

Bhutan

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PRAYER FOR THIS COUNTRY

Flags can have profound meaning. The yellow in the Bhutanese flag represents human authority while the orange represents spiritual authority. The dragon represents the holy bond between the king and the people of his kingdom together with Drukpa, the branch of Tibetan Buddhism the nation follows. The dragon's sharp teeth represent the protection offered by the Bhutanese deities, while white color of the dragon represents the unity of the diverse ethnicities and languages of the people. Today, we pray out these words, "I will be a Father to you, and you will be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." Declare that He is the true God over Bhutan ([The Bible, 2 Corinthians 6:18](#)).

Source: [The Flag of Bhutan: History, Meaning, and Symbolism \(A-Z Animals\)](#)

MORE ABOUT THIS COUNTRY

Known as "the Land of the Thunder Dragon," Bhutan prides itself on its elevated "happiness" levels despite being considered a least developed country. Rather than relying on Gross Domestic Product as the leading indicator of the small Himalayan nation's progress, the late King Wangchuk suggested it should examine its "Gross National Happiness." In South Asia, Bhutan ranks highly in economic freedom and per capita income and ranks low in corruption. It has almost eradicated all extreme poverty and was the first nation to fully vaccinate its entire population against COVID-19. Yet, Christians are sometimes denied employment, free education, and access to electricity and water. Buddhism, mysticism, and animism have dominated the country since the 7th century.



CHIEF OF STATE

King Jigme Khesar Namgyal Wangchuck

HEAD OF GOV.

PM Lotay Tshering

POPULATION

741,700

CHRISTIANS

1.4%

EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS

0.4%

DOMINANT RELIGION

Buddhism

PERSECUTION RANKING

43

REFUGEES

23,833

LIFE EXPECTANCY

68.3 yrs

LITERACY RATE

52.8%

POPULATION BELOW POVERTY LINE

12%