

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: Pat Robson, Constance McEwan, Wilma Gamble,
Bernie Smith, Rachel Dunkerley-Underwood,
Pastor John Teibe,
Mary Richmond, Wayne & Margaret Marsh

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Nation we are in prayer for this week

Burkina Faso - Africa



Area: 274,200 sq km

A landlocked country of the Sahel. Prone to drought and famine.

Religion		Pop %	Ann Gr
Christians	3,369,719	20.69	3.9
Evangelicals	1,441,771	8.90	4.1
Muslim	8,501,661	52.20	

Population: 16,286,706

Annual Growth: 3.45% **Capital:** Ouagadougou

Challenges for Prayer

Pray for the unreached. Despite church growth, increased evangelism and mission and continued responsiveness, 27 unreached peoples remain without an effective witness; 17 of these are Muslim. Most unevangelized lie within the area of witness of several existing mission projects. Churches and missions working in areas with unreached people often tend to favour more responsive or closely related peoples. Pray for the recruitment and deployment of pioneer workers from Africa and the world to evangelize the unreached. Specific challenges include:

a) Muslims, who are stronger in the north but continue to grow in nearly every ethnic group. Only a fraction of the missionary force in Burkina is specifically committed to ministering among Muslims.

i Groups include the urbanized Soninke, rural Tuareg (**WH, AoG**), the Kurumba (**AoG**) and Songhai (**WH**), all in the north; Bolon in the northwest; the Jula (**CMF**) and the Bobo Madare (targetted by **CAPRO**) in the west.

ii Pray also for the partly nomadic Fulbe, who are a strategic people strung across Central and West Africa. They are responding to the gospel as never before through the witness of several groups: **SIM, AoG, WEC, WH, WOI**. Converts often face persecution and exclusion from their own people; pray for large enough groups of believers to form in order to overcome the stigma of following Jesus. Pray for the national-level conferences for Fulani believers, holistic church planting efforts, Fulani literacy centres, radio broadcasts, a chronological storying discipleship programme and the plans for a Fulani-language Bible school and missionary training centre.

b) Unreached non-Muslim peoples. Most of these groups are being steadily Islamized, and time is running out before they are inoculated against the gospel by Muslims. They include the Dogose, the Senufo and sub-groups such as the Karaboro (**CMA, Mennonites**) and the numerous groups related to the Lobi (**WEC**). They are concentrated in the west and southwest.

Missionaries working in Burkina Faso have a vital role in this land with so many physical and spiritual needs. The work is hard and victories long in coming. But receptivity is high, and missionaries are welcome. Missionary reinforcements are needed in a wide range of ministries.