Japanese in Japan



Racially, culturally, and ethnically, the Japanese are one of the most homogenous people groups in the world. They identify themselves in terms of biological heritage, birth in Japan, a shared culture, and a common language. Shintoism is the native religion of Japan. It is rooted in animism. Its many gods or spirits are known as Kami. Buddhism was introduced to Japan in the sixth century. Today, most Japanese claim to be both Shintoist and Buddhist.

Ministry Obstacles

Material wealth and creature comforts often have a deadening effect, obscuring a person's spiritual needs.

Outreach Ideas

Pray the Lord will open the hearts of the Japanese people to desire God's blessings through a movement of family-based discovery Bible studies.

Prayer Focus

Pray for the relatively few people among the Japanese who know and follow Jesus Christ. They need prayer support. Pray they will be zealous to know Christ, and that they will learn to live in the power of Christ's Spirit. Pray they will consistently experience love,



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POPULATION: 120,474,000
LANGUAGE: Japanese
RELIGION: Buddhism
BIBLE: Complete
STATUS: Unreached

joy, peace, and other fruit from the Holy Spirit. Pray the Japanese will increasingly realize their great need for a Savior. Pray that material wealth will not satisfy. Pray for a spiritual awakening that will result in a movement to Christ. Pray for believers to share their faith.

SCRIPTURE So God created human beings in His own image. In the image of God He created them; male and female He created them. Gen 1:27

PRAY that this people group will realize that they were meant to be in God's image, and they need to change their ways to get back to Him.