

# East Timor

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## Day 31

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### PRAYER FOR THIS COUNTRY

The economies of the Pacific Island region have been more severely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic than any other region of the world. Projections for the next 5 years are also the bleakest for this region. Some of this is tourism-related, and economies are being adversely affected by the current global inflation crisis. East Timor is at least benefiting from the higher prices it can sell for its oil and gas. Pray for wisdom to manage economic growth in the coming years. Pray that churches will lead the way in developing microenterprises, helping local communities to become more self-sufficient and to be good stewards of the resources they do have (The Bible, [Deuteronomy 8:18](#)).

**Source:** [The Pacific: emerging from COVID, slowly\\_\(DevPolicy\)](#).

### 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%