

Prayer for China (8th ~ 14th Apr.)

[China]



【 Geography 】

- Area: 9,573,000sq km

The third-largest state in the world, also containing the highest mountains and plateaus in the world. The climate and geography are extremely diverse, ranging from tropical in the south to sub-arctic in the north, from a highly industrialized and modern eastern seaboard to sparsely populated western deserts and mountain ranges. Hong Kong and Macau are integral parts of China, though their statistics are not included here; Taiwan's status is debated. These three are handled separately.

- Population: 1,330,584,783 • Annual Growth: 0.63% • Capital: Beijing • Urbanites: 44.9%

【 People / Language 】

- Peoples : 516(83% unreached)
- Official language : Putonghua (Mandarin Chinese)
- Languages : 46

【 Religion 】

- Christians : 105,382,315(7.92%)
- Evangelicals : 75,399,270(5.7%)
- Non-religious: 590,247,410(44.36%)

【 Challenge for Prayer 】

China remains officially atheist, and Communist Party members number well over 70 million. But the Christian population has eclipsed this number (it is also far outstripped by Chinese Buddhists). Increasing numbers of Party members are believers. Pray that the atheism promoted for so long – and now so assiduously propagated in the education system – will finally be revealed as hollow and deceptive lies. Pray also that all followers of Christ working in state structures might walk faultlessly and be a redemptive force within the government.

【 Alumni 】 41 alumni of ACTS are currently in ministry in China

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