

Pray for Dem. Republic of Congo

Population: 71,246,355

Unevangelized: 654,785 (1.14%)

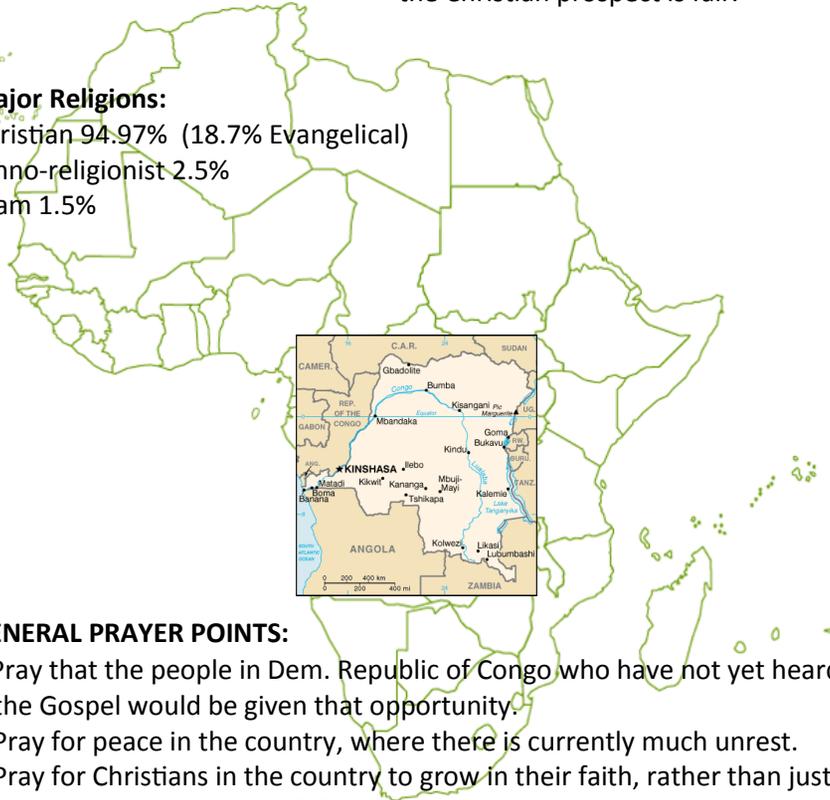
Spiritual Climate: It is a partially closed country for missionaries. But the Christian prospect is fair.

Major Religions:

Christian 94.97% (18.7% Evangelical)

Ethno-religionist 2.5%

Islam 1.5%



GENERAL PRAYER POINTS:

- Pray that the people in Dem. Republic of Congo who have not yet heard the Gospel would be given that opportunity.
- Pray for peace in the country, where there is currently much unrest.
- Pray for Christians in the country to grow in their faith, rather than just be nominal and not truly follow Jesus.
- Pray for the children in this country to be safe and to come to know Christ and live for him.
- Pray for Congolese living all over the world to follow Christ and share the Gospel with others, in DRC or other places.

INTERESTING FACTS:

- There are 217 languages spoken in DRC! Less than half of those have even a portion of Scripture in their language.
- Books, especially those that offer spiritual training, are rare & precious.

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How can we pray for DRC? How is God working?

This month we have the opportunity to pray for the Democratic Republic of Congo. Like many countries in Africa, it is a country of great unrest and instability, along with a ruined infrastructure and corruption. There were recently protests and rioting in the capital city, leading to many deaths.

The powerful spiritual evil that presides over much of the land manifests in many ways, beyond mere civil wars, killing, tribalism, greed and corruption. Systematic rape, unspeakable mutilation and brutality, cannibalism, witchcraft and occult practices are widespread and common. That these horrors are so endemic in a land with over 90% professing Christians is baffling, heart-rending and a call to spiritual warfare. Cry out for God to deliver this land, binding the spirits that exercise such wicked control over the suffering people. Pray for God to protect the children and draw them to himself. Pray for the children that have become orphans as well. Pray that God would frustrate the plans of the enemy.

There are high levels of corruption within the government, including the military and other leadership. Pray that God would raise up leaders with integrity who will stand for truth and justice, and lead the nation to God. Pray against corruption and pollution within the Church as well, that God would give conviction, repentance and revival. Pray for true disciples of Jesus to grow stronger in their faith, not just increase the numbers in their churches. Pray for workers to carry the Gospel to remote villages and tribes and for godly spiritual leaders across the country.

The Church's social impact has grown, since it has emerged as the only viable national structure to endure in the general social, political and economic collapse of the country. Despite the destruction of countless churches and ministry buildings, only the Church has plugged the gap left by a failed state in terms of caring for the many needs in this broken land. In the much-needed area of peacemaking and reconciliation, Christians and churches lead the way for a new start to a land that desperately needs one.

God is also at work among the Pygmy people in DRC. After years of being despised, exploited, enslaved, and even viewed as not humans, many are responding to the Good News. Pray for maturing of this movement, provision of adequate spiritual leadership and emergence of a truly indigenous Pygmy Church. Pray also for other tribes to accept these new believers and even reach out to them and for the historical prejudices to be overcome with God's love.

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. (Revelation 7:9)