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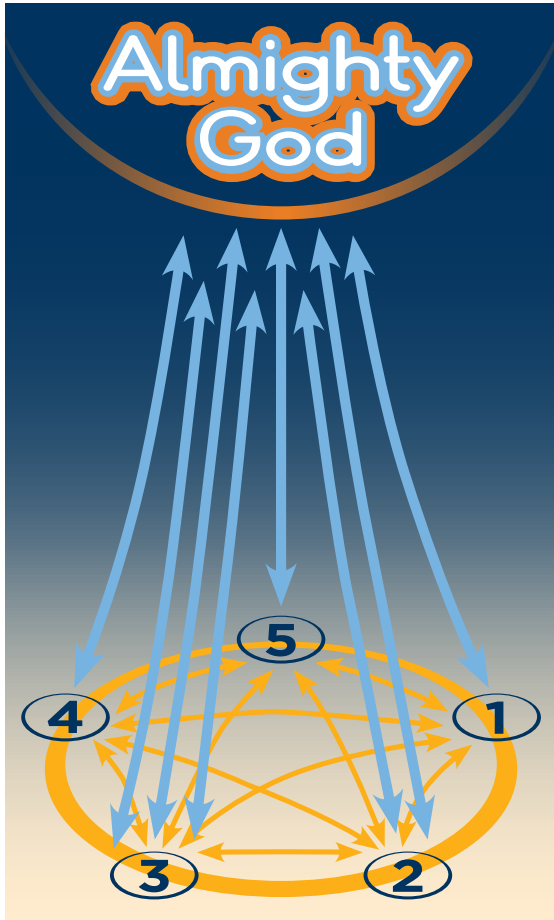
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corazones.*

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nuestras vidas.*

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obreros.*

Multiplying my life through others...

Two or Three Gathered



In Matthew 18:19-20, Jesus tells His followers, “Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

I am greatly challenged by these words. Pause and think about the power in this promise. If even a small group prays in agreement on any matter here, Jesus the Son has committed the Father to do what they ask for! The early church lived this out in so many ways. They actually relied on it in order to survive!

Ben Jennings, former Global Prayer director for Cru put it this way: “Imagine a diagram representing the power of praying together. An open circle representing our infinite God. Below it a circle representing a prayer group. No two people pray exactly the same, so everyone is uniquely important to the strength of the group. When the first person prays, God hears; then others pray. The prayer of the second person is often influenced by spiritual insights and faith expressed by the first. The third person is influenced by the first two, etc. So, the power of united, Spirit-led prayer multiplies exponentially!”

In other words, the Holy Spirit prompts each of us in unique ways. As the Spirit influences the first person, they pray something. The second may pray something that builds on the first person’s prayer and so on. What happens in the spiritual realm is affected by how we respond to what the Spirit leads us to pray, as we are in tune with how He has led the preceding pray-ers. God moves our prayers in alignment with His purposes, and as a result He begins to work on earth in powerful ways!

In Acts 12:1-17 we see the early church applying that spiritual principle. They gathered together and agreed in *ferve*nt prayer about Peter being imprisoned. Eventually an angel appeared to Peter, opened his cell and released him from prison! Can you

GOD-dependent

Romans 8:15,26,27

As **Turkey recovers** after a coup attempt, pray for grieving families, order over chaos, and protection of partnering Christian workers.

GOD-attentive

John 10:27

Pray for all who attended the June Global Prayer Summit as they rely on the Holy Spirit to **develop a culture of prayer** in their area.

GOD-responsive

Matthew 10:42

Almost 1,000 children die daily from **drinking contaminated water**. Pray for GAIN’s ability to provide solutions to prevent this tragedy.

MULTIPLY our lives

Luke 24:15

Ask the Lord to watch over those who are partnering to **communicate the good news** among athletes, coaches, trainers and Olympics spectators.

imagine being in that prayer meeting, looking at one other as the young woman says Peter is at the door?

God had moved heaven - by sending an angel. He moved earth - opening the gates for Peter. The Lord led the various friends as they prayed together, and He answered!

A number of years ago I was part of a team praying for ministry teams about to begin serving in Russia. One of the team leaders brought up a prayer need. His "spiritual mother" was having brain tumor surgery. As he shared, I sensed from the Holy Spirit that we needed to gather on the day of her surgery and pray as a larger group.

That morning more than 100 of us met to pray for this woman. Don't think that I didn't have doubts. But as we prayed together, once again God answered! Not only were the doctors able to remove the entire tumor without complications, but it was much smaller and not exactly in the same place as scans had shown! Her surgery was so successful that the young man was able that afternoon to phone this person who meant so much to him!

Let us dare to gather in prayer. Choose to agree with the promptings of the Holy Spirit who fills you, remembering that Jesus is in your midst. Trust God to move heaven and earth in response to your prayers. His infinite power is unleashed as we come together and agree in prayer with one another!



Milt Monell serves as the team leader of Global Prayer, a Cru ministry.

MOLD our hearts

1 Corinthians 13:1-3

An estimated 36,000 **South Sudanese** sought safety during recent conflicts. Pray that all displaced people receive food, shelter, and water.

GOD-dependent

1 Corinthians 13:4-6

African import restrictions hinder aid delivery to people in great need. Pray that food and other supplies **clear customs effortlessly**.



A global movement to grow disciples and church plants

To see God raise up **10 million Christ-centered, multiplying disciples by 2020**, we must remain steadfast in a personal and corporate commitment to pray. Let us continue to ask God to:

- **MOLD** our hearts to the Lord Jesus Christ and His ways (Romans 12:2; Ephesians 5:15-18).
- **MULTIPLY** our lives into the lives of others (2 Timothy 2:2; John 15:5-10).
- Use us and partners to **MOBILIZE** laborers to pray, give and go (Matthew 9:36-38; Acts 3:19).

Only God can cause this goal to be accomplished and answer these prayers. With shameless persistence ask God for a mighty harvest around the world. Remember: The Great Commission and its fulfillment came from *His* heart (Matthew 28:18-20).

Pray2020: A strategy to help us persist in prayer



We pray...as long as we have breath... continually...at all times...waiting more than ancient watchmen did for the morning sun... not losing heart! (Psalm

116:2; Acts 1:14; Ephesians 6:18; Psalm 130:5; Luke 11:8; 18:1)

June 20, 2016 marked the first anniversary of Pray2020. This simple initiative is designed to help us pray daily and to invite others in the body of Christ to do the same. Consider setting a prayer reminder alarm for 20:20 (8:20 p.m.), whomever you are with, wherever you are.

Join the Pray2020 movement to grow disciples and church plants around the world!

www.pray2020.org

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MULTIPLY our lives

1 Corinthians 13:7-9

Pray that the GAIN food load recently distributed in Kenya will display **the Lord's provision** for refugees and orphans.

PRAYER

Enlivens Movements

In a Dry and Thirsty Land

Villagers in Mtshabezi, Zimbabwe, walked at least two-and-a-half miles to retrieve river water, the only available source. Animals drank from and bathed in this same river. It teemed with contaminants from human and animal waste. People became sick from drinking this water.

Mtshabezi residents desired to develop their community. However, the shortage of water severely limited possibilities. For example, in 1980 they began building an elementary school, but without sufficient water they could not make bricks. They managed to erect two walls over the years, and children met for school in this incomplete structure.

God provided resources through Global Aid Network® (GAIN®) to drill a well in Mtshabezi. The first attempt in October 2015 resulted in a dry borehole. Although disappointed, the community persevered! They prayed fervently that He would provide another way.

GAIN's drilling partner conducted new surveys using advanced technology. Out of five potential sites tested, however, only two indicated a marginal possibility of a water-bearing aquifer.

After much prayer and consideration by the GAIN team and their partners, they pursued another attempt at one of the marginal sites.

Drilling began January 1, 2016 - then halted two days later with a rig breakdown. But finally, on January 5, water flowed!

Tara Strahle from GAIN Field Strategies and Aleck Dambudzo of Life Ministry Zimbabwe celebrated with the community and passed well ownership to the Mtshabezi Village. With clean water nearby, they now have a vital resource for community growth.

Tara shared, "I have heard so many amazing testimonies of just how this has truly been an answer to prayer. There was a gentleman born in the 1940s who never even knew that water could exist right here so close to his home. And so all those years [he kept] praying. And to see how the Lord has blessed this community...They're singing and dancing. It's just such a joy to come and see their heart. They truly see that it's from God!"

GOD-responsive

1 Corinthians 13:10-12

May disciples seize opportunities to reach the world with Jesus' gospel of hope, through the **influx of immigrants** many countries are experiencing.

MULTIPLY our lives

1 Corinthians 13:13

Lift up 85+ chapters of Christians praying for **film industry** personnel and a gospel influence as *Traditional Hollywood* experiences a digital shift.

MOBILIZE laborers

Acts 9:1-5

Pray for "man of faith" Hugh Jackman, set to star in the upcoming film "**Apostle Paul.**" May God guide production and create viewer response.

MOLD our hearts

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope **fill you with all joy and peace** as you believe in Him, so that you may abound in hope by the Holy Spirit's power.

GOD-dependent

1 Timothy 2:1-8

Pray that terrorists will be arrested and God will bring peace to **Somalia**. May **Kenya** have a peaceful campaign leading up to the 2017 election.

GOOD SOIL

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

GAIning Momentum in Zimbabwe



Access to clean, safe drinking water remains a dream for many villages in Zimbabwe. GAI*n* seeks to increase the amazing progress already begun through clean water. By providing water and other aid to four villages in Zimbabwe, GAI*n* hopes to reach 250,000 people with the message of God's love.

GAI*n*'s humanitarian strategy in Zimbabwe includes:

- Water filters for households with no access to clean water suitable for drinking or cooking.
- Well repairs and repair training for villages that have a broken well.
- A new water well in a location that desperately needs water within

close proximity.

- Seeds and other aid to be distributed by existing churches in the community.

Through clean water initiatives, along with additional aid, GAI*n* prays for the *formation of new churches and an increase in discipleship and spiritual growth*. GAI*n* also hopes to help empower communities to maintain precious water supplies and to create a sustainable food source using seeds. **Please join GAI*n* in praying that communities in Zimbabwe will come to know and experience the life-changing power of Jesus Christ.**

MULTIPLY our lives

2 Timothy 2:2

May God empower the Military Ministry Somalia team as they conduct **New Life training** in Kisimayu and at another location on the border.

MULTIPLY our lives

Luke 18:16

South Asia: Praise God for 400 children, receptive mothers and teachers who began meeting **monthly to pray for families** and their Buddhist nation.

A Healthy Dependence *Ordinary people planting churches!*

In 2005 when Bob and I decided to get married, we committed to praying together daily. As an adult, this was my first real experience with a regular, committed prayer time.

We attended a class on prayer offered at Frazer Methodist taught by Jan Niel. The four-week discussion opened my eyes to Biblical truth about prayer: God is there and waiting for you to spend time with Him. God instituted prayer as our direct line to Him to change us. By telling God our concerns, fears and dreams, we admit that we are dependent on Him as the source of all answers. But the biggest truth for me was that God willingly chooses to act in direct proportion to the prayers of His people. This was life-changing for me!

When Frazer decided to open the Pike Road Campus, Bob wanted to be involved. But I was happy singing in Sanctuary Choir and playing piano Cherub Church. I didn't want to give those things up. We prayed about it. God made it clear to us that this was the mission field we were to reach.

The first meeting, I signed up to work in the prayer ministry, of

course! As it turned out, there weren't many volunteers in that area. As the launch date approached I received an email from Jan, saying that she was glad I was going to *head up* the prayer ministry. What!?! That was the first I'd heard of that! But very quickly God said to me, "This is what I've been *preparing* you for. It's time."

Wow! The experience of organizing volunteers and manning the prayer ministry opportunities has been rewarding. I know I am in the season He wants me, it took years to get me there, but He knew all along what path I was on. I am honored to serve Him in this way and encourage others to learn about, rely on, and tap into the power of prayer. I hope to see young people rise up to know God in the way only consistent prayer can bring.

~ Nan Lloyd joyfully leads the prayer ministry at the new Pike Road Campus of Frazer United Methodist Church, in Montgomery, Alabama. Her friend and mentor, Jan Niel, is Frazer's Prayer Ministry Coordinator at the Atlanta Highway Main Campus.

Social media is an influential and powerful tool that is here to stay. Today, there are more than 2.3 billion active social media users throughout the world. I am excited to use my past experiences of having created content and/or managed over 17 social media accounts in various positions of Cru ministry.

As I begin a one-year internship at Cru Global Headquarters in Orlando, I will be working with the President's Staff Team and have opportunities to communicate with the body of Christ around the world.

One site I will assist with is pray2020.org, encouraging believers to pray at 20:20 (8:20 p.m.) for 10 million Christ-centered, multiplying disciples and 5 million new churches by the end of 2020.

I will also be working to promote special initiatives such as makingyourlifecount.com and essentials24.org, a leading site of digital discipleship. What a thrill to be able to use my marketing and communications gifts for the Lord to impact eternity!

~ Corrie Weerheim



"Pain and tragedy is a call to love and compassion. Love never lets go...it is resilient and transformative. Love acts...a little less talk and a lot more love!"

(1Corinthians 13)

~ Crawford Loritts

Senior Pastor of Fellowship Bible Church (Roswell, Georgia), author, speaker, and radio host of "Living a Legacy" and "Legacy Moment"



Embracing Principles of Revival in Psalm 74

"Father...we too live in a day in which Your name is mocked...we confess our sins and the way we have lived our lives as Christians, apart from complete dependence upon You. We repent of this shameful self-sufficiency and throw ourselves upon Your mercy...transform our lives into the character of Christ that You desire to see in us...may Your life lived out in Your church begin to demonstrate to the world Your love...revive Your people...demonstrate in our lives the awesome, transforming power of Jesus Christ in His Church. Amen."

~ Dave Butts is chairman of America's National Prayer Committee and author of numerous books, including *Asleep in the Land of Nod* and *The Devil Goes to Church*.

GOD-attentive

Hebrews 10:23

Carry on an open, running conversation with God, **holding fast the confession of our hope** without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

MOBILIZE laborers

Matthew 9:36-38

Ask God to raise up **200 trusted guides** in the Indigitous.org movement to help people use their God-given talents for good in the digital space.

MULTIPLY our lives

Romans 8:2

May all Christian ministries be living proof that the law of the Spirit of life has set us **free in Christ Jesus** from the law of sin and death.

MULTIPLY our lives

John 15:5-10

Praise: Rising involvement in **church and soldier fellowships** (led by Military Ministry Kenya) following prayer and fasting since March!

MOLD our hearts

Romans 8:5

Pray for yourself and other disciples you know to live as those who live according to the Spirit and set their minds on the **things of the Spirit**.

MOLD our hearts

Galatians 5:22,23

As we are filled with the Holy Spirit by faith—directed and empowered by Him—we can expect to see spiritual **fruit produced** in our lives.

MULTIPLY our lives

Romans 8:11-14

Pray that your ministry to others will be shaped radically by the life-changing truth that all who are led by the Spirit of God are **sons of God**.

GOD-dependent

Romans 8:18

Pray He will **enable us to consider** that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

Ola2020

Job 42:2,3

August 14-20, Santa Cruz, Bolivia: This missionary gathering's theme is Mold/Multiply/Mobilize. May they be refreshed to serve in **God's grace**.

GOD-dependent

John 15:5-7

May the new **American Cities Languages JESUS DVD** be used by many ministries to effectively reach non-English-speakers in their cities.

MOBILIZE laborers

Isaiah 6:8

Campus expansion – ask the Lord of the Harvest to use summer experiences to raise up **new student athlete leaders** returning to campus.

GOD-responsive

Ephesians 4:16

Pray for struggling churches/faith communities. May they be **encouraged and energized** by Jesus' love and a clear vision of their role.

MOBILIZE laborers

Matthew 4:19

Pray for autumn Digital Schools of Leadership in Latin America/Caribbean, Africa, and Southeast Asia. Pray for **innovative leaders** in each.

MULTIPLY our lives

1 Timothy 4:7b,8

To reach the 2020 multiplying disciples goal, pray for the body of Christ to excel still more in turning **new believers** into multiplying disciples.

MOBILIZE laborers

Acts 6:3

Ask God to *raise up* people to be trained for three to four international trips yearly to record/digitally dub the **JESUS film** in five to six languages.

MOBILIZE laborers

1 Corinthians 12:4

Indigitous Johannesburg, Oct. 14-15, 2016: May God raise up conferees now and use the event to grow the digital ministry movement in South Africa.

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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