

Immigration from Hungary to USA

Hungary

Official Name: Hungary - Magyarország

Form of Government: Parliamentary Republic

Part of the EU

Capital: Budapest

Population: 10M

Official Language: Hungarian – Magyar

Money: Forint

Area: 35,919 square miles ~size of Indiana

Religion:

54% Christian -39% Catholic -15% Protestant (12.5% Lutheran, 2.5% Calvinist) –

3.5% other Christian – 0.1% Jewish

Hungary is roughly the size of the state of Indiana. Hungary is a landlocked country in central Europe bordered by Slovakia and Austria to the north, Ukraine and Romania to the east, Slovenia to the west, and Croatia and Serbia to the south. Hungary is mostly flat, with a vast lowland area known as the Great Hungarian Plain, a productive agricultural region.

The Danube River runs through the middle of the country and is Hungary's largest river. It flows for nearly 1,800 miles (2,900 kilometers), passing through 10 nations on its way to the Black Sea. No other river in the world passes through as many countries.

Hungary also contains three major freshwater lakes, including Lake Balaton, the largest lake in central Europe; it's about nine miles across at its widest point. Lake Hévíz is important too, as one of the largest thermal, or warm water, lakes in the world.

The Family's immigrations stories:

George's parents – 1956 – new beginning

Came through Austria before the iron curtain fell

Sponsored by Episcopal Church in Philadelphia

Difficulties with PA not allowing foreign-born doctors to practice until 1961

Uncle George = 1956

Came through Slovenia and Italy – wounded during escape

Shahra – 1981 – be with George – love forever

Came with fiancé visa

Mother could come but father had to be left behind for wedding

Legalization of marriage outside of Hungary

Citizenship in 4 years

Difficulties:

New language and culture – most people welcoming but some are not
Degree acceptance – back to University

Worship stories:

In Hungary - not allowed to worship openly

Steve 's story until 1956 under communists- dropped off with aunt & uncle to hide
parents going to church

Spies in the schools

Shahra's story until 1981 under communists - worship at home, spies at church
following people after service

Free worship in USA

Miracles of finding All Saints Episcopal Church Reisterstown MD

Emmanuel Episcopal Church Baltimore – Fr. Tom – who married us in Cleveland

Coming to Christ Episcopal Church – warm welcome

Walk the walk with friends –choir, Lumen Christi dance, outreach, B&G

Hungarian Prayers:

The Lord's Prayer:

Mi Atyánk, ki vagy a mennyekben!
Szenteltessék meg a Te neved!
Jöjjön el a Te országod!
Legyen meg a Te akaratod!
Mint a mennyben, úgy a földön is!

A mi mindennapi kenyerünket
add meg nekünk ma!
És bocsásd meg a mi vétkeinket!
Mint mi is megbocsátunk azoknak
akik ellenünk vétkeztek!

És ne vígy minket kísértetbe!
De szabadíts meg minket a gonosztól.

Tiéd az ország, a hatalom és a dicsőség
mindörökké.) Ámen.

*Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.*

*And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.*

*For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.*

Áldott legyen a Fény, mely rád világít,
és mely benned van.
Az áldott napfény sugározzon be téged
És melegítse fel szívedet, míg úgy nem
lobog mint kandallók tüze.
Így minden idegen melegedni jöhet
hozzád és minden barátod is.
Sugározzék szemedből a fény, mint
ablakba állított
Gyertya fénye, mely a viharban
vándorlókat hívogatja.

Áldott legyen a rád hulló lágy eső.
Hulljanak lelkedre a cseppek és
Csalogassák a virágokat, hogy
illatukkal
megteljék a levegő,
De áldott legyen a nagy vihar és rázza
meg lelkedet, hogy fényesre és tisztára
mossa, és sok kis tavacsskát
Hagyjon hátra, amiben megcsillan
az ég kékje,
És időnként egy csillag is.

Legyen áldott a föld, az egész
földkerekség,
Hogy mindenütt kedvesen fogadjon
Bármerre is vezessen utad.
Legyen puha a föld mikor terhétől
fáradtan lepihensz,
És legyen könnyű, amikor majd
kinn fekszel alatta.
Olyan könnyen terüljön el fölötted
Hogy lelked kiröppenhessen felfelé,
És elérje útja végén
Az Istent!

*Blessed be the Light which shines upon
you and which is in you.
May the blessed sunlight radiate you
within and warm your heart, till it
blazes like the fire of hearths.
This way, all strangers and all your
friends can come to be comforted by its
warmth.
Let the light radiate from your eyes as
the light of the candle in the window
that beckons those who wander in the
storm.*

*Blessed be the soft rain that falls on
you.
May the drops fall on your soul and lure
the flowers to fill the air with their
scent,
But blessed be the great storm and
shake your soul, to wash it bright and
clean.
May it leave behind many small ponds
in which the blue of the sky shimmers
and at times a star as well.*

*Blessed be the whole Earth, to kindly
receive you wherever your path leads.
Let the ground be soft when you rest
tired of its burden and make it
comfortable when lying outside
underneath the stars.
When your journey is done
may the ground rest over you so lightly
that your soul may rise upwards to
Heaven to the hand of God!*