

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, Ina Jean Gietz,
Ken Swanson

Special request: Pray for the new and returning CILC students as they begin their summer term together. Pray that this summer is not only about learning English but sharing Christ.

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

Nation we are in prayer for this week

Iran - Asia



Geography

Area: 1,648,196 sq km

Situated between the Caspian Sea to the north and the Persian Gulf and Gulf of Oman to the south. A central desert ringed by mountains.

Population: 75,077,547 **Annual Growth:** 1.19% **Capital:** Tehran

Challenges for Prayer

The Iranian Diaspora is around four million. Most have found refuge in the USA, Canada, Western Europe, Turkey, Gulf States and other lands – where they can be evangelized. Western countries are making it harder for Iranians to immigrate. Pray for: **a) Diaspora churches.** There are probably about 800 Persian-speaking Iranian churches and house fellowships, totalling around 200,000 people. Unity is frequently a challenge. Yet these diaspora Christians are highly active and generous regarding ministry into Iran and among other Iranians abroad; their contribution in this regard is crucial.

b) Ministries reaching out to the diaspora, providing not only evangelism tools and outreach but also church planting, discipleship and leadership training, so that Iranians living abroad will be reached and hopefully then reach other Iranians. Christian refugees fleeing from persecution are also assisted. Many diaspora Christians visit Iran and powerfully minister to their countrymen. Significant ministries include Elam Ministries, 222 Ministries, Persian World Outreach, Iran Alive Ministries and Iranian Christians International.

Young people are particularly responsive to the gospel. With nearly two-thirds of the population under age 30, with disillusionment at an all-time high and with frustrated desires for freedom, there is a unique window of opportunity to impact this generation with the liberating good news about Jesus. Political, economic and social frustrations are often expressed in resentment against the regime and in increasing hedonism and materialism. Pray that the unmet longings of their hearts might be fulfilled as they meet Christ. Already, much of the underground church is made up of this younger generation.

Religion

	Pop %	Ann Gr
Christians	384,897	0.51
Evangelicals	117,678	0.2
Muslim	74,054,491	98.64