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PRAYER FOR THIS COUNTRY

An archipelago of 6,852 islands, Japan has the world's third largest economy and is a major donor for world crises. Three quarters of the nation's population lives in big cities; this together with one of the world's most aging populations has resulted in specific needs in rural areas as young people all move to the cities in search for work. A strong traditional core has been flanked by a progressive younger generation valuing Western culture and ideas. Japan suffers from a high suicide rate, the leading cause of death for those under 30. Fewer than two percent are Christian; it is still one of the world's most secular nations. Seventy percent of Japanese identify with no personal religion, although most adhere to Shinto and Buddhist customs.

Praise Report

Praise God for all the Christian outreach that was able to take place during the Olympic Games held in Japan this year. Pray for all the follow-up that continues to take place now (The Bible, [2 Timothy 2:1-2](#)).

Prayer Requests

Pray that people who were touched in some way during the Olympic Games outreaches, will find that the Holy Spirit continues to stir their hearts. Pray that they will have courage to go to church and connect with Christian people (The Bible, [Matthew 14:27](#)).

Some mission agencies and Japanese churches have adopted an increasing focus on the needy rural areas of Japan. Cry out for places where there is no established church, that God will change this (The Bible, [Luke 9:2](#)).

Call to Salvation

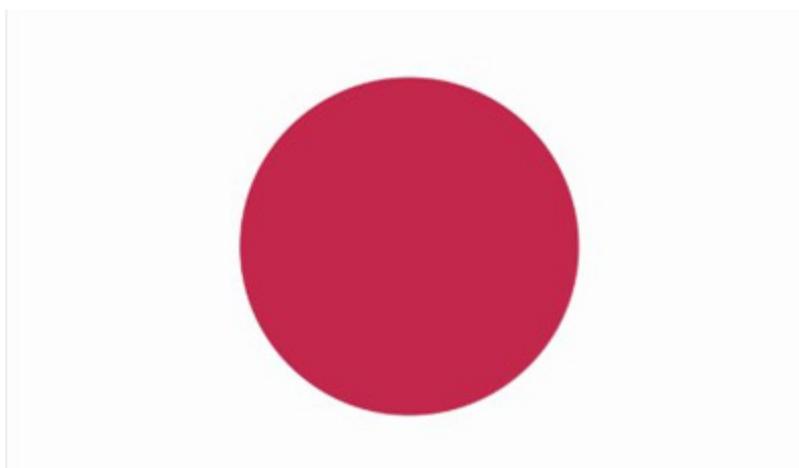
Jesus, we ask you to reveal yourself to many Japanese today, softening their hearts, opening their eyes and leading them to salvation (The Bible, [Exodus 33:19](#)).

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CHIEF OF STATE

Emperor Naruhito

HEAD OF GOV.

PM Shinzō Abe

POPULATION

126.3 million

CHRISTIANS

2.2%

EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS

0.6%

DOMINANT RELIGION

Shintoism

PERSECUTION RANKING

Not Ranked

REFUGEES

12,491

LIFE EXPECTANCY

84.74 yrs

LITERACY RATE

99%

POPULATION BELOW POVERTY LINE

16%