

Prayer This Week

Our focus this week is: *My Private World*

A. People God has placed on my heart:

1. Family: _____.
2. Friends: _____.
3. Co-workers/Neighbours: _____.

B. Situations I find myself in where God must intervene with power:

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C. The Cry of my heart this morning is:

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D. Praying for one another:

Healing & Strength: Pat Robson, Constance McEwan, Wilma Gamble,
Bernie Smith, Rachel Dunkerley-Underwood,
Pastor John Teibe, Mary Richmond,
Heine Larsen, Bart Dailey

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Nation we are in prayer for this week

Canada – North America



Geography

Area: 9,970,610 sq km

The world's second-largest country.

Wide diversity of mountains, prairie grasslands and forests, but much is sparsely populated wilderness and arctic tundra.

Population: 33,889,747 **Annual Growth:** 0.96% **Capital:** Ottawa

Religion

	Pop %	Ann Gr
Christians	24,424,341	72.07
Evangelicals	2,601,683	7.70

Challenges for Prayer

Missionary vision was once very strong but has steadily declined over the last 20 years. Support of national missionaries and relief and development programmes, however, has remained steady. Areas for prayer:

a) Overseas ministry. Canada once enjoyed a pride of place in sending aid and peacekeeping forces and in having a strong missionary-sending tradition. The latter of the three has decreased markedly. Pray for increased involvement by churches and individuals in the evangelization of the unreached around the world.

b) The great influx of immigrants creates sizeable unevangelized communities in Canada's cities. Reaching the scores of unreached ethnicities can happen within a stone's throw of most urban churches. Pray for a passion to reach out to these peoples whom God has placed on the doorsteps of evangelical congregations.

c) Missionary concern from within the many growing, ethnic-minority churches. Such a vision is vital for Canada and could be strategic for the evangelization of their lands of origin.

d) Nationwide missionary mobilizing. Pray for the unifying and strategic work of the Task Force for Global Mission of the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada. Pray also for Missionfest, a mobilizing conference held in several cities every year to raise awareness and stimulate missions vision.

Specialized ministries for prayer:

a) Christian media. There are a number of widely appreciated religious programmes and stations, particularly Vision TV, Crossroads and "It's a New Day". US Christian programmes continue to exercise notable influence over Canadian churches as well.

b) Student ministries in the nearly 300 colleges and universities, serving 1.1 million tertiary students. These give wide exposure to sections of the campus community. There are three movements linked with **IFES** (IVCF-English, GBU-French, Ambassadors for Christ-Chinese) who have groups in over 60 universities. There are also extensive ministries linked with Navigators and **CCCI**. **YFC** and **OAC** have good ministries in high schools. Pray that these and other ministries may make a deep and lasting impact.