

# Timor-Leste (East Timor)

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## Day 31

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PRAYER FOR THIS COUNTRY

### Praise Report

Thank God for peaceful elections, and for a general sense of hope that many are experiencing concerning the future of their nation (The Bible, [Psalm 65:5](#)).

### Prayer Request

East Timor has many social issues, such as poverty, a lack of infrastructure, illiteracy, and one of the worst malnutrition rates in the world. Pray that these issues will be effectively addressed (The Bible, [Proverbs 28:19](#)).

Pray for Christians in this nation to grow deep in God's Word. Pray that the hunger to read the Bible will grow and that churches will teach people how to study the Bible (The Bible, [Psalm 119:11](#)).

### Call to Salvation

Ask God for a mighty outpouring of His Spirit across the nation, bringing many to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ (The Bible, [Isaiah 44:3](#)).

*Sources:*

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### MORE ABOUT THIS COUNTRY

The country, also known as East Timor, had a bloody 24-year resistance against Indonesian occupiers, gaining independence officially in 2002. Since then, democratically elected governments have continued to make efforts to help this nation stand on its feet. Half of the country, with a population of only 1.36 million, still lives in extreme poverty. It also has the youngest population in Asia. High levels of youth unemployment fuel gang violence. Though it has natural resources such as gas and oil, East Timor is looking for ways to diversify its economy, including eco-tourism as this tiny island nation boasts beautiful coral reefs and coastlands. It is one of two predominantly Christian nations in Southeast Asia as around 95% of its population claim to be Roman Catholic. Churches face no persecution though Protestant Christians can be treated with suspicion.

CHIEF OF STATE

President Francisco Guterres

HEAD OF GOV.

PM José Maria Vasconcelos

POPULATION

1,231,000

CHRISTIANS

99%

EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS

2.2%

DOMINANT RELIGION

Christianity

PERSECUTION RANKING

Not Ranked

REFUGEES

6

LIFE EXPECTANCY

69.22 yrs

LITERACY RATE

58.6%

POPULATION BELOW POVERTY LINE

41%