

Prayer This Week

Our focus this week is: **Our City and Our Nation**

A. God, I pray this week for Calgary:

1. Civic Leaders:

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2. Churches:

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3. Issues & Events:

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B. God, our nation needs your intervention. I pray today for:

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C. The Cry of my heart this morning for our city and our nation is:

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D. Praying for one another:

Healing & Strength: Doreen Antliff, Pat Robson, Constance McEwan,
Wilma Gamble, Evelyn Watt, Allan Holoboff,
Lois Mascher, Bernie Smith, Pastor John Teibe
Rachel Dunkerley-Underwood, Dan Meyer

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Nation we are in prayer for this week

Azerbaijan - Asia



Area: 86,600 sq km
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Religion		Pop %	Ann Gr
Christians	244,790	2.74	-0.3
Evangelicals	18,517	0.20	3.7
Muslim	7,824,334	87.58	

republic on the Caspian Sea, including a 5,632 sq km enclave, Nakhichevan, between Armenia and

Iran, and the disputed 4,400 sq km region of Nagorno-Karabakh.

Population: 8,933,928 Capital: Baku

Challenges for Prayer

Azerbaijan remains a politically volatile nation. The conflict with Armenia remains unresolved, with both sides manipulating the suffering of many for their own advantage. Regional tensions – involving Russia and its southern republics, Turkey, Georgia, Iran and with NATO – complicate matters further. Azerbaijani military spending is at an all-time high, and no long-term solution to any problem has been found, with most players being intransigent on key issues. Pray for stability and a genuine will to make peace in and around Azerbaijan.

Christian help ministries. Pray for the impact of:

a) Christian literature. There is a quickly growing collection of Christian books in Azeri (more than 100, with another 20-30 in progress), the majority of them published unofficially. Pray for this vital and strategic work. There are a couple of Christian bookstores in Baku.

b) Bible translation. The Azeri Bible is available in both North and South Azeri, and the NT in audio format for North Azeri. Translation needs are most keenly felt among the minority Caucasus languages.

c) Christian radio/audio. There is a notable lack of radio programmes in Azeri. This is a matter for prayer, both for programme development and for stations from which to broadcast. Christian audio programmes on cassette/CD are available in 12 languages through GRN. Increasing numbers of worship songs are being written and released in Azeri musical genres and language.

d) The JESUS film is available in Avar, North Azeri, Kurmanji, Lezgi, Russian and Talysh.