

# East Timor

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## Day 31

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PRAYER FOR THIS COUNTRY

### Praise Report

Praise God for the freedom of religion in this nation that allows many Christian ministries to operate. Pray that this will be protected and fruitful (The Bible, [1 Peter 1:22](#)).

### Prayer Request

Bless this nation with the ministry of reconciliation that is needed to heal the wounds of its past (The Bible, [2 Corinthians 5:17-18](#)).

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](#)).

### 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

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 the 2017 presidential elections. However, the nation has failed to form a secure, strong government since the 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.



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President Francisco Guterres

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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%