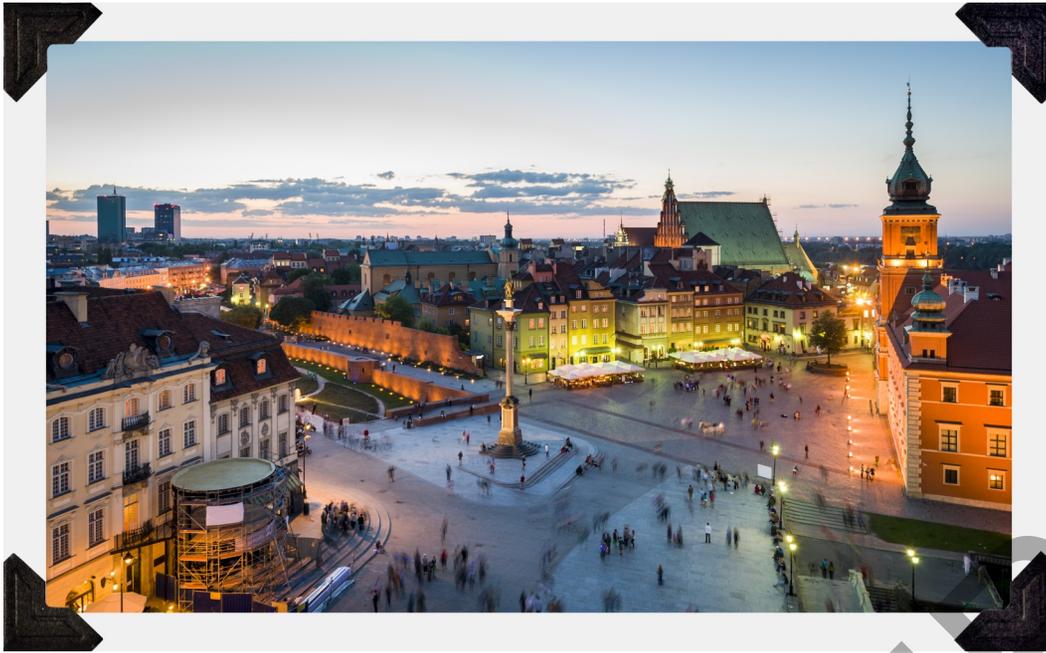




Poland

Poland is a large nation bordering the Baltic Sea in central Europe. It's name comes from the Polanie, an ancient Slavic tribe who were powerful in the 800s. For hundreds of years, Poland went through periods of unification, separation, expansion, and invasion. In the 1700s, Austria, Prussia, and Russia all took parts of the land. The Poles fought back but were eventually defeated. Poland continued to be divided and conquered by one empire after another. Poland once again became an independent nation in 1918 after World War I. Poland faced many internal challenges, however, and the people struggled to maintain freedom. In 1939, when Poland refused to give into demands by Adolf Hitler in Germany, Hitler and the Soviet Union agreed to divide Poland between themselves. On September 1, 1939, Germany invaded Poland. World War II had begun. The Polish people fought back. The country fell, and more than 6 million Poles died, but the people continued to resist. The Soviet Union eventually gained control of Poland, and Communist rulers governed the country. In 1989, freedom began to return to the people.



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I hope you've enjoyed visiting four of the many amazing places in Poland! Before you leave to go home, could I ask you to do something special for the people here? Many people in Poland believe in Jesus, but Christians battle unemployment, the temptation to make money more important than God, and other challenges. There are still others in Poland who haven't understood yet that Jesus loves them.

Will you remember to pray for the people of Poland? Here are a few things you can pray for. You can add more prayer requests to the list as you think of them!



Pray that people will have Bibles to read in whatever language they speak.



Pray for the people living in Warsaw, Krakow, Gdansk, and Poznan, plus every city and town to believe in Jesus.

