

## Prayer This Week

Our focus this week is: *Our Congregation*

**A. *I praise God this morning for His work in our congregation:***

1. People:

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2. Ministries:

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3. Answered Prayers:

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**B. *I draw near to God this morning, asking for His power and will at FBC:***

1. for: \_\_\_\_\_.

2. for: \_\_\_\_\_.

3. for: \_\_\_\_\_.

**C. *The Cry of my heart this morning for our congregation is:***

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**D. Praying for one another:**

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## Nation we are in prayer for this week

### Latvia – Europe



### Geography

**Area:** 64,610 sq km

A fertile plain with 3,000 lakes; indented by the Gulf of Riga. The central of the three Baltic republics.

**Population:** 2,240,265

**Annual Growth:** -0.46%

**Capital:** Riga

Religion		Pop %	Ann Gr
<a href="#">Christians</a>	1,344,159	60.00	-0.2
<a href="#">Evangelicals</a>	157,351	7.0	1.2

### Challenges for Prayer

**Ministry to young people** is strategic – this includes campus, youth and children’s ministries as well as summer camps. IFES and Agape (CCCI) are having an impact on Latvian and, increasingly, international students. CEF is reaching up to 40,000 primary students every week through religious instruction in school. SU, YWAM, Latvian Christian Mission and others hold summer camps/events and minister to youth from Latvia and indeed all Eastern Europe. Pray for more workers with the vision to reach young people. Pray that this generation might be reached before they lapse into the irreligion or atheism of their forebears.

Christian media.

**a) Scripture.** A new NT in Latvian was released in 2007 and work on the OT continues. Pray for widespread distribution of Scripture in Latvia. The Bible Society uses its ecumenical platform to cooperate with many denominations.

**b) Radio ministry** is very well resourced and still growing. Examples are:

i Lutheran Hour and other Christian programmes, broadcasting on national and local radio as well as live broadcasts of services on TV. Lutheran Hour also broadcasts discipleship programmes and has a Bible Correspondence Course.

ii Russian Christian radio (FEBC and World Harvest Radio) runs 24/7.

iii Latvian Christian Radio has had broadcasts 24/7 in Latvian since 1993.

**c) TV.** The Lutheran Church broadcasts a series of services, Christian films and talk shows. Pray for more Latvian Christian television programmes that will profoundly communicate Jesus.

**d) Internet evangelism** is proving a very cost-effective and creative medium for sharing the good news. Pray for the websites and forums in Latvian to have a great impact.

i The Latvian Bible is available in its entirety online.

ii Internet radio (QBS) is focused on reaching an unchurched generation.