

## 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:

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E. Praying for one another:

**Healing & Strength:** Doreen Antliff, Pat Robson, Constance McEwan,  
Mary Richmond, Allan Holoboff, Lois Mascher,  
Bernie Smith, Rachel Dunkerley-Underwood

**Bereavement:** Please pray for the family of Earle Clarke, who passed away on Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at the age of 92. Funeral details to follow.

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

# Nation we are in prayer for this week

## Albania – Europe



### Geography

**Area:** 28,748 sq km

A mountainous Balkan state on the Adriatic Sea.

**Population:** 3,169,087

**Annual Growth:** 0.37%    **Capital:** Tirana

### Religion

	Pop %	Ann Gr
<a href="#">Christians</a>	965,621	30.47
<a href="#">Evangelicals</a>	14,466	0.50
Muslim	1,977,510	62.40

### Answer to Prayer

**Thank God for His work in this land** that, for years, was resolutely closed to the gospel. Many credit concentrated prayer and intercession as major factors in seeing Albania opened for ministry. Much good work has been done since then.

### Challenge for Prayer

#### Christian help ministries:

**a) Scripture translation.** There are three complete translations of the Bible in Albanian; one literal, one paraphrased and one Catholic. The NT was recently retranslated into modern Albanian in a collaborative project of Orthodox, Catholics and Protestants; a new OT translation is underway in the same project. Pray for accuracy, timely completion and for widespread use of the Scriptures.

**b) Religious literature** from many faiths flooded the country upon the fall of Communism. **EHC** blanketed the country with Christian literature twice. Christian books are published by Vernon, Karte e Pende and Shigjeta as well as by several missions, but there are very few Christian bookstores. Pray for translation of useful Christian books and literature and for their impact.

**c) Christian radio** is an area of great growth. **TWR**, Albanian partners Gospel Waves and Radio 7 produce and broadcast non-stop on shortwave and FM via several transmitters and stations. They are hoping to expand their broadcast reach into Kosovo as well. Words of Hope is also producing and broadcasting radio programmes in Albania. Pray for wider coverage so that people in more isolated areas may also be blessed.