

Prayer This Week

Our focus this week is: **Our Congregation**

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

1. People: _____.
2. Ministries: _____.
3. Answered Prayers: _____.

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:

_____.

D. Praying for one another:

Healing & Strength: Bernie Smith, Rachel Dunkerley-Underwood,
Sylvia Gibson

Special Request: Praise God for a great summer term at CILC!
Pray for the students to retain what they have learned during our break, and for God to hand pick those to join them for the fall term. Pray the Lord will continue to draw them always closer to Himself.

For confidential or urgent prayer requests, call Jessica (prayer chain) to the office 403-263-5911

Nation we are in prayer for this week

Mozambique – Africa



Religion		Pop %	Ann Gr
<u>Christians</u>	10,878,955	46.48	2.6
<u>Evangelicals</u>	2,606,512	11.1	5.4

Geography

Area: 799,380 sq km

The Zambezi and 24 other rivers divide the 2,800 km-long land and make north-south travel difficult.

Population: 23,405,670

Annual Growth: 2.35%

Capital: Maputo

Answer to Prayer

The country has enjoyed peace since 1992 after 30 years of war, and the politicians have genuinely endeavoured to maintain and build on this peace. The government has performed admirably in advancing the nation's democratic, economic and religious freedom status.

Challenge for Prayer

Mozambique's brokenness continues. After being shattered by colonialism and civil war, natural disasters and debt burdens, Mozambique remains one of the world's poorest nations. Personal brokenness also persists as many have been traumatized by the violence and deprivation. Turn these major challenges into prayer:

a) Continuing natural disasters. The cyclones, floods and earthquakes disrupt development and destroy infrastructure, not to mention take many lives.

b) Dependency. Heavy reliance on aid and a high public debt combine with existing poverty to make economic growth a challenge. Many struggle from day to day just to survive, but progress is being made.

c) Disease. Life expectancy averages only 48 years, to a large degree because of disease and extremely basic medical facilities for most. Pray for effective, practical programmes that assist those who need it most.

i) AIDS is a major challenge, with 16% of the adult population HIV-positive. The faith communities and government have united with a national action plan. Pray that a reversal, as in some other African countries, might occur.

ii) Malaria is an even greater bane, with a much higher prevalence – over 5 million cases a year – taking many lives and sapping the health of those who survive.

iii) Other medical issues such as diarrhoea and tuberculosis become even more lethal amidst intense poverty and especially when combined with the above two diseases.