

MOVEMENTS

Prayer Journal

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How have God's people encouraged you to walk in a **faithful, sustained journey** of prayer? May Pray2020 stimulate many with Scripture.

Do you feel burdened by worries even as the day begins? Ask God to show you sources of your worries, and **talk to Him** about each one.

Worries tend to grow **beyond our control!** May specific petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns.

Pray you stay attentive as the Spirit develops peace that **guards your hearts and minds** as Christ displaces worry at the center of your life.



Global Proclamation Congress (GProCongress)

June 15-21, Bangkok, Thailand

Advocate: WEA Covered by: RREACH

Praise God for 2,549 **pastoral trainer registrants** from 106 countries! Pray for any remaining unissued visas to be successfully expedited.

Volunteer Team: Pray for grace, **joy, strength** and wisdom as they handle housing, local transportation, signage and volunteer coordination.

Pastoral trainer delegates: Pray for God's **provision** for those from financially challenged areas and mental/spiritual preparation for each delegate.

Program preparation: Ask the Lord to grant wisdom and direction for **GProConnex**, as it seeks to fruitfully extend the impact of the Congress

The Prayer Life of a Movement Catalyst

Every Church-Planting Movement (CPM) and Discipleship-Multiplication Movement is also fundamentally a prayer movement. Fervently calling upon God in faith is foundational to the miraculous move of God's Spirit. Of course, CPMs do not occur only through prayer; reproducing evangelism, discipleship, church planting and leadership development are all essential. But without a move of the Spirit, and thrusting ourselves upon Him in prayer, these latter elements are mere mechanics ...

We cannot say that if you are more spiritually mature, you will have a greater movement of God. What we can say is that no movement will occur if we are not spiritually in-tuned people ... This begins in seeking God deeply in prayer. Fervent, faith-filled intercession is the spiritual climate of every movement. Since a movement is, by definition, a move of God's Spirit, we must beseech the Father to act powerfully in bringing His kingdom and redeeming the lost.

Led by the Spirit

Starting the day in prayer is just the prelude to walking in the Spirit throughout the day, following His promptings. How easy it is for us to begin the day in prayer and the Word, asking to be filled with the Spirit, only to walk in our own leading when we get off our knees and into the streets! Abiding in Christ (John 15) is much more than a quiet time. Rather it is a posture of reliance upon God, following the leading of his Spirit. It is praying without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17) - staying in connection with the Father. It is how Jesus lived His life:

Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of His own accord, but only what He sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise.

(John 5:19, ESV)

Prayer is the spiritual climate of every movement of God. The personal prayer life of each movement catalyst is a precious treasure to the Father. It is this interaction with God that sets the foundation for a movement.

~ Steve Smith

from *Frontier Missions*, July - August 2014



One Year Ago!

In spring of 2015, two missionaries were discussing just what it might take for "every nation and every tribe" to be reached for Christ. One thing they readily agreed upon. Prayer--strategic, united, persistent prayer--is key to fulfilling what has become known as the Great Commission. When God brings His world mission to completion, it will be in response to His followers' prayers.

By June 2015, Pray2020 had been organized, to encourage the body of Christ to unite around ONE SUMMARY PRAYER REQUEST. Matthew 9:37-38 records that central prayer, asking the Lord to raise up additional labor for His spiritual harvest:

Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field."

From day one, Pray2020 has also highlighted SEVERAL SPECIFIC PRAYER REQUESTS:

- A number of mission partners share a numerical goal for December 31, 2020. We all are praying for at least **10 million Christ-centered, multiplying disciples sent out, as well as 5 million new churches/faith communities.**
- Pray2020.org suggests a three-part prayer about qualities and priorities for His workers.

MOLD our hearts to be one with Your heart.

MULTIPLY our lives through others, Lord.

MOBILIZE laborers through our prayers and ministry efforts.

Pray2020 pictures a day when Christ-centered, multiplying disciples—people who love Jesus and are actively looking to make new disciples—are spread throughout the world so that the Great Commission has the potential to be fulfilled in our generation! Every person and every church or ministry has a vital part to play. God longs for the good news of Christ's love, forgiveness and power to be known in every part of the world.

You may set a personal alarm for 20:20 (8:20 p.m.). You might use a petition from this Prayer Journal. **Pray2020.org** offers ideas for teaming up with others to pray. The site tells how God has been working in response to prayer these past 12 months. May He be glorified the next four years!

www.pray2020.org

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GProCongress

Romans 15:13

Pray that God cultivates a lifestyle of intimacy and **God-dependence** through prayer - as individuals, in their families and in their churches.

GProCongress

Isaiah 60:1-5

Pray as delegates are **challenged to mentor** 25 pastors per year for the next four years, in a lifestyle of personal, family and corporate prayer.

PRAYER

Enlivens Movements

NUMERO UNO

Last April, GACX board members and special guests met to develop a strategic plan for the next five years. The group experienced a significant breakthrough as they realized their vast inability to reach this wild, God-sized goal of 5 million additional churches (1 for every 1,000 population) by 2020 in our own humanity.

The perspective significantly shifted from anxiety and doubt over their own inability, to awestruck worship of the One who asks in Scripture, “Is there *anything* too difficult for me?” As they acknowledged their complete *dependency on God*, prayer became the number one priority in the GACX Strategic Plan.

On the last morning of the GACX Strategic Planning, the GACX Leadership Team went so far as to sign a “Deed of Purchase” much as Jeremiah did, by faith, in Jeremiah 32:

“This Deed lays claim to *Five Million New Churches purchased in faith by The Global Alliance for Church Multiplication*. In faith we have covenanted to be a



catalyst to plant at least 5 million new, healthy, multiplying, dispersed, sustainable churches by 2020.”

Global Prayer Summit

Isaiah 55:3-5

June 21-25: **Prayer leaders** representing every continent will gather to learn from God and one another and better coordinate Pray2020 efforts.

Global Prayer Summit

Psalm 23:3

May the heart and vision of each prayer leader **be refreshed**:
“True to your word, You let me catch my breath and send me in the right direction.”

Global Prayer Summit

Philippians 4:9

Pray for favor and blessing on each prayer leader as they carry out their role of **developing a culture of prayer** in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Global Prayer Summit

Joshua 1:9

A Summit prayer focus: “Lord, **u** mold our hearts toward **shifts You want** to make in our leadership of Pray2020 and this movement You raised up.”

GOOD SOIL

Ask the Lord of the harvest to multiply this 30, 60 or 100 times.

Making Ready for Rio

The Olympic Games bring the eyes of the world to Rio via the media, but they also bring the people of the world into this city. As people watch, live and breathe the Olympics, we desire to impact them with the gospel, via one of several strategies. The thread woven through them all is the *dependence upon prayer* and God working through those prayers:

- **The Olympics Prayer Team** - our goal is 25,000 people closely involved in the ministry in Rio through their prayers. In the past we have had classes sign up, following and researching the five Olympic athletes whose names they received. We also have had “Fantasy Olympics” where family members competed with one other based upon the athletes they received, to see who gets the most medals or highest finishes.

- **The media** - *Struggle and Triumph* features four Olympic athletes from around the world and is translated into 35 different languages. We partner with many media outlets to broadcast it on national TV and/or via satellite into various sensitive countries. Plus, we use struggleandtriumph.com as the hub for all of our ministry, follow-up and distribution.

- **Social media** - The ministry strategy is to go where the people are and engage them on their own turf. Social media campaigns will be designed and translated, and special ads will be purchased to “focus” in on specific people groups, fans and/or countries.

- **Partnerships** - the key to any successful, lasting ministry. One partnership is providing *Struggle and Triumph* space on the *JESUS* film



app, so our trained staff and volunteers will be able to engage people in conversations and share the gospel from their phones. Operation World is partnering with the Olympics Prayer Team so that members will know the exact spiritual and cultural needs of the athletes and what they will be going home to after the closing ceremony.

- **The *Struggle and Triumph* Bible and devotionals** – athletes will not go home empty-handed, as there will be 6,000 Bibles in Rio, ready to be given to them. Along with the Bibles, a 33-day devotional series will be available on the YouVersion Bible app. The athletes will have resources to develop a spiritual discipline of being and growing in God’s Word.



Olympic Prayer Team

Imagine 25,000+ people from around the world, praying by name for the Olympians in Rio! This summer you can begin to pray for them *personally* to hear or receive the gospel, be resourced with a Bible and equipped with the *Struggle & Triumph* devotional series (in their language) for their journey back to their home country.

Sign up to be a part of the Olympic Prayer Team:

- You’ll receive the names of five Olympians, along with information about their countries, which you can use to pray for them during and after the Olympics.
- You’ll receive updates about the ministry happening inside and out of the Olympic Village.

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Olympic Prayer Team

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- You'll receive specific prayer requests from Olympic chaplains who are in direct contact with the athletes.
- You'll receive social media alerts to help spread the word about the prayer team.

You may come up with other ways to connect with your athletes and local community as you pray for Olympians! But in previous years, prayer team members have come around their athletes in these ways:

- Family members signed up individually and then tracked the success of their athletes in a bit of friendly competition.
- School and Sunday school classes prayed for and followed their athletes' competitions, while also studying their unique homelands and cultures.
- Churches used content from *Struggle & Triumph* in sermons and classroom lessons.

It only takes a click to sign up and receive the prayer requests and ministry updates. Right before the Olympics you will receive the names of five Olympians to pray for personally!

www.struggleandtriumph.org/prayer

Not able to travel to Rio? Suit up by signing up for this Olympic Prayer Team! Invite your friends and church to join you. *Follow* Athletes in Action (AIA) social media, and *share* their sign-up links, athlete profiles and faith articles. While you are praying for an Olympian, you may also be impacting a family member or friend with AIA content!

Athletes will be physically training and mentally preparing for their Olympic events. It's through prayer that the competition for their hearts and souls will be won eternally. **Allow God to use you to mobilize His body!**

"Lord, prepare our minds for action! (1 Peter 1:13)" ~ Sergei, Eastern Europe

"Let us pray!" ~ Zchat, West Africa

"Prayer is our vital contribution to making disciples!" ~ Carol, Southeast Asia

Together Blessings

Praying together moves people from seeking their purposes to desiring God's purposes. Most people's prayers seek the best fix for a situation. We typically pray whatever we are told to pray for a situation, with no real thought of "What does God want to do here?" Something happens to that dynamic, however, when people pray together. They start to let go of their desires to see their purposes fulfilled and start to open themselves up to what God wants.

The value of this to a church is huge when it comes to ministry and decision making. If people pray together over an issue, even if people come to prayer thinking they know what the church should do, praying together opens them up to God's desire. People who are disgruntled with decisions a church has made usually have not prayed with the body over that issue. Pray together and watch unity grow.

The Challenge

Jeremiah 29:11-13 is a powerful promise written to a corporate body of people. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, ' plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.'"

The "all" there is numeric - God is saying if all of you would seek Me, you will find the plans I have for you. If we want to see God's blessing in our churches, if we want to see Jesus' transforming power, the dynamic ministry of the Holy Spirit in our midst, then we need to pray together.

~ **Jonathan Graf**, President of Church Prayer Leaders Network

Mission organization leaders

Ephesians 5:16

God has told us to pray for our leaders. May they develop in making the most of **every opportunity He gives**, with a godly sense of urgency.

Mission organization leaders

Ephesians 5:18

The Lord who gives leaders their roles wants us to pray for them. May they lead, continuously filled with the **Holy Spirit's leading and control**.

Praise God for the **strong partnership** He established among the staffs of Athletes in Action, The JESUS Film Project and Operation World.

Pray with those who are reaching out during the Olympics – for God to prepare and **mold their hearts**, along with those who will hear the gospel.

Join us in asking God to **open doors** for ministry team members to connect with the athletes, coaches and federation officials in busy Rio.

Thank the Lord for granting favor for the 12 Athletes in Action **chaplains** to be granted official status to minister in the Olympic Village.

Intercede for the Lord to work in the **timing and all details** of securing the timely travel and visa paperwork for AIA staff traveling to Rio.

The **Struggle and Triumph Bible** – pray about the production/printing, on-time arrival and unhindered, complete distribution to the athletes.

Would you please pray for an effective, fruitful **Struggle and Triumph social media campaign** to drive online traffic to the website?

Praise God for a growing awareness throughout the body of Christ that He will **work through us best** when we leave our logos and egos at the door.

To reach our 2020 global goal, pray for the body of Christ to excel still more in turning **new and existing believers** into Multiplying Disciples.

During these next few months, pray for the thousands of missionaries and students learning and growing together on **summer missions**.

MOBILIZE laborers

Jeremiah 29:13

Lift up in prayer with thanksgiving all the student leaders on summer missions, practical preparation as **life-long multiplying disciples**.

MOBILIZE laborers

Leviticus 26:8

To reach our 2020 goal of 5 million new churches, ask God to mobilize many new and existing partners toward this **major shared goal**.

MOBILIZE laborers

Luke 13:35

Ask God to **accelerate** the great things He is doing toward the 2020 goal through GACX partners (Global Alliance for Church Multiplication).

MOBILIZE laborers

Mark 9:1

Thank God for **growing partnerships** He has arranged for The JESUS Film Project, Josh McDowell Ministries, Global Aid Network, and others.

Called to the Great Commission. Called to prayer.

Personal needs ...

Requests to share ...

Church, group or team needs ...

Answers to share ...



God works through the prayers of His people to ignite spiritual movements. As Spirit-filled disciples “pray without ceasing,” the Lord increases faith, causes growth and brings about fruitfulness to glorify Himself (John 15:1-17).

Stories are the building blocks of all movements. The early church multiplied as the stories about Jesus spread everywhere. It continues to grow alongside stories of what He is doing now.

The Global Prayer team invites you to:

► **Share stories** of God answering prayer. Please email a brief summary of the story to global.prayer@cru.org and we will contact you before passing along your story.

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