

# THE DOMARI PEOPLE IN EGYPT



Main Language:  
**Arabic**  
with Domari as the  
traditional language

Population:  
**2.4 million**  
(in Egypt)  
**16 million** (globally)

Largest Religion:  
**Islam**  
**99.9%**  
mixed with occultist beliefs

Christian:  
**0%**  
known

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We pray for a vibrant local church among the Domari, a least-reached and vulnerable people group in Egypt. This is both a spiritual and social justice issue. We pray for these 2.4 million people to have spiritual, social and economic renewal. More information is available on Joshua Project, [here](#).

## 1. What their lives are like

This nomadic people group originated in India then migrated to the Middle East centuries ago bringing their traditions with them. Families live throughout the Arab world today, sharing spaces and responsibilities, depending on a variety of skills for their communal livelihood.

The Domari are known for their abilities as musicians, singers, and dancers. The men are skilled in animal care, in carpentry or as travelers who mend metal objects (tinkers). Women sell cloth, shoes, kitchen utensils, or other products made by the men. Occultic beliefs are rampant within Domari tradition, and fortune telling is a common service offered in their transactional society. Nothing is ever given for free, and nothing is ever done for purely altruistic motives.

Some communities have loosely melded into urban life. Many still maintain a nomadic, rural existence. Their almost “mystical” lifestyle has made them objects of curiosity, distrust, and even fear; however, they are proud people, often not deserving the negative reputation. The Domari family unit is highly valued, with marriages usually taking place between couples in their teens. They are extremely protective of their people and wary of outsiders.

- **PRAY** for ‘called ones’ to courageously stay close to these nomadic communities.
- **PRAY** Egyptian Christians will show Christ by loving Domari people, despite cultural biases.
- **PRAY** believers in cities would seek out urbanized Domari people.

## 2. A Coming to Jesus Story

No known believers exist among the Domari in Egypt. Even gaining physical access to engage with people of a Domari village is very difficult to achieve. One story exists of an outsider gaining access to sit and share with one Domari community, but his stories of Jesus as the Good Shepherd were rejected with the response, “We understand your language and words, but we

cannot accept your ideas.” The Christian was asked to leave.

- **PRAY** for believers to patiently wait on the Lord for his direction on how to connect.
- **PRAY** for the Domari Bible translation project underway in another country.
- **PRAY** for prophetic insights to direct the steps of Christians to share Jesus with the Domari.

## 3. The most critical need

The Domari exist in isolation from the rest of the country. Acceptance in the broad Egyptian society is desperately needed as is access to education and health care.

- **PRAY** for advocates to rise who will defend them to the authorities.
- **PRAY** for global workers to serve as health and education providers.
- **PRAY** for access to share Truth through a water filter project that is underway.

## 4. Pray for labourers

Global workers and Egyptian nationals are needed to launch business platforms that Egyptian believers can use to work among the Domari and provide employment for them.

- **PRAY** for the government to encourage access to the Domari.
- **PRAY** believing Canadian Egyptian business partnerships will be initiated.
- **PRAY** for godly business investment for the Domari in Egypt.

## 5. Creative opportunities

The Domari are open to support in the areas they specialize in already, and for support for their families. Will you ask the Lord to send workers with specialties in the following areas? One Egyptian couple have recently been invited into homes to share about family life, raising teenagers, etc.

- Ethnomusicology research – the study of ethnic music culture



- Primary education & health care practitioners
- Agricultural specialists in agriculture and animal husbandry
- Veterinarians to work with livestock
- **PRAY** for God-given dreams, visions and healings among the Domari to prepare the way for God's messengers.
- **PRAY** according to Luke 10:2 that the Lord of the harvest will send labourers to serve among the Domari, especially for this one couple but also for more.
- **ASK GOD** for businesspeople to come alongside the Egyptian church.

## 6. A key prayer point

**PRAY** that God would call Egyptian believers to serve among the Domari so that Jesus would be revealed to their community leaders.

## 7. Why Domari in Egypt matter to us

Psalm 82:3 calls us to *"defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed."* Domari people are some of the most marginalized people on earth. We both obey and honour God when we give ourselves to serve them for Jesus' sake.

- **PRAY** physical needs will be met, in the name of Jesus.
- **PRAY** the Domari will be set free from occult bondages, and worship God in Spirit and in Truth.
- **PRAY** the culture of shame be broken over the Domari, through the power of Jesus' name.

## 8. A Canadian connection

No known connection exists in Canada related to the Domari of the Middle East. A few may identify with the Domari heritage within the small Romani diaspora in Canada, but they are not visibly identifiable within that community.



- **PRAY** the church would care enough to seek for this group considered 'undesirable' by society.
- **PRAY** for opportunity to build friendships in the Romani community to discover Domari people here in Canada.
- **PRAY** for courage to live Christ before them and reveal His good heart.

## 9. Our partners' needs

In past years, many foreign and local workers have fallen to illness, discouragement and bitterness. This ministry ground continues to be very hard. There is a great need for a 'hedge of protection' around those who are seeking to bring light and hope in the midst of darkness and wicked spiritual practice.

- **PRAY** for Canadian partners seeking to be catalysts for disciple making.
- **PRAY** for local, national partners engaging on the front lines.
- **PRAY** for protection of spirit, mind and body against curses and evil spirits.
- **PRAY** for practical and teaching opportunities that are creating openness.

## KEY SCRIPTURE

*"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms." Ephesians 6:12*



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