

Prayer for the Japanese People



Just as Japan was literally shaken to her ancient core by the earthquake of March 2011, pray that the Holy Spirit will awake and remake the country in His image.



Ask that the Japanese people will acknowledge the power of God, His majesty and holiness, and that many will receive the salvation He offers.



Pray that the Japanese who have filled their lives with materialism, religious traditions and culture will see the deep spiritual void in their lives and turn to the Living God.



Japan has one of the largest populations of seniors in the world. Pray for opportunities to share with them God's love, forgiveness and assurance of new life.



Most Japanese have never heard the Gospel explained in terms that make sense to them. Pray all will have the chance to hear and put their trust in Jesus!



Pray that denominations serving in Japan will be unified by His Spirit and focused on bringing glory to Him.



Most Japanese have never owned a Bible nor had a Christian friend. Pray that each Japanese person will have opportunity to read or hear the Gospel.



Although the Bible is readily available in Japanese, many consider it to be a book for foreigners. Pray that throngs will come to understand God's Word is their guide for life.



The economic slowdown has led to a record number of people becoming displaced. Pray that new believers among the Japanese homeless will share Christ with fellow homeless.



Many Japanese Christians are shy and reluctant to share their faith. Ask God to give them boldness to share the Gospel with friends, family and acquaintances.



Magazines and books about Christianity have been very popular in recent years. Pray that through reading these materials, many will receive Christ as Savior.



Sadly, Japan's suicide rate is the highest among developed nations. Pray that Japanese will realize that suicide is a permanent response to a temporary problem.



Many Japanese have lost their faith in their government. Pray that they will place their trust in the One who will never fail them.



Japanese businessmen are busy, focused and see little need for faith in someone other than themselves. Pray for open doors and divine encounters.



Even if most Japanese were to feel a need for God, they might feel they are too busy for Him. Pray that the nation will slow down and hear His voice.



Thank God for the house church movement taking root in Japan. Pray that seekers will not be afraid to visit believers' homes for Bible study and fellowship.



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Pray that the Father will call harvest workers in great abundance to the unengaged cities of Japan and that His children will receive His call with joyful obedience.



Visitors to Japan are often amazed that seemingly everyone has a cell phone. Pray that every Japanese will have a spiritual connection to the Living God.



There is a tremendous pressure to conform in the monolithic, homogenous Japanese culture. Pray that Japanese believers will be able to apply biblical truth on a daily basis.



Pray that Japanese in the cities where missionaries are located will be unable to resist or reject His love that is so awesomely and yet so tenderly given.



Fewer than one out of every 200 Japanese have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Pray that the Light of the World will extinguish the spiritual darkness.



Japan is at a point in its history where it is experiencing unprecedented social upheaval. Pray that the uncertainty will cause many to seek God who never changes.



"The nail that sticks up will be knocked down," is a well known Japanese saying. Pray that Japanese Christians will be willing to "stick out" for Christ, trusting God to strengthen and use them.



Despite all the beauty and efficiency of Japan, there are wide barriers between the Japanese people and the True God. Pray that all will have a chance to know our Creator God.



Large populations of Japanese can be found in Peru and Brazil. Pray for Nikkei (second generation Japanese) there and Christian workers ministering to them.



Ask God to strengthen workers as they continue to minister following the earthquake of March 2011. Pray His blessings on the Japanese who are still recovering and living in temporary housing.



Secular Japanese pop music is filled with lyrics about lost love, isolation and loneliness. Pray that God will raise up radiant Christian musicians to impact young listeners.



Some have called Japan a "missionary graveyard." Yet God, through one generation of missionaries after another, continues to lovingly call the Japanese to life. Thank Him!



Pray that the Father will call out a new generation of pastors in Japan, where many pastors are already beyond retirement age.



Pray that the land of the rising sun will become the Land of the Risen Son in our generation as Jesus Christ is worshiped throughout Japan.



Japan is a nation of hardworking people. Pray that they will find rest for their souls in God's unfailing, everlasting arms.

