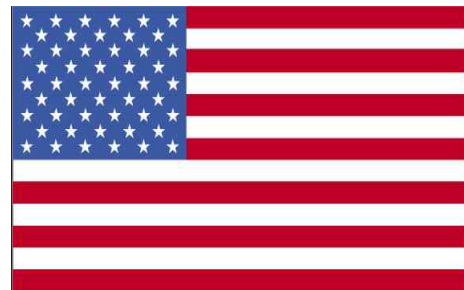




# Prayer for Canada & USA (1<sup>th</sup> ~ 7<sup>th</sup> Apr.)



	Canada	USA
Geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Area: 9,970,610 sq km The world's second-largest country. Wide diversity of mountains, prairie grasslands and forests, but much is sparsely populated wilderness and arctic tundra.</li> <li>• Population: 33,889,747      Annual Growth: 0.96%</li> <li>• Capital: Ottawa</li> <li>• Urbanites: 80.6%</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Area: 9,529,063 sq km The world's third largest nation in area and population.</li> <li>• Population: 317,641,087</li> <li>• Annual Growth: 0.97%</li> <li>• Capital: Washington DC</li> <li>• Urbanites: 82%</li> </ul>
Peoples/ Religion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peoples: 156 (10% unreached)</li> <li>• Unreached Peoples Prayer Card</li> <li>• Official language: English; French</li> <li>• Languages: 169</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peoples : 364 (16% unreached)</li> <li>• Official language : English</li> <li>• Languages : 176</li> <li>• Christians : 246,553,012 (77.62%)</li> <li>• Evangelicals : 91,764,554 (28.9%)</li> </ul>
Prayer	<p><b>Missionary vision</b> was once very strong but has steadily declined over the last 20 years. Support of national missionaries and relief and development programmes, however, has remained steady. Areas for prayer: a) <b>Overseas ministry.</b> Canada once enjoyed a pride of place in sending aid and peacekeeping forces and in having a strong missionary-sending tradition. The latter of the three has decreased markedly. Pray for increased involvement by churches and individuals in the evangelization of the unreached around the world.</p> <p>b) <b>The great influx of immigrants</b> creates sizeable unevangelized communities in Canada's cities. Reaching the scores of unreached ethnicities can happen within a stone's throw of most urban churches. Pray for a passion to reach out to these peoples whom God has placed on the doorsteps of evangelical congregations.</p>	<p>a) Young people at risk. Over half of inner-city black males fail to complete secondary school. Many are in prison or in gangs. Poverty, drugs and violence are rampant. Murder is the major cause of death for inner-city, African-American males ages 15 to 34. Pray for an expression of Christian faith that enables these men to leave their shackles and find meaning, belonging and fulfilment in Christ.</p> <p>b) African-American Muslims, whose numbers have rapidly grown up to two million – most of these from a Christian background. Sunnis account for the largest proportion; some small but vocal minorities belong to Black nationalist groups and to the Nation of Islam organization. Most were drawn to Islam as a result of failings in the Church. Pray for effective and loving outreach to them.</p> <p>c) Black churches. More than any other race in the USA, African-Americans are likely to be Christian. Many of the largest and most vigorous evangelical churches are Black, but they are often isolated from mainstream evangelical Christianity and from meaningful involvement in missions. Pray for a unity of believers that transcends ethnicity. Pray for a new move of the Spirit of God in these churches.</p> <p>d) Community impact. African-American churches have always had a strong redemptive influence in their communities. This is increasing as congregations now join to effect deliberate and strategic transformation in the neediest areas.</p>
Alumni	<i>22 alumni of ACTS are currently in ministry in Canada</i>	<i>17 alumni of ACTS are currently in ministry in USA</i>