

Japan

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PRAYER FOR THIS COUNTRY

Christmas is not a national holiday in Japan, but a regular working day. As “Christmas” creeps into culture as a purely commercial season, churches find that Japanese people are open to knowing more about the history and real meaning of Christmas. This presents churches opportunities to offer a range of events and outreaches. Pray for churches as they run these events this year, that many people will be attracted to come and that their hearts will be stirred by what they hear. Pray that many will be curious to know more, and humble enough to be open to join Bible study groups (The Bible, [Proverbs 15:33](#)).

Source: [Japan: Christmas, a time for Witness \(Missions Box\)](#).

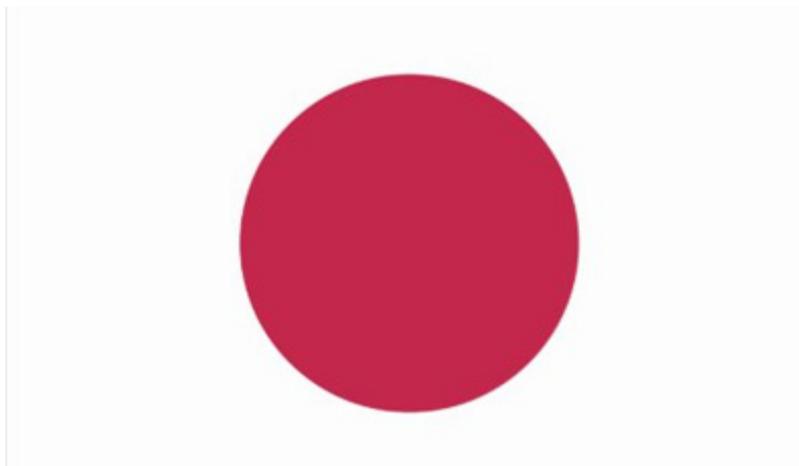
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MORE ABOUT THIS COUNTRY

An archipelago of 6,852 islands, Japan has the world’s third-largest economy and is a major donor to world crises. Three-quarters of the nation’s population lives in big cities, 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 of 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. This year Japan was rocked by the assassination of former prime minister, Shinzo Abe, during a campaign speech. The election was won by the new prime minister, Fumio Kishida.

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CHIEF OF STATE

Emperor Naruhito

HEAD OF GOV.

PM Fumio Kishida

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POPULATION

126.3 million

CHRISTIANS

2.2%

EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS

0.6%

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DOMINANT RELIGION

Shintoism

PERSECUTION RANKING

Not Ranked

REFUGEES

12,491

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LIFE EXPECTANCY

84.74 yrs

LITERACY RATE

99%

POPULATION BELOW POVERTY LINE

16%

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