



Pray 4 Italy



REGION INSIGHTS

PIEMONTE

Torino is the capital of Piemonte, and it was also the first capital of Italy after its unification in 1861. Over 50% of Italy's rice comes from Piemonte, and it is also the birthplace of Nutella. In addition the region is known for Lavazza coffee and Asti sparkling wine. Pray that many in Piemonte would know Jesus, the Door, and enter God's flock through Him and be saved (John 10:9).

Population: 4,251,351

TRENTINO-ALTO ADIGE

This region, with its capital, Trento, became a part of Italy in 1919 after WWI, and even though they were forced to become Italian, many still speak German as their first language. The region has produced apples for centuries, and it boasts the Dolomite mountains, a popular vacation spot both in winter and summer. Pray that this region would not be distracted by worries, wealth or pleasure, but would persevere in Jesus bearing fruit a hundredfold (Mark 14:18-20).

Population: 1,077,143

VALLE D'AOSTA

Valle d'Aosta is the smallest and least populated region, yet it boasts the tallest mountains and the most castles for a region in Italy and western Europe. Its capital is Aosta, an ancient Roman city in which many Roman ruins can be seen, even dating back to 25 BC. Pray that the people of this region would cry out "You are my Rock and my Fortress, for your name sake lead me and guide me." (Psalm 31:3)

Population: 123,130

LOMBARDIA

Lombardia is the most populated region in Italy, with half being flat terrain and the other half mountains and lakes. Milan is the capital city, which is a world fashion capital and also home to one of the largest Catholic Churches in the whole world. Pray that its residents would choose to follow Jesus, recognizing that they cannot serve both God and money (Matthew 6:24).

Population: 9,976,509



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FRIULI-VENEZIA GIULIA

This region is home to the Grotta Gigante, "Giant Cave," which was the world's largest tourist cave until 2010. Modiano playing cards are produced here and sold around the world. The world's largest sailing race, the Barcolana, is held in the region's capital, Trieste. Pray that these people would see the works of the Lord, cry out to Him and give Him thanks (Psalm 107:23-31).

Population: 1,194,248

LIGURIA

Liguria is the third smallest region of Italy, but its capital, Genova, was once an important naval power and continues to be an important port. The region is know for its many beautiful sea towns and for the delicious pesto sauce. Pray that the people of Liguria would taste and see that Jesus is good. and that blessed are those who take refuge in Him (Psalm 34:8).

Population: 1,507,636

LAZIO

The Lazio region's capital also is the capital for Italy, Rome. Within its city limits is the smallest country in the world, Vatican City, which is the seat of the Roman Catholic Church. This region boasts many ruins from the Roman Empire and from the Etruscan people before them. Pray that the gospel would be proclaimed in Lazio like it was in the Apostle Paul's time. Pray that many would believe and proclaim Jesus as King. (Acts 28:30-31; Romans 1:8).

Population: 5,720,536

VENETO

Shakespeare was inspired to tell the story of Romeo & Juliet who were from this region. Luxottica, the world's largest eyewear company is headquartered here with its brands Ray-Ban and Oakley. Venice the capital of Veneto is sinking 1-2 mm every year. Pray that the people of Veneto would see that they are sinking in sin, and that they would cry out, "Jesus, save me!" (Matt. 14:30)

Population: 4,849,553

EMILIA-ROMAGNA

This region is home to the oldest university in all of Europe, which was founded in 1088 AD. The university is in the region's capital, Bologna. The region also hosts Italy's Motor Valley where Ferrari, Lamborghini, Ducati and Maserati have their headquarters. Pray that these people would meditate on God's Word day and night, carefully living out everything in it (Joshua 1:8).

Population: 4,437,578

UMBRIA

Umbria is called the Green Heart of Italy for its abundance of woodlands, meadows and pastures. The region produces the highest quality and quantity of black truffles in Italy. It is the pork capital of Italy and the birthplace of pork processing. Perugia, Umbria's capital, hosts an annual chocolate festival called Eurochocolate. Pray that in Umbria they would consider the birds and the flowers, understanding God's love and pursuing first His kingdom (Matthew 6:25-33).

Population: 856,407



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MARCHE

The Marche region is the birthplace of Italian shoe-making, and boasts famous brands like Tod's and Hogan. It is also the international capital for accordion builders and one of the largest paper producers in Europe. Ancona, the capital, is one of the main port cities on the Adriatic Sea. Pray that these people would stand at the crossroads, ask where the good way is and walk in it (Jeremiah 6:16).

Population: 1,484,298

ABRUZZO

Abruzzo is the greenest region in Italy with over half of its land being national parks and protected nature reserves. 70% of Europe's animal species can be found here. Abruzzo is also home to the largest underground research center in the world, not far from its capital, L'Aquila. Pray that they would see that in Jesus all things were created and are held together. Pray that they would be reconciled to the Father through Christ (Colossians 1:15-22).

Population: 1,272,627

CAMPANIA

This region is best known for its capital, Naples, the birthplace of the modern pizza and the Feast of San Gennaro. It is also home to Mount Vesuvius, one of the most dangerous volcanoes in the world. Pray that the people of this region would recognize that they've replaced God's commands with the traditions of man. Pray that they would worship God and serve Him only (Mark 7:9; Luke 4:8).

Population: 5,609,536

TUSCANY

Tuscany is the birthplace of the modern Italian language, and is also where the original story of Pinocchio was written. Its capital, Florence, was the first European city to pave its streets, and is the birthplace of Amerigo Vespucci, who gave his name to the Americas. Pray that God would open their eyes to recognize the lies of the enemy so that they would believe in Jesus, the Truth (John 14:6).

Population: 3,661,981

MOLISE

Molise is the youngest and one of the smallest regions. The region is dotted with many ghost towns due to earthquakes and emigration. It is home to the International Museum of Zampogne, Italy's version of the bagpipe. Campobasso is its capital. Pray that the word of Christ would dwell in them richly, so that they would teach and admonish one another, with thankfulness to God (Colossians 3:16).

Population: 290,636

SARDEGNA

The second largest island in the Mediterranean has one of the highest rates of centenarians in the world. It is also home to one of the deepest canyons in Europe, and its capital Cagliari has a history that goes back millennia. The region also boasts more sheep than people. Pray that the people of Sardegna would know Jesus as their Good Shepherd, listening to His voice and following Him into salvation (John 10:11).

Population: 1,578,146

BASILICATA

Potenza, Basilicata's capital, is the highest regional capital in all of Italy. This region is home to the "Texas of Italy" because of its many oil wells, which make Italy the third largest oil producer in Europe. Pray that they would grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God (Ephesians 3:18-19).

Population: 537,577

APULIA

Apulia or Puglia, with its capital, Bari, is the easternmost region, and it is known for being the heel of the boot. Along with its 800km of coastline, it also has lots of grain fields and olive groves. In fact, 40% of Italy's olive oil comes from here.

Orecchiette, or little ears, is Puglia's signature pasta, which is known as peasant food. Pray that this region would recognize that Jesus stands at the door knocking. Pray that they would hear His voice and open the door to allow Him in and abide with Him (Revelation 3:20).

Population: 3,907,683

CALABRIA

This region is known for producing and eating lots of chili peppers called peperoncini. The region also produces about one-third of Italy's olive oil, and its bergamot oil is sought after by many perfume producers. Catanzaro is the capital city and is known as a historical producer of handmade silk. Pray that they would believe in Jesus and that their lives would become a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God (Romans 12:1).

Population: 1,846,610

SICILIA

Sicily is one of the most well-known regions of Italy, because of its food, wine and the mafia. It has been ruled by over 13 different cultures, which have influenced its art, architecture, language and culture. It is the largest island in the Mediterranean, and its capital Palermo claims to be the birthplace of the cannoli. Mount Etna is the tallest active volcano in all of Europe. Pray that they would know and believe that God loves those who fear Him, and He removes their sins as far as the East is from the West (Psalm 103:10-12).

Population: 4,814,016



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