

PROVIDENCE CHURCH Prayer for the Nations

PHILIPPINES

General Information

- Population: 92 million (2010)
- The Philippines is the fifth largest Christian country, with about 93% of the population being adherents (5% are Muslim and about 2% have no specified religion).
- It is also one of two predominantly Roman Catholic nations in Asia.
- An estimated 92.5% of Filipinos are Christians which consists of 80.9% Roman Catholic, 2.8% Evangelical.
- 4.5% is Protestant, Baptist, Pentecostal, Anglican, Orthodox, Methodist.
- Well known for Easter crucifixions reported in the news.
- In an annual show of devotion to Jesus Christ, devotees have been nailed to crosses during a Good Friday reenactment of the crucifixion. Each of the penitents spent several minutes on the cross, watched on by thousands of tourists who flocked to the Pampanga region, 50 miles north of the capital, Manila, to witness the spectacle. Alex Laranang, 58, as saying that he was doing it "for good luck and for my family to be healthy." The practice, which took hold in the province about 60 years ago as form of religious vow by poor people seeking forgiveness, a cure for illness and the fulfillment of other wishes.

Challenges

- Roman Catholicism
- Human trafficking and the prostitution of children is a significant issue in the Philippines, often controlled by organized crime syndicates.

Pray For

- Evangelism among Catholic adherents.
- Reformed churches that are young and thriving in the area of Southern Luzon.

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