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## Canada

**Total area:**

9,984,670 km<sup>2</sup>

**Population:**

35,151,728 (2016)

**Literacy:**

99%

**Official languages:**

English, French

**GDP (PPP) per capita:**

\$46,199 (2016)

**Life expectancy:**

81 years

**Religions:**

44% Catholic, 33% Protestant, 16% Agnostic or Atheist, 2% Muslim, 1% Jewish, 1% Buddhist 1% Hindi, 1% Sikh, 1% other religions

## Prayer points

**Breaking New Ground project for students**

Please pray for IFES national movement students and staff in Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guyana, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Puerto Rico, Trinidad and Tobago and in one other country who are pioneering student ministry in new cities and on new campuses with resources from the IFES Breaking New Ground\* initiative. Please pray that God would provide local Christian students who will get involved in this ministry and invite friends to study the Bible, and for protection and energy for staff and volunteers travelling long distances to support the new groups. \*The Breaking New Ground project was launched in 2018 to support and resource pioneering ministry by awarding grants, by identifying and training people and by mobilising prayer across IFES's global network. (IFES - April 2020)

**Radio initiatives**

A wide variety of languages are spoken within Canada, apart from English, and since 2003 a number of Christian groups have been partnering together to broadcast Christian radio programmes in two of these languages - Urdu and Low German. As a result of the Urdu broadcasts, an annual conference will be taking place this month in Toronto for believers among this ethnic group. A group of local pastors in the city are also submitting an application for a Christian radio station in the French speaking province of Quebec. Pray for fruit from these radio initiatives. (Reach Beyond - January 2011)

**First Nations people**

In the sub-arctic regions of Canada, reserves have been set aside for the exclusive use of First Nations

people, the indigenous peoples of Canada. The situation for many of Canada's indigenous people is a difficult one. Abuse of children by close family members is common and according to a government website, suicide rates are five to seven times higher for First Nations youth than for non-Aboriginal youth. Suicide rates among Inuit (indigenous arctic peoples) youth are among the highest in the world, at 11 times the national average. Pray for wisdom for those attempting to deal with these deep-rooted problems, and for God to raise up Christians who would speak words of hope and change into this situation. (IFES - September 2010)

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