

# Praying for Costa Rica

(Panama)

## Geography

**Area:** 51,100 sq km

Agriculturally and ecologically rich land that straddles the Central American isthmus.

**Population:** 4,639,827

**Annual Growth:** 1.40%

**Capital:** San José

**Urbanites:** 64.3%

## Peoples

**People Groups:** 21 (5% unreached)

**Official language:** Spanish. English and Meketilyu spoken on Caribbean coast

**Languages:** 13 All languages

## Religion

**Largest Religion:** Christian 4,358,653 (93.94%)

**Christians:** *listed above*    **Evangelicals:** 688,771 (14.8%)



*Specific prayer needs listed on back.*

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## Costa Rica Answer to Prayers

The sustained and large-scale growth of evangelicals from 2.5% in 1970 to 15% in 2010. Some reckon as many as 25% to be of evangelical persuasion, but these higher numbers cannot be substantiated by denominational statistics. One of Latin America's most effective mission advances was established on this foundation.

## Costa Rica Specific Prayer Needs

**The Roman Catholic Church** is deeply impacted by charismatic renewal. Many have come to a living, personal faith in Christ, which has strengthened the Catholic Church (higher mass attendance, more indigenous seminarians and priests). Although 73% of the nation is Catholic, this percent declines every year, and most Catholics are quite nominal in their faith. From the charismatic renewal, many left the Catholic Church for evangelical churches; however, large and increasing numbers of “post-evangelicals” have returned to the familiarity and structure of Catholicism. Pray for both charismatics who stayed in the Catholic Church and those who have returned – may their faith bring further renewal to the mainstream of Catholicism.