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Italy

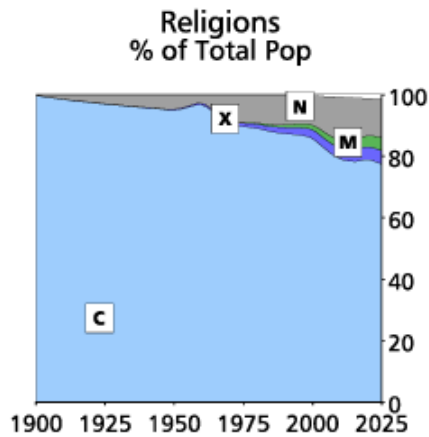
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Italy

Italian Republic

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Geography

Area: 301,000 sq km

A long, mountainous peninsula that dominates the central Mediterranean Sea. Also two large islands, Sardinia and Sicily.

Population: 60,097,564 **Annual Growth:** 0.49%

Capital: Rome

Urbanites: 68.4%

HDI Rank: 18 of 182 ([UN Human Development Reports 2009](#))

Peoples

Peoples: 64 (17% unreached) [All peoples](#)

[Unreached Peoples Prayer Card](#)

Pray for the Unreached
Bengali, Bangladeshi of Italy



Country:	Italy
People:	Bengali, Bangladeshi
Population:	8,300
World Popl:	1,255,000
Main Language:	Bengali
Main Religion:	Islam
Status:	■ Least-Reached
Christ-Followers:	Few, less than 2%
Bible:	Complete
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"Declare his glory among the nations" Psalm 96:3

Official language: Italian, but vigorous use of nine regional languages akin to Italian **Languages:** 42 [All languages](#)

Religion

Largest Religion: Christian

Religion		Pop %	Ann Gr
Christians	49,508,373	82.38	-0.2
Evangelicals	632,714	1.1	1.9

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Challenges for Prayer

The need for expatriate workers has not diminished, but it has changed. Helping the existing Italian Church mature, expand and reach out, as partners and with a servant attitude, is now needed. Attrition is traditionally high here, often due to inadequate preparation, entrenched opposition and relatively low fruitfulness. Some significant groups (and a number of expatriates) in the country are CB/CMML/EoS, TEAM, Avant, Missions-gesellschaft, Campus Missions International. Italian Ministries is a field-based mission, started in 1998, that has a positive impact in further enabling foreign workers.

Literature and Bible distribution have not had a wide impact due to Italians' reluctance to read. There are about 15 Christian bookshops, including CLC with nine bookstores and The Bible Society with Italy's largest Bible and literature centre. Pray for the growing number of Italian publishing houses – ADI Media (AoG), Alfa & Omega (Reformed publishers), GBU and Passaggio, among others. Pray also for the spread of the newly published Bible dictionary (GBU) and theological dictionary (by IFED). Pray for a hunger for God's Word, for a desire for wholesome Christian literature and that quality material that leads people to Christ would be found in the more than 1,000 Catholic bookshops. The Gideons are active throughout Italy in distributing Scripture. Italy For Christ has spearheaded the distribution of over 600,000 NTs in schools as well as many copies of the evangelistic Book of Hope.

For an additional 9 Challenges for Prayer see Operation World [book, CD-ROM, or DVD-ROM](#).

More Information

The Operation World [book, CD-ROM, and DVD-ROM](#) provide far more information and fuel for prayer for the people of Italy.



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