



SOUTH AFRICA

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PRAYERCAST

Known as the “rainbow nation,” a reference to the many ethnicities that make up the population, the nation of South Africa has a long history marked by inter-racial relations. Originally inhabited by Bantu speaking tribes, Dutch traders established a settlement in 1652, and the British arrived in 1806, eventually colonizing South Africa. In 1948 the government implemented a policy of apartheid, which legalized racial segregation and discrimination. The first multi-racial elections took place in 1994, yet the national identity continues to be formed from a struggle between different groups who have come together as one nation. The nation not only faces great ethnic tension, but also high murder rates, corruption, crime, and an HIV/AIDS epidemic.

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Prayer initiatives started in South Africa have gone on to impact the entire world.

Biblical Christianity is strong in South Africa

South Africa is a young nation: one-third of the population is under 15, and 70% is under 35. Traditionally an economy of agriculture, livestock, and mining, a large financial industry and tourism are developing as well. Yet corruption, HIV/AIDS, high crime rates and high unemployment and poverty rates all adversely affect the economy.

Traditionally a religious country, three out of every four claim to be Christian, and these numbers are slowly increasing. There are many mainline and smaller independent churches. The charismatic population has seen phenomenal growth and makes up nearly a quarter of the population; the Pentecostal movement has grown from 400,000 in 1960 to 6.3 million in 2010. However, much nominalism exists, especially in the mainline denominations. The church is on the frontline of confronting the nation’s challenges; there has been a large response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic, ministries to the poor and disadvantaged, and work on racial reconciliation. Yet healing is needed between the various cultures and churches. Spiritual training for the leaders of the various African independent churches is also needed.

[PRAY FOR:](#)

- Pray for all government and leadership.
- Pray that the spirit of violence might be bound under the authority of Christ.
- The effects of “apartheid” still strain the nation. Pray for reconciliation among all races.
- Pray for the whole Church to leave behind the conflicts of the past and to demonstrate the power of Unity in Jesus Christ.
- Pray for the Church to have a prophetic voice in a society that has abandoned moral absolutes.
- Pray for Missionaries sent by South Africa. Around 2000 serve abroad in missions and as many serve within the country – from all races.
- Pray for the nation to recognize its responsibility to the Immigrants from neighbouring countries.

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THE UNREACHED

Although there may be a few believers or even a few churches, they are a people group among which there is no indigenous community of believing Christians with adequate numbers and resources to evangelize their own people group.

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A total of 8 People Groups are Unreached –

926,000 (11,5%) people who have limited or NO access to the Gospel.

- Hindus are 50% of the Asian population. A steady flow of Hindu people come to Christ, and now 19% of the Asian population is Christian.
- East Asians have some Christian working among them. The Chinese include long-term residents, immigrants from Taiwan and mainland China.

PRAY FOR THE MUSLIM WORLD



Islam is one of the fastest-growing religious movements in South Africa

Muslims are less than 2% of the population and very few Muslims have ever openly followed the Lord Jesus. Cape Malays (260 000 Muslims) live mainly around Cape Town as part of the Afrikaans-speaking Coloured community.

300 000 Muslim Asians live mostly in the Durban area. Most are Gujarati, Urdu or other Indian ethnic groups. A few Churches reach out to them.



“7 Days on the Wall”

Crying for Spiritual Breakthrough in South Africa

Spiritual Awakening

(Isaiah 62:6, 7)

Salvation for the Unsaved

(Acts 15:16, 17)

Social Justice

(Luke 18:7, 8)



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