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BEGINNING AND GROWING A GREAT COMMISSION PRAYER MINISTRY

Events in North America have shown believers (and unbelievers) that it is time to pray. Two things begin to happen as believers answer the divine call to prayer. First, God's people begin to return to Him in revival. Second, the church begins to be reclaimed as a house of prayer for all the nations (see Mark 11:17). A Great Commission Prayer Ministry will provide a way for churches to become houses of prayer with a passion for lost people everywhere.

What is a Great Commission Prayer Ministry?

A Great Commission Prayer Ministry is a comprehensive prayer plan to assist congregations in their quest to be on mission with Christ through local, national, and international prayer. The Great Commission will be acted upon and completed through the specific, fervent prayer of righteous men and women. Great Commission praying will help congregations develop and grow an overall plan of action in prayer. It will help churches to effectively pray for and share Jesus with every person in their sphere of influence.

Why a Great Commission Prayer Ministry?

It is very easy for a single prayer event to become the major prayer emphasis for the entire church. As that happens, prayer simply becomes another “thing” the church does and takes its place among all the other “ministries” of the church. Prayer then becomes peripheral instead of foundational. This pattern is not biblical. The biblical ideal is for prayer to be foundational to everything done in and through the church body (see Acts 1:14; 2:42; 4:31; 13:1-3).

A Great Commission Prayer Ministry helps churches create a comprehensive church prayer plan that is:

- **Bible based**—A Great Commission Prayer Ministry is built on biblical prayer principles. The current awakening in prayer has resulted in many unbiblical counterfeits. Many of these counterfeits are based on human opinion and personal experience. Each believer must be careful to participate and teach only biblical prayer and activities. Any believer can become an unintentional false prophet by teaching personal opinion and experience instead of biblical truth.
- **Contextually sensitive**—Every church field has diverse cultural, social, and spiritual needs. The three strategic objectives of a Great Commission Prayer Ministry offer a basic structure for churches to build their prayer plan. They are universally adaptable to any ministry context because they are biblical. The more prayer options you offer to people, the more people you will have praying.
- **Comprehensive in scope**—A Great Commission Prayer Ministry allows a church to experience “total prayer saturation.” It models balanced praying for believers, unbelievers, and personal needs. It also includes the personal, corporate, and kingdom components of prayer. Prayer begins to permeate the entire life and ministry of each believer, the church, and the community.
- **Evangelistic in focus**—A Great Commission Prayer Ministry focuses church members on prayer that relates to Christ’s redemptive work throughout the world. Our relationship with Christ overflows in compassionate, intentional witness. Prayer leaders should be known as evangelists just as evangelists should be known as prayer warriors. Believers learn to pray for and share Jesus with every unbeliever in their sphere of influence.

What Is *Empowering Kingdom Growth*?

Empowering Kingdom Growth (EKG) is an initiative that inspires Southern Baptists to renew their passion for the Lord Jesus. It invites individuals to recognize the authority of His kingdom in their hearts, families, and churches, and to join God’s work through holy living, sacrificial service, and global witness.

EKG is not a denominational program. Rather, it is an appeal to individuals and churches to engage in spiritual renewal and kingdom consciousness. Just as a medical EKG measures the health of the human heart, we hope EKG will help Southern Baptists measure the health of their spiritual hearts.

*"But seek ye first the kingdom of God,
and his righteousness;
and all these things shall be added unto you"
(Matt. 6:33, KJV).*

Empowering Kingdom Growth and A Great Commission Prayer Ministry

In Matthew 6:9-10, Jesus commands His followers to pray for His kingdom to come and His will to be done on earth as it is in heaven. Prayer is central to His teaching on how the kingdom of God advances through the ages.

Thus, this passage demonstrates that if congregations are to be instruments of the kingdom to a lost and dying world, prayer must be foundational to the body and all of its activity.

A Great Commission Prayer Ministry is a bible-based prayer strategy that assists churches as they seek to empower kingdom growth in their world.

Creating a Great Commission Prayer Ministry in Your Church

Use the three strategic components of the Great Commission Prayer Ministry to build a contextual prayer ministry in the church. Then plan training events, prayer emphases, and conferences that will help you accomplish each of the three components. Analyze and adapt your current events to focus them on completing the three components, too. A 16-step implementation plan is included to provide practical suggestions how to proceed.

A Three-Part Plan

A Great Commission Prayer Ministry includes three strategic components. Use these three purpose statements to provide direction for each prayer event and activity. Refer to the list of various prayer approaches to use in completing each component.

1. Personal Component

- **Renew a personal passion for Jesus through praying unceasingly (see Ps. 51:10; 1 Thess. 5:17).** This portion of the prayer plan highlights the personal component to prayer. As believers begin to practice an unceasing prayer life, prayer assumes its primary and foundational place in the center of their lives. The following two components are much easier if you begin by helping individuals to pray unceasingly.

2. Corporate Component

- **Reclaim the church as a house of prayer with a passion for lost people (see Mark 11:17; Luke 19:10).** When individuals begin to pray unceasingly they will create a house of prayer. As prayer becomes foundational in a congregation, the focus of ministry turns toward that of the Father's focus on the lost world.

3. Kingdom Component

- **Respond to God's call to unite believers in focused prayer for global evangelization and awakening (see 2 Chron. 7:14; John 17:20-21).** As individuals and churches become houses of prayer with a passion for lost people they begin to see the need to look toward the worldwide harvest. Churches begin to consider ways to join other congregations in associational, state, national, and international prayer initiatives for evangelization and awakening (e.g., National Day of Prayer, See You at The Pole [SYATP], Campus Prayer Journey, IMB Day of Prayer and Fasting for World Evangelization, IMB focused prayer for Jews, Hindus, Muslims, and Buddhists, Week of Prayer for International Missions, Week of Prayer for North American Missions).

Prayer leaders that begin their strategy with the kingdom component often become frustrated because they involve the same mature believers over and over. Beginning a prayer strategy with the personal component leads believers into praying unceasingly. The corporate component reclaims the church as the house of prayer. Then you have a diverse and growing number of people who are interested in the kingdom component.

A Suggested Great Commission Prayer Ministry Plan

The following is how a comprehensive Great Commission Prayer Ministry might look and be structured. Adapt it to your needs and congregational context.

1. Personal Component

Renew a personal passion for Jesus through praying unceasingly (see Ps. 51:10; 1 Thess. 5:17).

- Suggested training tools to equip God's people in biblical prayer processes:

Disciple's Prayer Life

Experiencing God

PrayTimer™: Real Time for Real Prayer

Praying Your Friends to Christ

The Heart of the Problem

Seven Keys to Effective Prayer

Follow Me

The Praying Life: Living Beyond Your Limits

Heart's Cry: Principles of Prayer

In God's Presence

Legacy of Prayer: A Spiritual Trust Fund for the Generations

Live a Praying Life: Open Your Life to God's Power and Provision

- Encourage ministry staff and church leadership to model a life of prayer.
- Keep testimonies concerning answered prayer before the congregation.
- Lead the corporate body in concerts of prayer and solemn assemblies.
- Encourage personal prayer growth while providing devotional and inspirational reading materials for the congregation.
- Challenge the congregation to increase time spent in personal and corporate prayer (*PrayTimer™* provides detailed help in this area).

2. Corporate Component

Reclaim the church as a house of prayer with a passion for lost people (see Mark 11:17; Luke 19:10).

- Suggested training tools to equip God's people in biblical prayer processes:

A Prayer Guide for Associations and Churches

A House of Prayer

If My People . . . Pray

Lighthouses of Prayer

Taking Prayer to the Streets

The Life That Prays

Follow Me: Lessons for Becoming a Prayerwalker

The Life That Prays: Reflections on Prayer as Strategy

Live a Praying Life: Open Your Life to God's Power and Provision

- Develop a church prayer room ministry that focuses on evangelistic prayer needs.
- Challenge the congregation to make their homes lighthouses of prayer and outreach.
- Lead the church to be involved in regular prayer journey (walking) efforts (see *Taking Prayer to the Streets*).
- Participate in international prayer journey events.
- Participate in North American prayer journeys in Strategic Focus cities, associations, and yearly Crossover events in conjunction with the Southern Baptist Convention.
- Organize and participate in outreach prayer survey efforts.
- Begin a "prayer station" or "prayer booth" ministry in the inner city, at yard sales, carnivals, craft shows, flea markets, and during county and state fairs.
- Begin a midweek service that focuses on prayer for unbelievers, believers, and evangelistic mission efforts (see *A House of Prayer*).
- Develop men's, women's, senior adults, youth, and children's evangelistic prayer cell groups.
- Encourage "cottage" prayer meetings before revivals and evangelism efforts.

3. Kingdom Component

Respond to God's call to unite believers in focused prayer for global evangelization and awakening (see 2 Chron. 7:14; John 17:20-21).

- Suggested training tools to equip God's people in biblical prayer processes:
 - Day of Prayer and Fasting for World Evangelization Kit*
 - Follow Me: Lessons for Becoming a Prayer Walker*
 - A Prayer Guide for Associations and Churches*
 - The Life That Prays: Reflections on Prayer Strategies*
- Encourage congregational participation in the National Day of Prayer focus.
- Provide ways for youth to unite with other youth for the See You at The Pole prayer effort.
- Mobilize families to participate in a Campus Prayer Journey event (the night before SYATP).
- Participate in various Sunday worship prayer focuses, e.g., Prayer for the Persecuted Church, Prayer for World Evangelization Sunday, Day of Prayer for Revival and Spiritual Awakening, and so on.
- Lead churches to join Southern Baptist International mission prayer initiatives for specific people groups (presently there are four groups: Jews, Muslims, Hindu, and Buddhists).
- Sponsor interdenominational pastors' prayer groups and concerts of prayer meetings.
- Encourage longer and more frequent times for corporate prayer that focuses on specific prayer needs.
- Participate in international prayer journeys.

How to Get Started

Use the suggested 16 steps to help you create a Great Commission Prayer Ministry in your church. Visit www.namb.net/prayer, www.lifeway-stores.com, www.imb.org/pray, and www.wmu.org to identify resources to assist in training and in implementation of your ministry. Remember—all of this begins with prayer for God's activity to be revealed.

1. Select through prayer a church prayer ministry coordinator. (Job descriptions are included in the appendices of *A Prayer Guide for Associations and Churches*.)

2. Select through prayer a prayer council (which includes the prayer coordinator) that will work together with church leadership to create a Great Commission prayer plan that is unique to your church. They will also provide evangelism and prayer training (see *A Prayer Guide for Associations and Churches* and *If My People . . . Pray*.)
3. Ask the pastor to take the lead in promoting, teaching, modeling, and reminding the congregation of the importance of prayer.
4. Encourage individual prayer by using the resources available. Use this opportunity to identify and recruit intercessors through prayer revivals, prayer retreats, special prayer commitment services, and conferences.
5. Launch new prayer groups at work places, through the Sunday School, in small groups, and Discipleship Training. Encourage prayer groups to meet before and during the worship services.
6. Provide a prayer room. Include resources to help people pray specifically (*If My People . . . Pray* and *House of Prayer* provide practical suggestions). Use *Missions Mosaic* and *PrayTimer*TM for specific missionary birthday listings, also includes IMB and NAMB PrayerGrams.
7. Refocus the Wednesday night prayer meeting into a time to pray for believers, unbelievers, and individual spiritual growth. Provide national and international prayer needs and opportunities through the International Mission Board (IMB) 1 800 395-PRAY, North American Mission Board (NAMB) 1 800 554-PRAY, and prayerlines. Subscribe to IMB's "Wednesday Window on the World" (e-mail to prayeroffice@imb.org). Download requests from www.namb.net/prayer and www.imb.org/pray (see *A House of Prayer*).
8. Create prayer chains for affinity groups of people in your congregation and community. Affinity groups can be created by ethnic group, profession, or interest. Men, women, singles, youth, lawyers, construction workers, and so on can pray specifically and intentionally for others in their profession locally, nationally, and globally. Postal workers, police officers, and other service providers have found particular joy in praying for the homes on their routes.
9. Develop prayer lists of lost people and prospects in the community. Pray for the names in the telephone book (*PrayTimer*TM provides templates and software help).
10. Participate in the annual Week of Prayer for North American Missions and the annual Week of Prayer for International Missions (see www.imb.org/pray and www.namb.net/prayer).

11. Schedule a corporate prayer time during the worship service. Occasionally pray in groups, pray for missionaries, and make prayer a vital part of the worship service.
12. Create a Lighthouse of Prayer in every community or on every street (see the resource pages for several Lighthouse resources).
13. Schedule prayer journeys for on-site prayer with as many groups as possible and as often as possible (see *Taking Prayer to the Streets* for complete instructions).
14. Plan a mission trip that includes a prayer journey (see *Follow Me* for a Bible study and devotional on prayerwalking/prayer journeys).
15. Partner with associational, state, and other church prayer coordinators to calendar participation in community, associational, state, national, and international prayer initiatives for evangelization and awakening (such as the National Day of Prayer, Day of Prayer for Revival and Spiritual Awakening and International Day of Prayer and Fasting for World Evangelization and Awakening).
16. Adopt one of the lost people groups of the world. Pray for direct evangelistic involvement. Call the International Prayer Strategy office at 1 888 462-7729.

Prayer Methods and Approaches

A Great Commission Prayer Ministry becomes a reality as churches use various methods and training to accomplish their prayer ministry purposes. Use the following methods and approaches to aid in the building of your three-part Great Commission Prayer Ministry plan.

- *Lighthouses of Prayer*—Homes where believers commit to pray for, care for, and share Christ with their neighbors.
- *Prayer Journeys*—A comprehensive plan to involve the entire church body in on-site prayerwalks, drives, and so forth. *Taking Prayer to the Streets: Prayer Journeys Resource Kit* teaches how to use prayer field teams and support teams that help every person in the church pray for and share Jesus with every person in the community. Also see *Follow Me: Lessons for Becoming a Prayer Walker* for Bible study lessons.
- *Praying Your Friends to Christ/Evangelistic Prayer Training*—An excellent way to teach Christians how to pray evangelistically.
- *PrayTimer™: Real Time for Real Prayer Software and Bible Study*—Bible study, software, and template tools for consistent, specific prayer. For more information visit www.praytimer.org.

- *Outreach Prayer Surveys*—Open doors for relational evangelism through a prayer-centered visitation approach.
- *Concerts of Prayer*—Concentrated times of corporate and individual prayer.
- *Prayer revivals or retreats*—Excellent opportunities to provide prayer training, focus, and inspiration for congregations.
- *Intercessory Prayer Room Ministry*—Provide a place where individuals can come to the church and intercede for believers, unbelievers, evangelism/mission efforts, worship services, and community concerns.
- *Prayer Groups/Triplets*—Women’s, men’s, youth, and children’s prayer groups provide great ways to encourage focused prayer for missions, evangelism efforts, revival, and so on. Women on Mission® prayer groups—ongoing groups that focus on personal prayer growth and concerted global missions praying. Visit www.womenonmission.com for more information and to visit the Women on Mission Prayer Room; *Missions Mosaic* magazine provides monthly plans for these groups.
- *Prayer Chains/Watchman Network*—An excellent way to link believers in unified focused prayer for crisis times in a community.
- *Prayer Initiatives*—Involve the church body in community, national, and international prayer efforts for evangelization and awakening. Participation in the National Day of Prayer is one way to do this.
- *Prayer Partners*—Link believers in pairs throughout the congregation for accountability and inspiration in prayer. Visit www.praytimer.org/register to become a prayer partner with Strategic Focus cities across the United States.
- *Praying for missionaries*—Visit www.namb.net/prayerline or www.imb.org/pray for daily prayer requests. Visit www.praytimer.org/register to sign up for a missions prayer request e-mail. E-mail glheidt@cs.com for Canadian prayer request e-mail. Also call 1 800 395-PRAY (7729) for current international prayer requests, 1 800 554-PRAY (7729) for current North American prayer requests and (604)585-PRAY for Canadian requests. Write to the IMB or NAMB for the Global and North American PrayerGrams and the WMU® for annual prayer guides for the North American and International Weeks of Prayer. The *PrayTimer*™ software provides a calendar database for daily NAMB and IMB PrayerGrams. IMB and NAMB missionaries are listed on their birthdays in these WMU magazines: *Accent*, *Missions Mosaic*, and *Nuestra Tarea*.

Great Commission and On Our Knees Prayer Conferences and Training

Great Commission Prayer Conferences are scheduled by your state convention evangelism leadership in partnership with the Prayer Evangelism Unit of the North American Mission Board. IMB, LifeWay, and WMU® also partner in each conference. The conferences are designed to assist churches with the training and resources needed to develop a comprehensive prayer ministry for applying the Great Commission. Contact your state convention for more information about one that is scheduled near you.

The two national “On Our Knees: Drawing Closer to God” conferences are scheduled under the leadership of the Pastoral Ministries Specialist at LifeWay Christian Resources. They are designed to strengthen and deepen your congregation’s prayer life individually and corporately while helping your leaders understand how to lead God’s people effectively in prayer. Half of the conference tracks offered address areas for your personal prayer life. The other half of the tracks is designed for leaders to know how to lead God’s people in prayer. Whether you come for your personal benefit or for practical help in your church’s prayer ministry, there is something for you.

Dynamic keynote speakers give encouragement, teaching, and challenges. Breakout conferences allow you to choose from options for your special interest. Conference speakers include specialists in prayer from IMB, NAMB, and WMU®.

The IMB International Prayer Strategy Office also conducts various training events. Contact them for details or to arrange a training event.

The Christian Growth Study Plan offers training for prayer coordinators and prayer leaders. For more information, course options, and forms, visit www.lifeway.com/cgsp or call 1 800 968-5519. Contact your state evangelism leader or prayer coordinator to request other local prayer training options. Visit www.namb.net/prayer for information and a list of Great Commission Prayer Conferences and www.lifeway.com for On Our Knees conferences.

Prayer Coordinator Networks

The Prayer Evangelism Unit at NAMB is partnering with IMB, LifeWay, and WMU® to compile a network of state, associational, and church prayer coordinators. Please register online at www.namb.net/prayer or call (770) 410-6300.

These networks can be beneficial to churches of all sizes by working together to offer prayer retreats, training, conferences, and special events. Members see they are a part of the larger body of Christ (see Eph. 4:12) by gathering with Christians from other churches in the community for prayer events like the National Day of Prayer, IMB initiatives, See You at the Pole, Campus Prayer Journeys, or other events.

Special Call to Personal, Congregational, and Kingdom Prayer ***Be . . . One in a Million Who Will Pray***

In response to the declining spiritual environment present today in North America, a prayer initiative was launched in January 2003 called, *Be . . . One in a Million*. This is an *Empowering Kingdom Growth* (EKG) prayer initiative supporting the 2005 *What Now?* national emphasis. It is a call to prayer for personal repentance, revival, and national spiritual awakening. It is one way to encourage personal, corporate and kingdom prayer through A Great Commission Prayer Ministry.

- The purpose—To challenge Southern Baptists to respond to God’s call and return to Him in a prayer-centered relationship.
- The goal—To join God’s redemptive purposes.
- The process—To involve as many Southern Baptists as possible in prayer for personal repentance, revival, and national spiritual awakening.

Registration is simple via the Internet at www.namb.net/prayer. Free downloadable resources—including recruitment cards, a promo video, and bulletin inserts—are available at www.namb.net/prayer for use in recruiting others to participate. Please contact your state prayer coordinator or visit www.namb.net/prayer with questions.

- Those who register and have access to e-mail, will receive weekly e-mails that include thought-provoking questions and Scriptural prayer prompters.
- The e-mails can be printed and used for weekly prayer meetings and services.
- Those without Internet access should contact their local church, association, or state prayer leader for help with registration and weekly e-mails.

Empowering Kingdom Growth through One in a Million Prayer

Because prayer is the foundation upon which all things spiritual are accomplished, the *One in a Million* prayer initiative is a vital part of moving the *Empowering Kingdom Growth* (EKG) emphasis from something hoped for—to something real and vibrant in the lives of God’s people.

In 2003, the *One in a Million* emphasis is upon the personal prayer life of the individual. In 2004, the emphasis on personal repentance and revival will continue, but it will also include encouraging churches to pray for other churches—specifically for corporate revival, spiritual health, and total body growth. Hopefully, this practice of inter-church intercession will encourage

lasting prayer-centered relationships. This individual and church revival praying is crucial to the worldwide evangelistic emphasis of 2005 and beyond. As believers and whole congregations experience personal renewal, they will truly experience empowered kingdom growth.

How Will the *Churches Praying for Churches* Phase Work?

As a part of the EKG *One In A Million* prayer effort, a Web site supporting inter-church intercession is accessible via EKG, NAMB, SBC, and other related Web sites. In this church prayer phase, prayer coordinators, individual intercessors, prayer group members, and volunteers will be enlisted to pray for one specific church per week. Those committed to pray will access prayer requests from those churches either via the Internet, or by phone with assistance from prayer coordinators with Internet access.

Intercessors will also contact the churches they are partnering with in advance, encouraging them to submit specific prayer requests to *ChurchSearch*—a new administrative tool at www.sbc.net. Using these and other tools, volunteers can then pray specifically for revival, spiritual health, and total body growth for every church in the SBC (over 43,000).

Hopefully, this initiative will lead intercessors and churches toward lasting prayer, partnerships, and shared ministry opportunities. Specific details concerning the *Churches Praying for Churches* phase will be communicated through *SBC Life*, Baptist Press, NAMB publications, and through partner networks.

NAMB Prayer Evangelism Materials and Resources

To order, phone 1 866 407-6262, visit www.namb.net/prayer, or
www.praytimer.org

A Prayer Guide for Associations and Churches Resource Kit



A practical resource to assist associational and church prayer leaders to reclaim the church as a house of prayer. Includes associational and church prayer coordinator job descriptions and suggested prayer strategies for associations and churches. Endorsed by Henry Blackaby, Evelyn Christenson, and others. **0840096542** **\$29.99**

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Answer the call to prayer through 365 devotions written by women for women. **0840085044** **\$12.99**

If My People . . . Pray, Steps to Effective Church Prayer Ministry

A veteran prayer ministry coordinator wrote this helpful guidebook that covers how to begin, enlist for, develop, and maintain your church prayer ministry. Successfully used by hundreds of churches. Endorsed by Henry Blackaby and Evelyn Christenson. **09705784-0-7** **\$10.00** Call **(770) 410-6300**.

Lighthouses of Prayer Starter Kit (Video Edition)

The Lighthouse of Prayer Starter Kit (video edition) provides everything you need as a church leader to inspire, recruit, and train believers to make their homes Lighthouses of Prayer. Includes "How to Make Your Home a Lighthouse" booklet, lapel pin, brochure, five Split Time witnessing booklets, and a video with promotional, inspirational, and training segments. **0840096828** **\$19.99**



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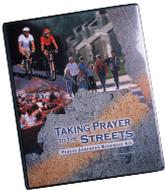
Seeing God at Work

This prayer journal offers suggestions for recording prayer requests and God's answers to see how faithful our Father is in answering prayer. It also suggests ways to praise God. Call (770) 410-6300. **09705784-1-5 \$7.00**



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Taking Prayer to the Streets:

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These 12 sessions share information on becoming more faithful in prayer. Prayer Journeys (prayerwalking, etc.) involve the entire church through field teams and support teams, and teach principles for an overall Great Commission prayer strategy. Endorsed by Henry Blackaby, Steven Hawthorne, and Evelyn Christenson.

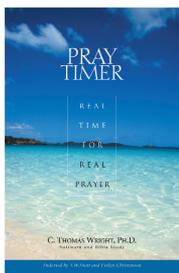
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Software (including teacher resources) and outreach Bible study. Book with software on CD-ROM. A CPMS edition is available in NAMB's Church Planter Management System. Endorsed by T.W. Hunt, Evelyn Christenson, and Lon Allison. For more information call the Prayer Evangelism unit or visit www.praytimer.org.

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Praying Your Friends to Christ Instructor's Manual and Prayer Triplet Guide

These evangelistic prayer-training tools will assist the pastor or church leader in equipping congregations to effectively pray for lost and unchurched acquaintances.

- 084008837X (Training Guide) \$4.99
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Free Resources

available from www.namb.net/prayer (shipping and handling extra) or by calling (770) 410-6333

A Prayer Guide for Associations and Churches (promo brochure)

A concise description of the Prayer Guide Resource Kit and a list of endorsements by national and international leaders. For more information call the Prayer Evangelism Unit, NAMB, at (770) 410-6320 or visit www.namb.net/prayer.

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Subscribe to this free quarterly prayer request publication from the North American mission fields. Register for an e-mail version at www.namb.net/prayer/register. Also available as a PrayTimer™ import file from www.praytimer.org/downloads.

On Mission Prayer Map

This prayer map will assist believers, mission groups, and prayer ministries to effectively pray in a focused way for North America. Included on the map is a suggested comprehensive prayer ministry plan for churches and prayer helps on how to pray biblically for believers, unbelievers, states/provinces, and evangelism/mission efforts.

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Stay in touch with the world through prayer.

PrayTimer™: Real Time for Real Prayer (promo brochure)

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Taking Prayer to the Streets (promo brochure)

A concise description of the Prayer Journeys Resource Kit and a list of endorsements by national and international speakers. Also, for more information call the Prayer Evangelism Unit, NAMB, at (770) 410-6320 or visit www.namb.net/prayer.

www.namb.net/prayer

The online resource for prayer strategy and initiatives. Includes prayer requests, copies of resources, and information on developing personal, church, associational, and state prayer strategies/initiatives. Download a free copy of a NAMB missionary prayer calendar screensaver.

International Mission Board Prayer Resources

Contact 1 800 866-3621 (general resources)

www.imb.org/pray

Africa: Standing in the Need of Prayer

A colorful and educational resource for your church or home. Learn about unreached peoples, what and where the needs are, how Southern Baptists are joining God at work and how you can plug in. Each map measures 21" x 28 1/4". Perfect for your church bulletin board or Sunday School classroom. (MAP-AFRICA) Free

Ask of Me brochure

Handles to help you and your church pray for missions. (IP-PRAYASK) Free

Day of Prayer and Fasting for World Evangelization kit (Free)

Follow Me: Lessons for Becoming a Prayerwalker (book)

New Hope Publishers, Birmingham, Ala.

Personal insights, Scripture questions, and guides to reflection are arranged in weekly segments for the beginning prayerwalker. Written by Randy Sprinkle. (CS-FOLLOW)

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Appendix A: Sample Job Description for An Associational Prayer Coordinator

The associational prayer coordinator should be called of God to the ministry of prayer, understand biblical prayer, and be able to communicate it—recognizing that God makes a difference through prayer in lives, situations, and nations. This person should have the ability to work cooperatively with associational and church leadership, be committed to the total associational program, have skills in planning, organizing, and delegating with a servant leadership style; and be willing to attend an associational prayer coordinator’s training conference. The associational prayer coordinator is responsible for the following:

1. Pray and lead others to pray.
2. Work closely with the director and other associational and church leadership to develop a Great Commission prayer strategy.
3. Set and manage prayer activities, events, and prayer groups.
4. Build a prayer team ministry with IMB, LifeWay, NAMB, and WMU.
5. Create and maintain a relationship with existing churches and associational prayer coordinators.
6. Help each church elect a church prayer coordinator and help with training.
7. Participate in the associational newsletter, share prayer requests and answers to prayer, promote awareness, and communicate kingdom needs (i.e., spiritual awakening, evangelism, missions, ministry, church planting).
8. Acquire a library of associational resources for churches to use in prayer.
9. Facilitate local training conferences for prayer coordinators and churches.
10. Participate in the associational budget planning process.
11. Calendar all prayer events and training during the yearly planning process.
12. Stay current on state, national, and international prayer needs and opportunities through NAMB (1-800-554-PRAY) and IMB (1-800-395-PRAY) prayerlines.

The function of the associational prayer coordinator is to:

1. Raise awareness of the need for a comprehensive Great Commission Prayer strategy in the association and churches.
2. Help individuals reclaim or renew a personal passion for Jesus through unceasingly prayer (see 1 Thess. 5:17).
3. Help reclaim the church as a house of prayer with a passion for lost people (see Matt. 21:13; Luke 19:10).
4. Facilitate training opportunities to help them accomplish these two goals.

(Adapted from Prayer Guide for Associations and Churches, by Thomas Wright, Ph.D.)

Appendix B: Sample Job Description For A Church Prayer Coordinator

The church prayer coordinator/leader should be called by God, committed to serve, and have the ability to get along with people and love them. The church prayer coordinator/leader is responsible for the following:

1. See that the prayer ministry undergirds all other ministries of the church.
 - Attend staff meetings in order to be informed of needs and activities, as well as to share information and updates about the prayer ministry.
 - Check with ministers of the different areas about their prayer requests. Do not wait for them to tell you.
 - Channel needs to the appropriate staff person for visits, counseling, or emergency needs.
2. Provide support for the ministry you begin.
 - Locate space for the established ministry.
 - Prepare records and forms necessary for the prayer ministry.
 - Oversee the layout, design, and furnishings for the prayer room or meeting area.
 - Establish a system for updating prayer requests, mailings and telephone messages, as well as for maintaining the supplies necessary for ongoing ministry.
3. Promote the prayer ministry to the congregation. If a prayer line is established, advertise that number in the community.
 - Incorporate already existing prayer groups into the prayer ministry.
 - Encourage members to participate in the prayer ministry. Maintain sign-up charts, prayer request cards in the pews and prayer request boxes.
 - Provide training for each type of ministry established.
 - A. Initial orientation and training should be open to all members who are interested.

B. Offer enriching seminars on prayer for the whole congregation.

- Host an annual prayer banquet to promote the prayer ministry and show appreciation for the intercessors.

4. Plan the calendar of events and prepare a budget for each year. Oversee the expenses each month and ensure that the ministry stays within its budgetary constraints.

- Meet with the prayer committee on a regular basis.
- Be flexible as God directs changes within the ministry.

Determine if the coordinator position will be volunteer or staff. The amount of time involved is great. Whether or not the position is volunteer, many workers will be needed to divide the responsibility so that no one person is overloaded.

(Adapted from *If My People...Pray, Steps To Effective Church Prayer Ministry*, by Elaine Helms)

Appendix C: Great Commission Prayer Strategy

Planning Sheet for Churches, Associations, and State Conventions
on a separate sheet of paper complete each part of the template.

*(Visit www.namb.net/prayer, www.imb.org/pray, and www.lifeway.com
for ideas, information, resources, and training options)*

First, create a vision statement of God's vision for prayer in your
area of ministry.

Second, plan your prayer ministry around these three strategic
objectives:

1. Renew a personal passion for Jesus through praying
unceasingly (see Ps. 51:10; 1 Thess. 5:17).
 - Prayer training. Determine what kind of prayer training
options you will provide in the next three years.
 - Prayer initiatives. Determine the prayer initiatives
(national and local prayer emphases) you will promote
and participate in.
 - Prayer events. Determine what events you will sponsor
to complete the strategy and vision.
 - Prayer resources. Determine what resources you will
use in the training and events.
 - Budget needs. Determine the budget you will dedicate to
the strategy.

2. Reclaim the church as a house of prayer with a passion
for lost people (see Mark 11:17; Luke 19:10).
 - Prayer training
 - Prayer initiatives
 - Prayer evangelism approaches
 - Prayer events
 - Prayer networking
 - Prayer mobilization
 - Budget needs

3. Respond to God's call to unite believers in focused prayer for global evangelization and awakening (see 2 Chron. 7:14; John 17:20-21).
 - Prayer training
 - Prayer initiatives
 - Prayer evangelism approaches
 - Prayer events
 - Prayer networking
 - Prayer mobilization
 - Budget needs
 - Additional Ideas
 - Create a calendar with a specific implementation timetable

SBC Entities Prayer Team

The Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) Entities Prayer Team recognizes the foundational importance of prayer and God's direction to effective missions. The strategic objectives—to kindle a personal passion for Jesus through unceasing prayer, to reclaim the church as a house of prayer for all nations, and to respond to God's call to unite in focused prayer for global evangelization and awakening—can best be met through cooperation of SBC entities, state conventions, associations, and individual congregations. Working together we can develop transferable approaches for prayer mobilization through strategies, resources, and networking. United we can be used mightily by God to fulfill His mission.



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