

# 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,  
Rachel Dunkerley-Underwood, Pastor John Teibe,  
Mary Richmond, Bill Dyck, Dennis Ripley

**Special Request:** Ask God to provide someone for the position of  
Office Administrator here at First Baptist Church  
with a ministry heart.

Pray for the CILC students who received Bibles  
this week. That God's word will speak into their  
lives. (We have 20 students)

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

# Nation we are in prayer for this week

## Czech Republic - Europe



### Geography

**Area:** 78,864 sq km  
Landlocked  
central European  
state.

### Religion

		Pop %	Ann Gr
<a href="#">Christians</a>	2,698,476	25.92	-2.9
<a href="#">Evangelicals</a>	72,854	0.7	0.3
Non-religious	7,434,342	71.41	

**Population:** 10,410,786

**Annual Growth:** 0.42% **Capital:** Prague

### Challenges for Prayer

**Freedom for Czechs has too often translated into a “free-for-all”.** A generally successful shift to a market economy is positive for the country, but it places economic stress on too many of the most vulnerable. The moral vacuum that has emerged sees hedonistic materialism assume primacy; crime, sexual immorality, substance abuse as well as depression and suicide are more prevalent today than in Communist times. Atheism rose from 40% in 1991 to 60% in 2001 (and 71% non-religious in 2010), but apparently this does not preclude widespread use of horoscopes and a fuzzy mishmash of spiritual ideas. Pray for this existential and spiritual heaviness over the Czech Republic; pray that serious soul-searching may take place and that a shift in the spiritual atmosphere might occur.

**The Catholic Church** is in what could almost be described as freefall. Despite outnumbering all other confessions nearly 6 to 1, its influence is waning quickly. The openness of the 1990s was a window of opportunity that was passed up. Instead of offering a living faith, traditionalism (“religion for grannies”) and a failure to act decisively relegated Catholicism to a minor role in society – a strong contrast to neighbouring Slovakia and Poland. Increasing adaptation and renewal movements may not be enough to save Catholicism from declining further, since both laity and priesthood are generally quite old.