

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:

1. _____.
2. _____.
3. _____.

C. The Cry of my heart this morning is:

_____.

D. Praying for one another:

Healing & Strength: Pat Robson, Constance McEwan, Bernie Smith, Bill Dyck, Rachel Dunkerley-Underwood, Pastor John Teibe, Mary Richmond, Dennis Ripley, Jack Clarke, Ina Jean Gietz

Special Request from Bill and Janice Dyck:

- 1) Their children and family whom we leave behind for a time.
- 2) For health and good connections with doctors in Bolivia
- 3) For the remaining 20% or so of our support to come in
- 4) For a safe trip, and for preparations and plans in Bolivia
- 5) For patience and perseverance as the learning process begins all over again.

For confidential or urgent prayer requests, call Erna (prayer chain) at 403-284-3737

Nation we are in prayer for this week

Georgia - Asia



Geography

Area: 69,700 sq km

Black Sea state between the

Caucasus Mountains and Turkey. Moderate climate with good natural resources and soil.

Religion

	Pop %	Ann Gr
Christians	3,319,238	78.67
Evangelicals	65,247	1.5

Population: 4,219,191

Annual Growth: -1.12%

Capital: T'bilisi

Challenges for Prayer

The Georgian Orthodox Church's history stretches back to AD 150; it can be regarded as the world's second-oldest Christian nation. Communist repression, infiltration and subversion brought both martyrdom and compromise. Since Communism's collapse and Georgian independence, many have returned to the Church of their ancestors. Some minority groups converted as well. For most Georgians, this is mostly an expression of nationalism and cultural identity, not a living spiritual faith. Pray for access to the Word of God, and that through it many may find the Truth of the gospel. Pray also for renewal among Orthodox clergy; some small beginnings of this are occurring.

The small Protestant Church struggled under Communism and, since independence, at the hands of some factions of the Orthodox Church. Evangelical ministries have been repressed, their work maligned as sectarian. They have had problems acquiring buildings and the permits necessary to hold meetings. There have been incidents of meetings being broken up, sometimes violently, and materials confiscated. Some legal changes in 2005 offer hope of greater freedom of religious expression. Pray for a relationship of mutual respect and understanding between the Orthodox and other churches; pray that Protestant and Independent churches and believers might conduct themselves in Christ-like ways, even amid hostility.