



World Wide Prayer Meeting April 18, 2019

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many” Mark 10:45
NIV

Jesus came down my ransom to be;
O it was wonderful love!
For out of the Father’s heart he came
To die for me on a cross of shame,
And from sin’s bondage to reclaim;
O it was wonderful love!

Clear to faith’s vision the cross reveals
Beautiful actions of love;
And all that by grace e’en I may be
When saved, to serve him eternally.
He came, he died, for you and me;
O it was wonderful love!

*Wonderful, wonderful, wonderful love,
Coming to me from Heaven above,
Filling me, thrilling me through and through;
O it was wonderful love!*

His death’s a claim, his love has a plea;
O it is wonderful love!
Ungrateful was I to slight thy call,
But, Lord, now I come, before thee fall,
I give myself, I give up all,
All for that wonderful love.

Emmanuel Rolfe (1853-1914)
Wonderful Love, 940

About Focused Territory: Japan

The Salvation Army work was started in Japan in 1895 by British Salvationists. Only 69 active Officers with about 1000 employees – 44 Corps, 12 Outposts, 19 institutions, 2 hospitals.

Country has a shrinking, aging population but very dense compared to Canada. 127 million people living in an area about size of south western Ontario. 4 main islands comprise 97% of land mass. 4th largest economy in world. Suicide largest cause of death of young people. Shinto largest religion but 70-80% of Japanese describe themselves as not practicing any religion.

Homogenous ethnic background, 98.5% Japanese with only 1.5% diverse ethnic immigrants. Traditional Japanese society and culture stress the values of harmony, consensus decision-making and social conformity. “The nail that sticks out gets hammered down” is a common Japanese saying and guideline of social behavior.

Prayer Requests for Japan Territory

- The preaching of God’s Word to be powerful, clear, and Holy Spirit empowered
- Renewed commitment of Officers and Soldiers to reach the lost with the Gospel of the Risen Christ
- A commitment to unity amid growing diversity in Japan
- A culture of discipling will grow with making disciples is seen as urgent and essential
- Courageous faith to be lived out by Officers and Soldiers
- The prayers of Officers and Soldiers to be grounded in Biblical truths, vision and humility

