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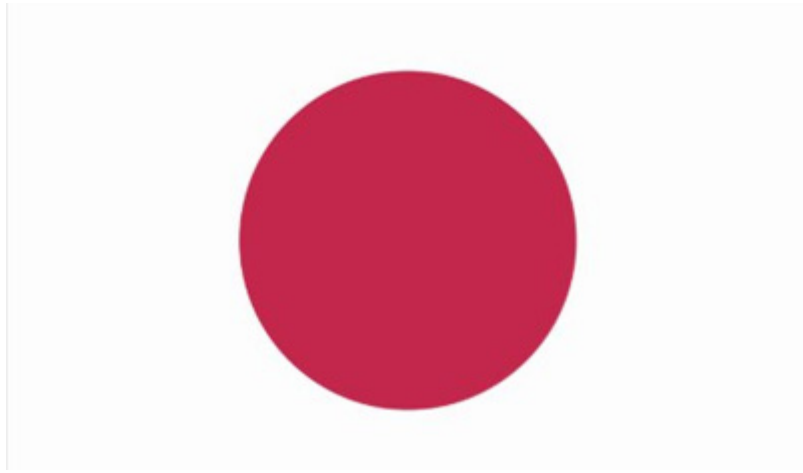
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PRAYER FOR THIS COUNTRY

Praise the Lord that Father God has chosen us, including Japanese people, in Him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight. In love He predestined people from Japan for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with His pleasure and will – to the praise of His glorious grace, which He has freely given us in the One He loves. Praise God that Jesus came to this earth so that people from Japan may come to the Father and know His love for them (The Bible, Ephesians 1:4-6).

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.



CHIEF OF STATE

Emperor Naruhito

HEAD OF GOV.

PM Fumio Kishida

POPULATION

126.3 million

CHRISTIANS

2.2%

EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS

0.6%

DOMINANT RELIGION

Shintoism

PERSECUTION RANKING

Not Ranked

REFUGEES

12,491

LIFE EXPECTANCY

84.74 yrs

LITERACY RATE

99%

POPULATION BELOW POVERTY LINE

16%