



CZECH

A FILM AND PRAYER GUIDE

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HOW IT WORKS: GROUP PRAYER ---

You and your group will pray for approximately one hour about three topics: Salvation, Restoration, and Discipleship. Each topic includes a brief description, short film, and prayer suggestions.

You can screen the films for your group through Youtube on a computer, smart TV, or app-enabled device (i.e. Apple TV). Search for "Moving Works" on Youtube, select our channel, and select our "The Czech Film Series" playlist.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

- 01** Prepare for your group by previewing this Leader Prayer Guide, which you will read aloud to your group.
- 02** For each topic, we've offered two film options to watch. As you prepare, select which film you want to share with your group.
- 03** Before your group meets, share our Participant Prayer Guide, which your group will use as a reference during prayer.
- 04** When your group meets, give a brief introduction and itinerary for your time together. You will then read the leader guide aloud to your group to direct them in your time of prayer.

INTRODUCTION

"The spiritual climate here is hungry...there are many that have literally never heard of Jesus."

- Luke from Cheb

"There are cities with 50,000 inhabitants, and there is no protestant church in these cities."

- Daniel from Břeclav

"People are into astrology and the supernatural but closed off to God."

- Chris from Prague

"People seek the pleasures of this world for as long as they can. When they get sick, or retire, they feel very depressed, lonely, and without hope."

- Petr from Olomouc

This is why we pray.

PRAYER TOPIC 1: SALVATION

The Czech people are smart, forward thinkers who place great value on family and culture. However, 70% of the Czech population claims to be irreligious. This means that the largest religion in the Czech Republic is actually no religion at all. While less than 1% of the population follows Christ and many search for answers in Eastern religions or different forms of occultism, God hasn't abandoned the Czech people. He is intimately encountering them and calling them to joyful repentance and salvation, as you will see in the first short film.

Choose a film to watch: *Finding Petra* or *Proof*

Matthew 7:7 says, "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you." Reflecting on what you've seen, and as the Holy Spirit leads, pray for salvation in the Czech Republic using the following suggestions:

- Pray for a spiritual hunger that leads the Czech people to genuinely seek God.
- Pray that hardened hearts towards Christ and His Church would be softened by the Holy Spirit.
- Pray for the Spirit's conviction of sin and that many would repent and find faith in Christ.

PRAYER TOPIC 2: RESTORATION

Having a problem-free existence is idealized in the Czech Republic, and most people are on a relentless pursuit of pleasure. Sadly, this pursuit has left many hurting and without hope. Substance abuse, depression, and suicide are more prevalent today than in Communist times. Roughly 50% of all marriages end in divorce, and many are addicted to pornography as Prague is home to the largest European porn company. Yet, the light of Christ is bursting through the darkness. God is bringing freedom from enslaving sin, and He is restoring those who call upon His Name, as you will see in the next film.

Choose a film to watch: *Broken* or *The Good Father*

John 10:10 says, *“The thief comes to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”* Reflecting on what you’ve seen, and as the Holy Spirit leads, pray for Spirit-empowered life change using the following suggestions:

- *Pray for deliverance from depression, addictions, and other works of the enemy.*
- *Pray that Czech Christians walk in their identity in Christ and grow in spiritual disciplines, such as reading Scripture and prayer.*
- *Pray for the Church as they disciple those who are struggling with crippling addictions and broken relationships.*

PRAYER TOPIC 3: DISCIPLESHIP

The Czech Republic is experiencing religious freedom for only the second time since 1620, yet mistrust and indifference towards the Church abound in the hearts and minds of the Czech people. Some cities have no access to a Gospel-preaching church, leaving many Christians feeling alone and unmotivated to share the hope they have in Jesus. But God is greatly moving in the hearts of His followers, stirring up their faith and empowering them to share the Gospel with others. They become His witnesses in the places they live, work, and play, as you will see in the next film.

Choose a film to watch: *Dead Men* or *Underrated*

Matthew 5:16 says, *“In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”* Reflecting on what you’ve seen, pray earnestly for God’s people in the Czech Republic using the following suggestions:

- *Pray that Czech Christians would faithfully serve and thrive in local churches.*
- *Pray for boldness and joy in proclaiming the Gospel wherever God has placed them.*
- *Pray for humble brothers and sisters to accept the call of planting new churches in the nation.*

CONCLUSION: NEXT STEPS

Thank you for taking time to pray for the Czech people, but it doesn't have to end here. Consider some additional ways that you can serve the Czech Republic:

- *Learn more by checking out our Resource Guide below.*
- *Pray for the Czech people in your daily prayer life.*
- *Host a Czech prayer gathering with others.*

RESOURCE GUIDE

Prayercast: <https://prayercast.com/czech-republic.html>

The Joshua Project: <https://joshuaproject.net/countries/EZ>

Josiah Venture: <https://www.josiahventure.com/people-and-places/czech-republic>

Pew Research Center article on faith in the Czech Republic: <https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2017/06/19/unlike-their-central-and-eastern-european-neighbors-most-czechs-dont-believe-in-god/>