



JAPAN WAYS TO PRAY

Japan is undeniably one of the most unusual and fascinating parts of our world, and its allure has captivated the West for centuries. Images of Japan's famous cherry blossom-filled parks with the looming presence of Mount Fuji in the background have long drawn attention, but it is the unique culture of Japan which fascinates many.

Having cut itself off from the rest of the world for centuries under isolationist policies, Japan developed a distinct culture with traditions and societal structures unlike any other.

ONE

The Japanese are the second most unreached people group in the world with just 0.3% of 120 million people knowing Christ.

Pray that the Lord would move mightily across Japan and bring many in that land to saving faith.

TWO

Many cultural barriers exist in Japan which contribute to the slow growth of the church. The hierarchical society means many people take a long time to trust the church enough to submit to its authority.

Pray that Japanese churches would respond wisely to this cultural challenge.

THREE

Japanese culture is group-orientated. Every action must be for the good of the group rather than for the individual. The commitment to follow the Bible's teaching can often be considered incompatible with honouring group obligations.

Pray for an awakening among Japanese people to God's Word.

FOUR

Japanese pastors are ageing and often authoritarian and protective of their ministries, resulting in little focus on raising up future leaders.

Pray for existing Japanese pastors to actively disciple future leaders and encourage those entering ministry.

FIVE

The Japanese church is facing an imminent leadership crisis. 48% of Japanese pastors are over 70. Already around 1 in 8 churches have no pastor. The Samurai Project is training the next generation for church leadership.

Lift up all those training for ministry in Japan and ask that each would be fully equipped for the task of shepherding God's people.

SIX

The Izu Peninsula is one of the most remote regions in Japan. Historically, little gospel outreach has taken place here although a few small churches have been planted.

Pray for these small fellowships to remain faith witnesses to the goodness of God. Pray the Lord would bless them and add to their number.

SEVEN

Plans are afoot in the Izu Peninsula to plant a new fellowship. The current pastors of a nearby church hope to take on this plant and leave the existing church in the hands of a capable local.

Pray that the church plant would be successful, and be a spiritual home for many new converts. Pray that a suitable person would pastor the existing fellowship.



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