

# East Timor - Window International Network (WIN)

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#### PRAYER FOR THIS COUNTRY

The country, also known as Timor-Leste, had a bloody 24-year resistance against Indonesian occupiers, gaining independence officially in 2002. In stark contrast to this turbulent past, East Timor peacefully transferred power to a younger generation of leaders in 2017 presidential elections. However, the nation has failed to form secure, strong government since then 2018 parliamentary elections. The membership of the governing coalition changed again in 2020. Half of the country, with a population of only 1.3 million people, still lives in extreme poverty. High levels of youth unemployment fuel gang violence. With around 95% of its population being Roman Catholic, it is one of only two predominantly Christian nations in Southeast Asia. Churches face no persecution.

#### Praise Report

Praise God for Christian ministries that try to meet the felt needs of the community around them. Pray that this will open doors for the Gospel to be received (The Bible, [Matthew 10:40](#)).

#### Prayer Request

East Timor has many social issues, such as poverty, a lack of infrastructure, illiteracy, and one of the worst malnutrition rates in the world. Pray that these issues will be effectively addressed (The Bible, [Proverbs 28:19](#)).

East Timor is predominantly Catholic with strong pre-Christian animistic mindsets. Pray that the Holy Spirit will bring renewal to the Church, transforming faith into something real and living (The Bible, [Romans 12:2](#)).

#### Call to Salvation

Ask God for a mighty outpouring of His Spirit across the nation, bringing many to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ (The Bible, [Isaiah 44:3](#)).

Sources:

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#### MORE ABOUT THIS COUNTRY

In stark contrast to the young nation's turbulent past, East Timor peacefully transferred power to a younger generation of leaders in 2017. However, in the last year the general elections failed to give outright leadership to any one party and the coalition has struggled to succeed. The country, also known as Timor-Leste, had a bloody 24-year resistance against Indonesian occupiers. Half of the country still lives in extreme poverty. High levels of youth unemployment fuel gang violence. With nearly 97% of its population being Roman Catholic.



#### CHIEF OF STATE

President Taur Matan Ruak

#### HEAD OF GOV.

PM Rui Maria de Araújo

#### POPULATION

1,231,000

#### CHRISTIANS

88.1%

#### EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS

2.2%

#### DOMINANT RELIGION

Christianity

#### PERSECUTION RANKING

Not Ranked

#### REFUGEES

6

#### LIFE EXPECTANCY

69.22 yrs

#### LITERACY RATE

58.6%

#### POPULATION BELOW POVERTY LINE

41%