Eritrea

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OCTOBER | 2023 PRAYER FOR THIS COUNTRY Praise Report

We praise God that faithful Church leaders and the Christian Believers strong in their faith have made the Churches to grow in the midst of terrible suffering for the sake of the gospel (The Bible, <u>Colossians 1:7</u>).

Prayer Requests

We pray that the divine rule of God will overthrow the hostility of the evil leaders and that the Christian Believers will stay firm in their faith in Christ and also stay in the country to help the Churches to grow (The Bible, <u>Matthew 16:18</u>).

We pray for the Christian Believers languishing in terrible conditions in prisons because of their faith. We pray for liberty and freedom for them that they will return to their families (The Bible, <u>Genesis 39:21</u>).

Call to Salvation

We pray for Eritrea described as the African North Korea to be shaken by the mighty hand of God.

We pray that the tyrannical government will be over thrown by the power of God and the Christian Believers will profess their faith in Christ to others (The Bible, <u>Colossians 4:3</u>).

MORE ABOUT THIS COUNTRY

The northeast African country of Eritrea is situated on the Red Sea coast. Ethiopia, Sudan and Djibouti are the bordering countries. Asmara is the capital city and is famous for structures built during colonial rule by Italy. The country is ruled by a totalitarian regime and people are controlled by stern government norms. It seems to be an apt description of Eritrea that it has been compared to the worst rule in North Korea as "hermit kingdom". In Eritrea everything is secretive and it is the most isolated country in the world. The Churches operating with approval are under the direct tight control of the government. Even the messages delivered there are constantly monitored. Terrible oppressive rule has displaced many people and many had to flee the country. Christian Believers have faced immense

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opposition that they had to run away from the volatile places. It is a very sad situation in Eritrea that even while half the population are Christians, extreme persecution is prevailing to the most.

CHIEF OF STATE President Isaias Afewerki HEAD OF GOV. President Isaias Afewerki POPULATION 6,528,000 CHRISTIANS 97% **EVANGLICAL CHRISTIANS** 2.1% DOMINANT RELIGION Sunni Islam PERSECUTION RANKING 4 REFUGEES 2,920 LIFE EXPECTANCY 63.81 yrs LITERACY RATE 80% POPULATION BELOW POVERTY LINE 50%