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the world...  
shouldn't we?*

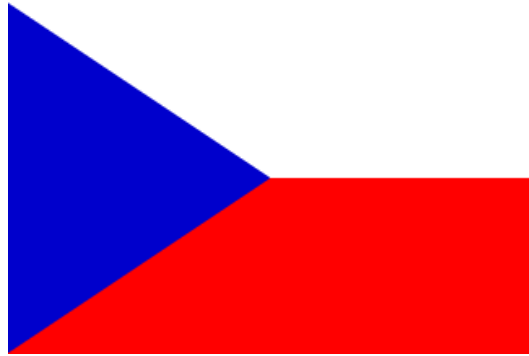
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***Praying for the World  
One Country at Time***



**CZECH REPUBLIC  
November 6, 2011**

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## Full Name

Czech Republic

## Capital

Prague is a beautiful and cultured city. It was not bombed during WWII and has some of the finest Baroque, Art Nouveau and Cubist buildings in Europe.

## Location

Central Europe, between Germany, Poland, Slovakia, and Austria

## Leadership

Parliamentary democracy. President Vaclav KLAUS (since 7 March 2003).

## Religion

Presumably because of the effects of Nazism and communism, Czech Republic has one of the least religious populations in the world. Roman Catholicism predominates, followed by Protestantism and other religions.

## Overview

Czech Republic has a robust democratic tradition, a highly-developed economy, and a rich cultural heritage. The country's name was Czechoslovakia until 1993. Then there was a peaceful split resulting in two separate nations: Slovakia and Czech Republic. The Czech Republic is part of the European Union. Formerly, it was part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. It was annexed to Nazi Germany during WWII, followed by inclusion into the Soviet Communist Bloc. During the Velvet Revolution of 1989, it threw off the yoke of communism and became self-governing.



## Population

Approximately 10,500,000

## Economy

Of the former Soviet Bloc nations of central Europe, the Czech Republic is the most prosperous with a GDP per capita of 80% of the EU average. In addition to its developed industrial economy, the Czech Republic now attracts many tourists. The auto industry remains the largest single industry. The Czech Republic produced more than a million cars for the first time in 2010, over 80% of which were exported.

## Prayer Concerns

Corruption runs high throughout their society. Population is shrinking due to very low fertility rate. Unemployment is at 16 percent.