

# Sri Lanka

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## Day 15

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### PRAYER FOR THIS COUNTRY

Ranil Wickremesinghe is the second president of Sri Lanka not to be elected, the first to replace a president who resigned after he fled Sri Lanka after a massive protest movement erupted in response to the bankruptcy of the nation. Unfortunately, President Wickremesinghe has responded to the ongoing protests with brutal suppression and arrests under the state of emergency laws he enacted. Pray for justice and even-handed use of authority and power. Pray that the government will focus instead on getting the nation back on its feet. Pray that the felt needs of the people will be quickly addressed. Pray for peace and stability to come. Pray for the poor and vulnerable who are suffering from lack of food and fuel (The Bible, [Psalm 78:72](#)).

**Source:** [Why Sri Lanka has a tyrant as president — yet again \(Al Jazeera\)](#).

### MORE ABOUT THIS COUNTRY

Twenty-six years of civil war pitted Sri Lanka's government forces, representing the Buddhist Sinhala majority, against Hindu Tamil separatists. The conflict resulted in upwards of 100,000 deaths. Although the conflict ended in 2009, tensions and accusations remain, and promised truth and reconciliation commissions have never been forthcoming. Sri Lanka has the longest continuous history of Buddhism of any predominately Buddhist nation. This, combined with nationalism, results in the ongoing violent persecution of all who are not Buddhist. This year the nation was plunged into bankruptcy, with major food and fuel shortages bringing people onto the street in widespread protests that forced the president to resign and flee.



CHIEF OF STATE

President Ranil Wickremesinghe

HEAD OF GOV.

PM Dinesh Gunawardena

POPULATION

22,053,000

CHRISTIANS

2%

EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS

Unknown

DOMINANT RELIGION

Buddhism

PERSECUTION RANKING

Not Ranked

REFUGEES

33,170

LIFE EXPECTANCY

76.56 yrs

LITERACY RATE

98.1%

POPULATION BELOW POVERTY LINE

8.9%