barriers. Yet many are holding down a job or drop out a semester in order to pay tuition; some are even supporting their own families. Financial support from partners such as Global Ministries is all the more crucial.



Currently some students at Haigazian are working on an app addressing the plight of foreign workers here in abusive situations. Indirectly they are testifying to the truth of Christ the King, whose statue stands above the hills 13 km. (8 mi) from Beirut.

Our prayer for them as well as the leaders of the country is that such acts of caring would bring a positive change to a country and region sorely in need of it.

(Prayer and Mission Moment by Maria Bakalian)

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## Lebanon

Lebanon is located in the Middle East, bordering the Mediterranean Sea, between Israel and Syria.

Lebanon is often cited as exceptional in the Middle East for its vital pluralism and diversity. A prominent Muslim who is a member of the Arab Working Group for Christian-Muslim Dialogue says, “We Lebanese have a special background in pluralism, culturally and objectively. It is a way of life for us in Lebanon to live together.” Even so, Lebanon is still feeling the impact of its seventeen-year civil war and the effects of Israeli occupation of, and withdrawal from, the south. Physical reconstruction in Beirut is visible, even as more rural communities aspire to get back on their feet and the economy is strained.

Pray for: The many Christian communities of Lebanon and their ecumenical efforts to ensure a strong Christian presence; efforts to build upon a history of interfaith relations that has stressed national unity; the Near East School of Theology, where future generations of the region’s Protestant clergy prepare for ministry; the World Student Christian Federation and its Middle East regional office, located in Beirut; Palestinian refugees living in Lebanon.

Population (2014 est) – 5,882,562

Area – 6,462 mi

Capital – Beirut

Ethnic Background

Arab – 95%

Armenian – 4%

Other – 1%

Exports – jewelry, base metals, chemicals, miscellaneous consumer goods, fruit and vegetables, tobacco, construction minerals, electric power machinery and switchgear, textile fibers, paper

Imports – petroleum products, cars, medicinal products, clothing, meat and live animals, consumer goods, paper, textile fabrics, tobacco, electrical machinery and equipment, chemicals

Life Expectancy (2014 est) – M 76 years F 79 years

Infant Mortality (2014 est) – 7.98 deaths/1,000 live births

Adult Illiteracy Rate – 10.4%