

PROVIDENCE CHURCH Prayer for the Nations

BELARUS

General Information

- Population: 9.5 million.
- Religion: Christian (70.5), Non-religious (28.1), Muslim (0.6), Jewish (0.5).
- Ethnicity: Belarusian (81.2), Russian (11.4), Polish (3.9), Ukrainian (2.4), Other (1.1).
- President Aleksandr Lukashenko.
- Evangelicals (1.3%) are persisting and growing.



Challenges

- Drug and alcohol abuse is high.
- Often called “Europe’s last dictatorship,” Belarus is a republic in name only. Its centuries-long domination by Russia continues even today.
- Although Christians account for almost 71 percent of the population (mainly Orthodox), there is very little religious freedom despite its guarantee in the constitution. Protestants in particular have seen the government’s stance go from antipathy to outright hostility.

Pray For

- Patient, overcoming faith for believers to withstand difficulties.
- Pray those in government who harass and persecute God’s Church will discover the truth of the gospel and the love of Christ. Pray for unity among various evangelical groups.
- Pray for a truly indigenous expression of Belarusian Christianity to develop and then spread using all methods: church services, theological education, literature, broadcasting, etc.

Reference

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