

Prayer This Week

Our focus this week is: **Congregational Sharing**

A. God, we pray this week for those who are sick among us:

B. God, we pray this week for those who are struggling among us:

C. God, we thank you this week for your wonderful presence among us:

D. The Cry of my heart this morning, Lord, is for:

E. Praying for one another:

Healing & Strength: Bernie Smith, Rachel Dunkerley-Underwood,
Sylvia Gibson

Special request: Please pray for the CILC students that received Bibles this week. May the Lord change lives through them.

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

Nation we are in prayer for this week

Kazakhstan – Asia



Religion		Pop %	Ann Gr
Christians	1,914,045	12.15	-1.5
Evangelicals	104,511	0.7	3.5
Muslim	8,456,457	53.68	

Geography

Area: 2,717,300 sq km

World's ninth-largest country. Dominating Central Asia and trade routes between east and west. Much of the country is semi-desert.

Population 15,753,460

Annual Growth: 0.73% **Capital:** Astana

Challenges for Prayer

The expatriate Christian community is very diverse. Many speak Kazakh and are committed to long-term work in Kazakhstan. Russians, Americans, Koreans, Germans and many other nationalities all enrich the ministry in their own way. Pray for humility as they serve the indigenous Church. Thank God for the coordinating work of the Kazakh Partnership. There are many needs – reaching the unreached, training, discipling, tentmaking as well as business-as-mission and work focused on material needs. The government can be suspicious of and hostile to the presence of missionaries – pray for the doors to remain open to minister. The threat of intimidation, expulsion and even violence exists, even if it is not common.

Christian mercy ministries. There is widespread dysfunction and brokenness in many Kazakh families. Alcoholism and drug addiction are widespread; heroin is as easy to obtain as alcohol. Family breakdown and widespread corruption exacerbate the suffering of many. Pray for Christians to have a powerful transforming effect on society as they demonstrate Christ's love. There are increasing numbers of ministries focusing on these needs. One of the most remarkable is Mission Agape, a live-in programme where addicts are discipled and trained – over 100 have become missionaries and church planters.