

THE AKLANO OF THE PHILIPPINES

HOMELAND: Northwest Visayas (Visayan Islands)

POPULATION: 830,000 (est. 2015)

LANGUAGE: Aklanon, Inakeanon

RELIGION: Catholicism, Protestantism

EVANGELICAL BELIEVERS: 10% (est. 2015)

SCRIPTURE: Portions

CHRISTIAN RADIO: None

GENERAL: The Aklano are found in the Aklan province. Mainly farmers and fishermen, these hard-working people are also fun-loving by nature. A pervasive fear of spirits prevails despite most Aklano professing to be Christian. They honour the Santo Nino, a representation of the Infant Jesus reputedly with divine powers.

“God saves the AKLANO, not because of the righteous things they have done, but because of His mercy. He saves the AKLANO through the washing of rebirth and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom He pours out on them through Jesus Christ their Saviour.”

Titus 3:5-6 (NIV-personalised)

Father God, grant the precious AKLANO insights of Your awesome mercy and unconditional love. Cause them to look beyond man-made religious traditions.

Even as they honour the image of the Infant Jesus, let there be a true desire to know and to worship Jesus as their King of Kings. May they know Him as their Victorious Saviour who has opened the way to eternal life. Let the Holy Spirit convict hearts of the need to be born-again spiritually.

Empower the AKLANO believers to be the salt and light to the lost. Raise and send forth more workers especially to the villages that have yet to hear the Good News.

Father, may the AKLANO joyfully worship You in spirit and in truth before Your throne. We ask this through Christ our Great Redeemer. AMEN.

This is a series of prayers for specific people groups in Asia. The data has been collated from various online sources such as the following: <https://joshuaproject.net/>, <http://www.peoplegroups.org/>