

Shawiya Berber in Italy



The Shawiya Berbers were shepherds and farmers from Algeria's Aures Plateau of the Atlas Mountains. Being in the mountains rather than the lowlands, the Shawiya avoided much of the Arab influence that pervaded the lowland areas, enabling them to maintain their own language, culture, customs, and social organization. Most remain in Northern Africa, though a few have immigrated to European countries like Italy to seek better job opportunities.

Ministry Obstacles

The Shawiya living in Italy have seen a watered-down version of Christianity, and they do not understand Christ's life-transforming work. Most have no interest in hearing more, and their community pressures them into remaining Sunni Muslim.

Outreach Ideas

The Shawiya in Italy are seeking economic opportunities. Providing work or helping to connect the Shawiya with jobs may open doors to relationships and sharing of the gospel.

Prayer Focus

Pray for the hearts of the Shawiya in Italy to be open and receptive to the gospel. Pray for the Shawiya to know



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POPULATION: 39,000

LANGUAGE: Tachawit

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Portions

STATUS: Unreached

and experience the transforming love of God. Pray for the Shawiya to be equipped and connected with discipleship, and to spread the gospel to their families back in Algeria. Pray for economic opportunities that will help them contribute more to Italian society.

SCRIPTURE Let not the foreigner who has joined himself to the LORD say, The LORD will surely separate me from his people; and let not the eunuch say, Behold, I am a dry tree. Isaiah 56:3, ESV

PRAY *that many from today's people group will put all their hope in the Lord.*

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