

PRAYING FOR COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING



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WHY PRAY FOR RWANDA

Under the wise and able leadership of President Paul Kagame, Rwanda Patriotic Front together with the Government of National Unity and the majority of Rwandans in support, the country has become one with a large space for practice, courageous, and often sacrificial answers for Rwanda itself, Africa, and the World.

Before and after Rwanda joined the Commonwealth in November 2009, massive prayers were needed for Rwanda to remain safe and stable, and to blend with the new found friends in the Commonwealth.

When in 2020 and 2021 the possibility to host CHOGM was cancelled due to the scourge of COVID 19 and its variants, there was great need to pray for Rwanda to be healed and not to lose the opportunity to host the CHOGM.

When it was confirmed that the CHOGM 2022 will come to Rwanda, great was the need to pray fervently that God averts false accusations, attacks, and interferences. Still ceaseless prayer is required for the CHOGM to run well and end well.

Edith Mary Ariko

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1. COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES ON WORLD MAP

54 countries working together for prosperity, democracy and peace



2. GROUPING COUNTRIES FOR PRAYER PURPOSES

Group	Region	Countries
1	Africa	19
2	Europe	3
3	Asia	8
4	America	2
5	Caribbean	11
6	Pacific	11
	Total	54

3. WHEN TO PRAY

Ideally **without ceasing** but at least:

- Morning
- Noontime
- Evening
- Midnight
- 3am
- 6am

4. WHAT TO PRAY FOR

- 1) Pray to thank God for the opportunity to host CHOGM 2022
- 2) Pray for President Paul Kagame
- 3) Pray for the Government of National Unity of Rwanda and all those in authority
- 4) Pray for peace and stability in Rwanda, the Region, the Commonwealth, and the World
- 5) Pray that CHOGM happens
- 6) Pray that all member countries come and for no cancellation
- 7) Pray that CHOGM takes place as planned
- 8) Pray that Rwanda hosts CHOGM delegates successfully
- 9) Pray that God stops all negative interferences
- 10) Pray that Rwanda overcomes all challenges
- 11) Pray that delegates and participants feel at home in Rwanda
- 12) Pray that God grants understanding, harmony and succes of the meeting

5. LAUNCHING DAY

- 07th June, 2022

The launching Day Prayer list included items that were made since 2020 when Covid 19 first struck. They were for: Covid 19 to end; for CHOGM to happen; for the safety of all member countries; and for the total the success of the meeting. However, as CHOGM date got nearer, focus on new situations called for a detailed prayer list for threats and challenges to be presented to God in serious prayer.

6. LIST OF COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES

Except Rwanda and Mozambique, independent countries formerly governed by Great Britain make up the Commonwealth.

No	Country	Date joined	Region
1	United Kingdom	1931	Europe
2	Rwanda	2009	Africa
3	Uganda	1962	Africa
4	Kenya	1963	Africa
5	Tanzania	1964	Africa
6	Malawi	1964	Africa
7	Zambia	1964	Africa
8	Mozambique	1995	Africa
9	Namibia	1990	Africa
10	Botswana	1966	Africa
11	Eswatini	1968	Africa
12	Lesotho	1966	Africa
13	South Africa	1994	Africa
14	Cameroon	1995	Africa
15	Nigeria	1960	Africa
16	Ghana	1957	Africa
17	Sierra Leone	1961	Africa
18	Gambia	2018	Africa
19	Seychelles	1976	Africa
20	Mauritius	1968	Africa
21	Malta	1964	Europe
22	Cyprus	1961	Europe
23	Pakistan	1989	Asia
24	India	1947	Asia
25	Bangladesh	1972	Asia
26	Sri Lanka	1948	Asia
27	Maldives	2020	Asia
28	Malaysia	1957	Asia
29	Singapore	1965	Asia

No	Country	Date joined	Region
30	Brunei	1984	Asia
31	Canada	1931	America
32	Bahamas	1973	Caribbean
33	Belize	1981	Caribbean
34	Jamaica	1962	Caribbean
35	Saint Kitts And Nevis	1983	Caribbean
36	Barbuda and Antigua	1981	Caribbean
37	Dominica	1978	Caribbean
38	Saint Lucia	1979	Caribbean
39	Barbados	1966	Caribbean
40	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	1985	Caribbean
41	Grenada	1974	Caribbean
42	Trinidad And Tobago	1962	Caribbean
43	Guyana	1966	America
44	Australia	1931	Pacific
45	New Zealand	1931	Pacific
46	Papua New Guinea	1975	Pacific
47	Nauru	1999	Pacific
48	Tuvalu	2000	Pacific
49	Solomon Islands	1978	Pacific
50	Samoa	1970	Pacific
51	Fiji	1997	Pacific
52	Vanuatu	1980	Pacific
53	Tonga	1970	Pacific
54	Kiribati	1979	Pacific

7. COUNTRY PROFILE

1) United Kingdom

The United Kingdom of Great Britain made up of England, Wales and Scotland, as well as Northern Ireland.



- Capital: London
- Population: 62.8 million
- Area: 242,514 sq km (93,638 sq miles)
- Major language: English
- Major religion: Christianity
- Life expectancy: 78 years (men), 82 years (women)
- Currency: pound sterling UN, World Bank

2) Rwanda

Since the coming into power by RPF and the Government of National Unity in 1994, Rwanda is a country which has worked and continues to work tirelessly with speed, efficiency, justice, and fair play to overcome massive death due to genocide and its effects, lies, division, injustice so as to establish freedom, health, security, and development for all.



- The country is divided into 4 Provinces and the City of Kigali, 30 districts, 416 Sectors, 2148 cells and 14837 villages.
- Rwanda Population 2022 (Live): 13,583,649
- Area: 26,338 sq km (10,169 sq

miles)

- Official languages: Kinyarwanda (official), English (official), French (official), Swahili
- Largest religion: Christianity
- Life expectancy: 69.38 years
- Currency: Rwandan franc

3) Uganda



- Capital: Kampala
- Population 48.6 million
- Area 241,038 sq km (93,072 sq miles)
- Languages English (official), Luganda, Swahili (official), various Bantu and Nilotic languages

- Major religions Christianity, Islam
- Life expectancy 63.37 years
- Currency Ugandan shilling

4) Kenya



- Capital: Nairobi
- Population 48.5 million
- Area 582,646 sq km (224,961 sq miles)
- Major languages Swahili, English
- Major religion Christianity
- Life expectancy 63 years (men), 69 years (women)

- Currency Kenya shilling UN, World Bank

5) Tanzania



- Capital: Dodoma
- Population 59.73 million
- Area 945,087 sq km (364,900 sq miles)
- Major languages English, Swahili
- Major religions Christianity, Islam
- Life expectancy 65.46 years
- Currency Tanzanian shilling

6) Malawi



- Capital: Lilongwe
- Population 18 million
- Area 118,484 sq km (45,747 sq miles)
- Major languages English, Chichewa (both official)
- Major religions Christianity, Islam
- Life expectancy 60 years (men), 65 years (women)

- Currency Malawi kwacha UN, World Bank

7) Zambia



- Capital: Lusaka
- Area: 752,612 square kilometres
- Population: 12.9 million
- Life expectancy: 64.41 years
- Major religion: Christianity
- Language: English

8) Mozambique



- The Republic of Mozambique
- Capital: Maputo
- Population 29.5 million
- Area 812,379 sq km (313,661 sq miles)
- Languages Portuguese (official), several indigenous languages, including Makhuwa
- Major religions Christianity, indigenous beliefs, Islam

- Life expectancy 56 years (men), 60 years (women)
- Currency metical UN, World Bank

9) Namibia



- Capital: Windhoek
 - Population 2.5 million
 - Area 824,292 sq km (318,261 sq miles)
 - Major languages English (official), Afrikaans, German, Oshivambo, Herero, Nama
 - Major religion Christianity
- Life expectancy 61 years (men), 67 years (women)
 - Currency Namibian dollar UN, World Bank

10) Botswana



- Capital: Gaborone
- Population: 2,447,000
- Currency: Botswana pula
- Official Language: English
- Total Area (Sq Km) 581,730 (Sq Mi) 224,607
- Life Expectancy Male: (2019) 62.3 years

Female: (2019) 66.4 years

11) Eswatini



- Capital: Mbabane
 - Population: 1.3 million
 - Area: 17,364 sq km (6,704 sq miles)
 - Major languages: Swazi, English (both official)
 - Major religions Christianity, indigenous beliefs
- Life expectancy: 54 years (men), 60 years (women)
 - Currency: Lilangeni UN, World Bank

12) Lesotho



- Capital: Maseru
- Population 2.2 million
- Area 30,355 sq km (11,720 sq miles)
- Major languages Sesotho, English
- Major religion Christianity
- Life expectancy 51 years (men), 56 years (women)

- Currency loti UN, World Bank

13) South Africa



- Capitals: Pretoria² (executive); Bloemfontein³ (judicial); Cape Town (legislative)
- Population: 60,970,000
- Total Area (Sq Km) 1,220,813
- Life Expectancy: Male: 62.5 years
Female 68.5 years

- Currency: 15.902 South African rand
- Official Languages: English

14) Cameroon



- Capital: Yaounde
- Population 23.5 million
- Area 475,442 sq km (183,568 sq miles)
- Languages French, English, languages of Bantu, Semi-Bantu and Sudanic groups
- Major religions Christianity, Islam, indigenous beliefs

- Life expectancy 56 years (men), 59 years (women)
- Currency CFA (Communaute Financiere Africaine) franc UN, World Bank

15) Nigeria



- Capital: Abuja
- Population 186 million
- Area 923,768 sq km (356,669 sq miles)
- Major languages English (official), Yoruba, Ibo, Hausa
- Religions Islam, Christianity, indigenous beliefs

- Life expectancy 52 years (men), 54 years (women)
- Currency Nigerian naira UN, World Bank

16) Ghana



- Capital: Accra
- Population 25.5 million
- Area 238,533 sq km (92,098 sq miles)
- Major languages English, African languages including Akan, Ewe
- Major religions Christianity, indigenous beliefs, Islam

- Life expectancy 64 years (men), 66 years (women)
- Currency Cedi UN, World Bank

17) Sierra Leone



- Capital: Freetown
- Population: 5.8 million (UN, 2010)
- Area: 71,740 sq km (27,699 sq miles)
- Major languages: English, Krio (Creole language derived from English) and a range of African languages
- Major religions: Islam, Christianity
- Life expectancy: 48 years (men), 50 years (women) (UN)

- Monetary unit: Leone

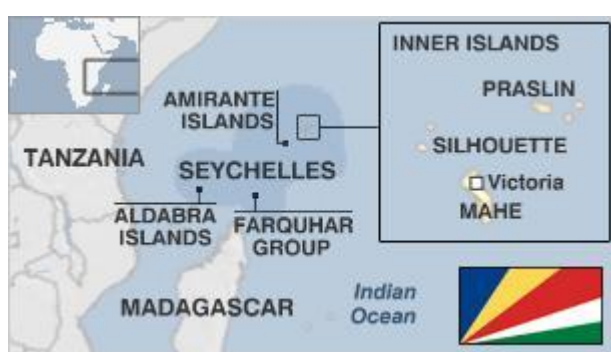
18) Gambia



- Capital Banjul
- Population 2,286,000
- Official Language English
- Total Area (Sq Km) 10,689 (Sq Mi) 4,127
- Life Expectancy Male:63.2 years.Female: 68 years

- Monetary Unit: dalasi (D)

19) Seychelles

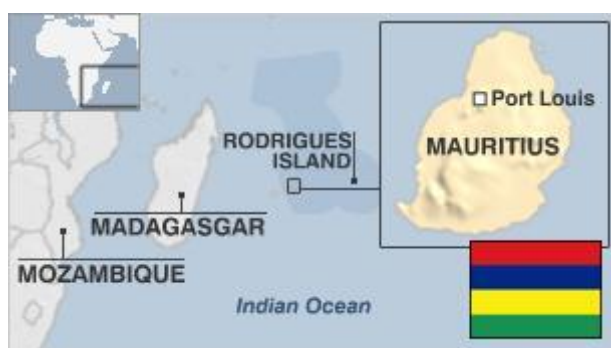


- Capital: Victoria
- Population: 94,000
- Area: 455 sq km (176 sq miles)
- Major languages: English, French, Creole
- Major religions: Christianity
- Life expectancy: 68 years (men), 78 years

(women)

- Currency: Seychelles rupee UN, World Bank

20) Mauritius



- Capital: Port Louis
- Population 1.3 million
- Area 2,040 sq km (788 sq miles)
- Major languages English (official), Creole, French, Indian languages
- Major religions Hinduism, Christianity,

Islam

- Life expectancy 71 years (men), 78 years (women)
- Currency Mauritian rupee UN, World Bank

21) Malta



- Capital: Valletta
- Population 436,000
- Area 316 sq km (122 sq miles)
- Major languages Maltese, English
- Major religion Christianity
- Life expectancy 80 years (men), 84 years (women).

- Currency euro UN, World Bank

22) Cyprus



- Capital: Nicosia
- Population 1.1 million (combined)
- Area 9,251 sq km (3,572 sq miles) (combined)
- Major languages Greek, Turkish
- Major religions Christianity, Islam
- Life expectancy 78 years (men), 83 years (women) (UN)

- Currency euro; Turkish lira in the north UN, World Bank

23) Pakistan



- Capital: Islamabad
- Population 197 million
- Area 796,095 sq km (307,374 sq miles), excluding Kashmir
- Major languages English, Urdu, Punjabi, Sindhi, Pashto, Balochi
- Major religion Islam

- Life expectancy 66 years (men), 68 years (women)
- Currency Pakistani Rupee UN, World Bank

24) India



- Capital New Delhi
- Population 1,357,181,000
- Currency: rupee Rs3
- Official Languages Hindi; English
- Total Area (Sq Km) 3,287,469 (Sq Mi) 1,269,299
- Life Expectancy At Birth Male: 68.4

years Female:71.2 years

- Literacy: Percentage Of Population Age 15 And Over Literate Male: (2018) 82%
• Female: (2018) 66%

25) Bangladesh



- Capital: Dhaka
- Population: 170,371,000
- Official Language: Bengali (Bangla)
- Official Religion: Islam
- Total Area (Sq Km) 147,570 (Sq Mi) 56,977
- Monetary Unit: Bangladesh taka (Tk)

- Life Expectancy Male: 70.3 years Female: 72.9 years

26) Sri Lanka



- Commercial capital: Colombo
- Population 21.2 million
- Area 65,610 sq km (25,332 sq miles)
- Major languages Sinhala, Tamil, English
- Major religions Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Christianity
- Life expectancy 72 years (men), 78 years

(women)

- Currency Sri Lankan rupee UN, World Bank

27) Maldives



- Capital: Male
- Population 324,000
- Area 298 sq km (115 sq miles)
- Major language Divehi
- Major religion Islam
- Life expectancy 76 years (men), 79 years (women)

- Currency rufiyaa UN, World Bank

28) Malaysia



- Capital: Kuala Lumpur
- Population 31 million (UN, 2012)
- Area 329,847 sq km (127,355 sq miles)
- Major languages Malay (official), English, Chinese dialects, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam
- Major religions Islam, Buddhism,

Taoism, Hinduism, Christianity, Sikhism

- Life expectancy 73 years (men), 78 years (women)
- Currency Ringgit UN

29) Singapore



- Capital: Singapore
- Population 5.3 million
- Area 660 sq km (255 sq miles)
- Major languages English, Malay, Mandarin, Tamil
- Major religions Taoism, Buddhism, Islam, Christianity, Hinduism

- Life expectancy 79 years (men), 84 years (women)
- Currency Singapore dollar UN, World Bank

30) Brunei



- Capital: Bandar Seri Begawan
- Area: 2,226 sq km
- Population: 434,000
- Life expectancy: 76.4 m 78.4 f

31) Canada



- Capital: Ottawa
 - Population 34.7 million (UN, 2012)
 - Area 9.98 million sq km (3.85 million sq miles)
 - Major languages English, French (both official)
 - Major religion Christianity
- Life expectancy 79 years (men), 83 years (women) (UN)
 - Currency Canadian dollar

32) Bahamas



- Capital: Nassau
 - Population 391,000
 - Area 13,939 sq km (5,382 sq miles)
 - Major language English
 - Major religion Christianity
 - Life expectancy 72 years (men), 78 years (women)
- Currency Bahamian dollar UN, World Bank

33) Belize



- Capital: Belmopan
- Population 366,000
- Area 22,965 sq km (8,867 sq miles)
- Major languages English (official), Spanish, Belizean Creole, Mayan, Garifuna (Carib)
- Major religions Christianity
- Life expectancy 75 years (men), 78 years (women)
- Currency Belizean dollar UN, World Bank

34) Jamaica



- Capital: Kingston
- Population 2.9 million
- Area 10,991 sq km (4,243 sq miles)
- Major languages English (official), English patois
- Major religion Christianity
- Life expectancy 73 years (men), 78 years (women)
- Currency Jamaican dollar UN, World Bank

35) Saint Kitts And Nevis



- Capital: Basseterre
- Area 269 sq km (104 sq miles)
- Population 52,000
- Major language English
- Major religion Christianity
- Life expectancy 68 years (men), 71 years (women)
- Currency East Caribbean dollar UN, World Bank

36) Barbuda and Antigua



- Capital: St John's
- Population 100,000
- Area 442 sq km (170 sq miles)
- Major language English
- Major religion Christianity
- Life expectancy 74 (men) 79 (women)
- Currency East Caribbean dollar UN,

World Bank

37) Dominica



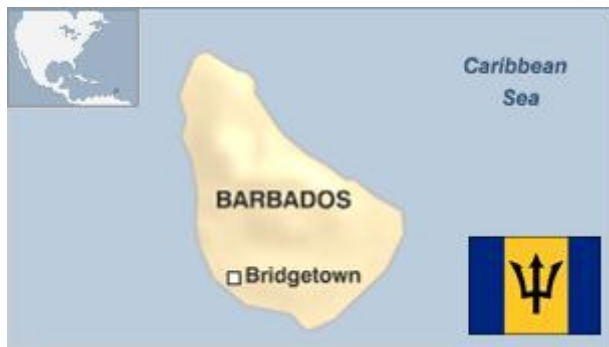
- Capital: Roseau
- Population 73,000
- Area 751 sq km (290 sq miles)
- Major languages English (official), French patois
- Major religion Christianity
- Life expectancy 74 (men), 78 (women)
- Currency East Caribbean dollar UN, World Bank

38) Saint Lucia



- Capital: Castries
- Area: 617 sq km
- Population: 182,500
- Life expectancy: 74.9 m 77.6 f
- Language: English

39) Barbados



- Capital: Bridgetown
- Population 285,000
- Area 430 sq km (166 sq miles)
- Major language English (Bajan, an English-African dialect, is widely used)
- Major religion Christianity
- Life expectancy 73 years (men), 78 years

(women)

- Currency Barbadian dollar UN, World Bank

40) Saint Vincent and the Grenadines



- Capital: Kingstone
- Area:389 sq km
- Population:710,800
- Life expectancy:70.3 m 75.1 f
- Language: English

41) Grenada



- Capital St. George's.
- Population: 114,800.
- Official Language: English
- Total Area (Sq Km) 344 (Sq Mi) 133
- Monetary Unit: Eastern Caribbean dollar (EC\$).
- Life Expectancy Male: 70.1 years.

Female:75 years

42) Trinidad And Tobago



- Capital: Port of Spain
- Population 1.3 million
- Area 5,128 sq km (1,980 sq miles)
- Major language English
- Major religions Christianity, Hinduism, Islam
- Life expectancy 67 years (men), 74 years (women)

- Currency Trinidad and Tobago dollar UN, World Bank

43) Guyana



- Capital: Georgetown
- Population 773,000
- Area 214,969 sq km (83,000 sq miles)
- Major languages English, indigenous languages, Creole, Hindi, Urdu
- Major religions Christianity, Hinduism, Islam

- Life expectancy 64 years (men), 69 years (women)
- Currency Guyanese dollar UN, World Bank

44) Australia



- Commonwealth of Australia
- Capital: Canberra
- Population 22.9 million
- Area 7.7 million sq km (2.9 million sq miles)
- Major language English

- Major religion Christianity
- Life expectancy 80 years (men), 84 years (women)
- Currency Australian dollar UN, World Bank

45) New Zealand



- Capital: Wellington
- Population 4.7 million
- Area 270,534 sq km (104,454 sq miles)
- Major languages English, Maori
- Major religion Christianity
- Life expectancy 80 years (men), 83 years

(women)

- Currency New Zealand dollar UN, World Bank

46) Papua New Guinea



- Capital: Port Moresby
- Area: 461,937 sq km
- Population: 9,128,000
- Life expectancy: 66.8 m 71.8 f

47) Nauru

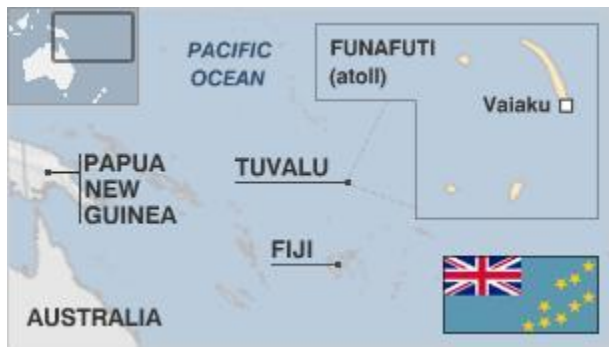


- Administrative centre: Yaren
- Population 10,000
- Area 21 sq km (8 sq miles)
- Major languages Nauruan, English
- Major religion Christianity
- Life expectancy 55 years (men), 57 years

(women)

- Currency Australian dollar UN, World Bank

48) Tuvalu



(women)

- Capital: Funafuti
- Population 11,200
- Area 26 sq km (10 sq miles)
- Major languages Tuvaluan, English
- Major religion Christianity
- Life expectancy 62 years (men), 65 years

- Currency Tuvaluan dollar UN, World Bank

49) Solomon Islands



- Capital Honiara
- Population 753,200
- Area (Sq Km) 30,407 (Sq Mi) 11,740
- Monetary Unit: Solomon Islands dollar (SI\$)
- Life Expectancy: Male: 73.3 years
Female: 78.6 years

50) Samoa



(women)

- Capital: Apia
- Population 195,000
- Area 2,831 sq km (1,093 sq miles)
- Major languages Samoan, English
- Major religion Christianity
- Life expectancy 72 years (men), 78 years

- Currency tala UN, World Bank

51) Fiji

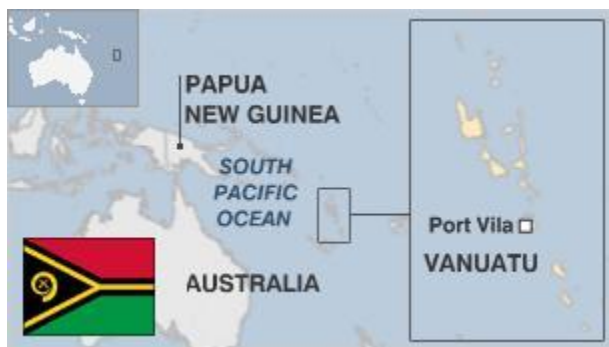


- Capital: Suva
- Population 900,000
- Area 18,376 sq km (7,095 sq miles)
- Major languages English, Fijian, Hindi
- Major religions Christianity, Hinduism, Islam
- Life expectancy 67 years (men), 73 years

(women)

- Currency Fijian dollar UN, World Bank

52) Vanuatu

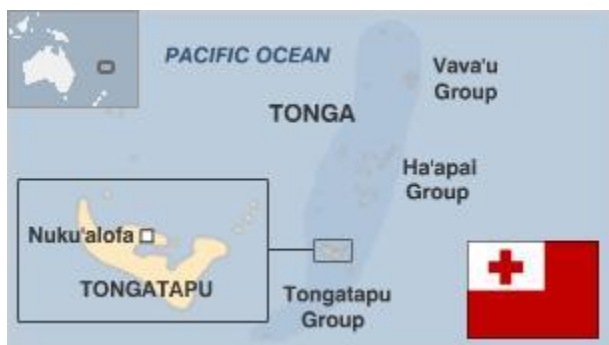


- Capital: Port-Vila
- Population 246,000
- Area 12,190 sq km (4,707 sq miles)
- Major languages Bislama, French, English
- Major religions Christianity
- Life expectancy 70 years (men), 74 years

(women)

- Currency vatu UN, World Bank

53) Tonga



- Capital: Nuku'alofa
- Population 107,000
- Area 748 sq km (289 sq miles)
- Major languages Tongan, English
- Major religion Christianity
- Life expectancy 70 years (men), 76 years

(women)

- Currency Pa'anga UN, World Bank

54) Kiribati



- Capital: Tarawa Atoll
- Population 103,000 (UN, 2011)
- Area 810 sq km (313 sq miles)
- Major language English, Gilbertese
- Major religion Christianity
- Life expectancy 59 years (men), 63 years

(women) (UN)

- Currency Australian dollar UN

8. SHARING ANSWERED PRAYER RESULTS, GIVING THANKS AND CLOSING PRAYER PROGRAMME

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