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Day 10

OCTOBER | 2023 PRAYER FOR THIS COUNTRY Praise Report

Praise God that this year the president affirmed the constitution's value of religious freedom, including the right to gather for worship. Pray that this will be respected and upheld (The Bible, John 4:23).

Prayer Requests

Pray for churches who are being harassed and invaded by Muslim Indonesians seeking to disrupt worship services. Pray for this to stop (The Bible, <u>Romans 12:14</u>).

Pray for a new generation of church leaders in Indonesia to be raised up, trained, and equipped to disciple and grow the Church. Pray they will have an understanding of what it means to be a missional church (The Bible, <u>Luke 10:1-3</u>).

Call to Salvation

Father, today we ask for the nation of Indonesia as an inheritance. Please break them free from the powers of Islam and set them free to worship Jesus (The Bible, <u>Psalm 2:8</u>).

Sources:

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Indonesian church planters share the Gospel with new tool (MNN)

MORE ABOUT THIS COUNTRY

Having Southeast Asia's strongest economy, Indonesia is also one of the G20's wealthiest. It is the world's fourth most populous nation. It also has the largest concentration of Muslims, yet Indonesia has an astonishingly high level of Christian presence. More than twelve percent of the population are Christians, over 33 million people, with church growth continuing to increase. While Christianity is not illegal, provincial laws can override it and Islamic law is sometimes used. Muslim extremists continue to spread anti-Christian messages in the public sector. President Widodo's agenda to shift Indonesia from secularism to Islamization would seem to predict elevated levels of Christian persecution in the future.

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Indonesia has been the worst affected nation in Southeast Asia during the COVID-19 pandemic. They currently hold the 2022 presidency of the G20 and during the Summit in Bali, Indonesia called for urgent attention to be paid to the current global food and fuel crisis.

CHIEF OF STATE President Joko Widodo HEAD OF GOV. President Joko Widodo POPULATION 279.4 million CHRISTIANS 7% EVANGLICAL CHRISTIANS 2.0% DOMINANT RELIGION Sunni Islam PERSECUTION RANKING 33 REFUGEES 11,186 LIFE EXPECTANCY 72.45 yrs LITERACY RATE 92.8% POPULATION BELOW POVERTY LINE 11.7%