

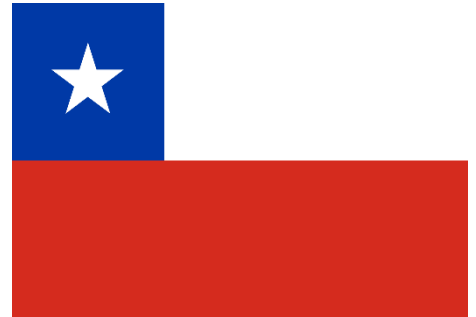
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United in prayer, the Global Joseph Family, 11,000 Sisters in 52 countries, listening to the heart of the world

March 18–24 Chile



Chile is a long, narrow country stretching along South America's western edge, with more than 6,000 km of Pacific Ocean coastline. Santiago, its capital, sits in a valley surrounded by the Andes and Chilean Coast Range mountains.



President: [Michelle Bachelet](#)

Capital: [Santiago](#)

Population: 17.91 million (2016) [World Bank](#)

The arid [Atacama Desert](#) in northern Chile contains great mineral wealth, principally [copper](#). The relatively small central area dominates in terms of population and agricultural resources, and is the cultural and political center from which Chile expanded in the late 19th century when it incorporated its northern and southern regions. Southern Chile is rich in forests and grazing lands, and features a string of [volcanoes](#) and lakes. The southern coast is a labyrinth of [fjords, inlets, canals](#), twisting peninsulas, and islands.

