

# France

**Facts:** French children face a "non-Christian" world in France. Many of the people are "Catholic" in name only, there is a big choice of "religions" (including Christianity, Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormons, Satanism, New-age and Atheism. You will not hear the president of France mention or thank God in a speech.

**What I can pray:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Facts:** Public school is completely "separated" from the state. The teachers teach "tolerance", the acceptance of everyone. In school children are given an overview of the main religions : Christianity and Islam. The law states that children are not to wear anything that makes them stand out or represent their belief. For example head scarves for Muslim girls or oversized crosses around necks.

**What I can pray:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Facts:** Just like in the United States people in France have a variety of home lives. They may be considered poor, middle-class or rich. Sadly many of them have broken homes, single mothers (the more children you have the more you are given government help) and couples living together non married but have a "pact" type contract. The people also have clashes with foreigners and police.

**What I can pray:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Facts:** The media has no ratings so children are exposed to many things such as violence, murder and many other things. This includes TV, publicity, and billboards.

**What I can pray:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Facts:** Because France is a socialist government they are careful not to pick up children for church without the parents. The Pentecostal/ evangelical church movement in France has been looked at suspiciously and in some instances called a cult.

**What I can pray:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Facts:** At the teachers seminar last year there were 61 participants. The people who come are normally teachers, supervisors, people helping in Sunday schools and Bible School students.

**What I can pray:** \_\_\_\_\_

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