

# Appendices

THE FOLLOWING appendices are designed to give you further insight or suggestions into specific areas of interest.

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# Creative Ideas for Corporate Prayer

**FOR MANY CHRISTIANS**, corporate prayer experiences have often been sterile and frequently monotone. A prayer movement should be a place where believers find new energy in prayer and discover a broad variety of approach. Creativity is necessary in prayer style.

Often we look for prayer times to produce in us good “feelings” and judge the success of our praying by whether we had a good “experience.” But in Scripture, prayer is not only something felt, it is also something demonstrated, acted out, dramatized. It may be accompanied with material offerings, specially written songs, or instrumental music. Sometimes prayers were shouted out, as a way of bringing something “to remembrance” before the Lord.

Various postures were used such as prostration, bowing, kneeling, lifting up of hands, clapping, standing, dancing, marching. At other times, the praying people would sit in absolute silence, looking at someone else’s activities, like the priests offering one’s burnt offering. The fact is, prayer in the Scriptures involves the whole being, not just the emotions.

The same can be seen readily in various church traditions. Roman Catholics and Eastern Orthodox often employ wonderful embellishments—such as paintings, banners, processions, lights such as candles, special garments, etc. that might be worth our reflection in designing vitality and excitement in a concert of prayer. Of course, the Protestant emphasis on Scripture, preaching, hymns, spontaneous prayers, responsive readings, etc. also have an irreplaceable role in strengthening the work of united prayer. Sometimes simply praying through the thoughts in a good Protestant hymn can provide excellent fuel for concerted prayer.

To this we might add the additional dimensions that come from the Anabaptists and the Pentecostal-Charismatics. Anabaptists always place strong emphasis on the relationship side of discipleship, worship and prayer. Thus, every creative prayer style that reinforces our sense of unity and intimacy needs to be considered—such as holding hands during certain prayers, or gathering close in to one another, or sharing personal prayer burdens before praying, or having a time for fellowship following a prayer concert, or allowing time in the concert for testimonies about God’s work among us. Pentecostal piety would urge us to creatively include more expressive forms of praise and prayer, such as clapping, lifting hands, use of percussion instruments, acting out some of our prayers like when we stand and face a certain part of our city when we pray for it, parading with banners and flags, with interpretive dance.

However, wisdom and experience dictate that in all of our creative efforts we promote those styles which will in turn promote unity in the Body. While variety is the spice of the prayer time, avoid “distraction” from the purpose for a prayer concert—to blend our hearts and minds in a common concern for spiritual awakening. All of our creative styles should serve to reinforce the vision of hope we’re praying toward, the faith and desire we’re praying by, and the climate of acceptance and love we’re praying in. Often you’ll find that a short introduction is the best approach

to take to a creative idea that may be new or even foreign to some participants in the concert.

Still, carefully building the entire concert of prayer activity from the rich resources of our various traditions—and especially from the colorful activities displayed throughout Scripture—can only serve to insure that even at the “feeling” level people will sense that their prayers make a difference and that the prayer movement is for everyone.

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GENERALLY, in very large gatherings all creative approaches need to bear in mind the importance of largeness of scale and symbolic value. Approaches that might be possible include:

Especially in a very large auditorium, it is very difficult for even the most skilled communicator to hold everyone’s attention. In communicating prayer needs, it is often most helpful to do this by means of large screen video or multi-projector slide presentation. A tape/slide montage of images of a city or nation can often prove very stimulating to small group prayer. AV’s can create a helpful ambience.

It can be very valuable to have different churches participating in a large prayer gathering identify someone to represent them. When praying for the churches of the city, it is really helpful to have this representative move forward with a banner carrying the name of his or her church. These banner bearers might surround the congregation or form up to create the shape of the cross. The latter can be especially moving as the whole group visualizes the call of God for our churches to die to themselves in service of the glory of God in the community. There are many other applications. Such representatives could be prepared to dress in the style of a particular people group for whom prayer is to be offered, for example. Bold scale and movement are essential in a large auditorium.

Possibly the most familiar but also most articulate symbol is the candle. It is possible to divide a large gathering into segments representing the

***In very large gatherings***

***Audio-visuals***

***Representatives***

***Symbols***

various continents of the world. As part of the prayer for each of these continents, you might consider having a leader representing each continent come forward in relative darkness to a central candle or torch, and receiving their the light which is then carried back to the appropriate part of the auditorium, symbolizing the spread of the name and glory of Christ through the earth. In praying for peace and justice, the release of a dove or the breaking of chains can be a powerful incentive to prayer.

In a large gathering, it is important to respect the fact that there are likely to be diverse prayer styles. Most evangelicals and charismatics are familiar with an extempore approach to prayer. Many other believers are not. It is very important not only to have a variety of styles led from the front leadership but also helpful to put on large screens or on printed programmes, written prayers that are appropriate for the particular section of the prayer concert or rally.

Finally, you might like to consider the value of the Psalms to the Jews. The worship style included a leader calling a line with a scripted response. This might be accompanied by recognized movements. For a very large gathering this can create a sense of unity in what can otherwise be a very anonymous crowd. It is possible to use some of the worship Psalms in this way, or to use the shout of “Jesus Christ is Lord” or “Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!” In praying for a community or nation it can be helpful for people actually to stand and face a particular direction and pray for that part of the city or nation. Make sure you know your geography!

**HERE YOU DON'T** need to worry quite so much about scale and whether details are visible to the 10,000th seat. Many of the ideas above can of course be adapted and in particular audio visuals can still play a vital part in conveying prayer information quickly and imaginatively. Here are some additional ideas.

It can be very useful to have large scale maps of different parts of the area from which your participants are drawn. Mounted and displayed, you can encourage people to gather round a locality map of their choosing and begin to pray for the people and issues represented. It is best if some of the key features of that area could be marked onto the maps, such as churches, schools, main people groups, etc.

Adapting the idea above, it is possible with a smaller group to encourage everyone to write the name of their church on a piece of paper and to physically lift that piece of paper before the Lord as they pray for the church, then bringing the paper or card forward, laying it on the floor in

## ***Model prayers***

## ***Mass shouts and Movements***

## ***Medium size gatherings (up to 300)***

## ***Area maps***

the form of the cross. Then the whole group can encircle the cross and have pre-assigned individuals lead in corporate prayer.

With the medium size group, it is also possible to make good use of missions material. Obtain quality publications from a variety of missions agencies, preferably focusing on diverse people groups. Assign several groups to pray through one of these publications.

**WITH SMALL GROUPS**, the creative options increase still further. Many of the above ideas are adaptable and additionally you might encourage small groups to experiment with the following:

As a means of learning to agree together in prayer, the group might use piggyback praying. This is a simple rule to guide prayers. Before someone introduces a new request or topic, they must piggy back on the last person's prayer, beginning by agreeing and amplifying that request. Once this is done, they can introduce a new subject.

Here small groups can be encouraged to pray their way through the local or national newspaper or even *Time* or *Newsweek*. The idea is to begin on the first page and gradually pray through the pages. It may help if one person goes through the paper ahead of time highlighting some of the key stories and issues.

Especially if the group can pray together outdoors, this can be a very valuable approach for mature believers whose prayers have developed a pattern. If indoors, sitting by a window or surrounded by posters with information about people groups and world issues can be just as stimulating.

**NO MATTER** what the size of group, another creative option which you might consider is a prayer march. Obviously, the larger the crowd, the more of a witness event it becomes. But essentially the purpose is to pray for our area and to be stimulated in our praying by the physical location.

Beginning or ending in an elevated location overlooking the city can be very significant. Identify strategic sites in the locality. This includes key government, commercial and industrial buildings, educational centres and any places especially associated with the work of Satan in our communities such as areas of racial conflict, occultism or philosophical confusion. Key church buildings might be included. Places which speak of historical or current sins of the area should be visited and confession as

## ***Missions material***

## **Small Groups**

### ***Piggy back praying***

### ***Newsprint praying***

### ***Eyes open prayers***

## **The Prayer March**

well as intercession be included. At each venue, you might break into small huddles as well as have leaders pray. Prayer movements that have tried this approach experienced great advance through it. (For more information contact: March for Jesus, P.O.Box 3216, Austin, TX 78764 -[512] 416-0066)

Individuals or small prayer groups might be encourage to do prayer walks. Businessmen, for example, might meet over lunch to walk through office buildings praying for laborers, for salvation for the employees, for the various people groups in the city represented in that building.

## ***Businessmen Prayer Walks***

Churches might sponsor a day when they meet to break out in small groups to walk all through the city and pray. One person might co-ordinate the effort and give out street assignments, then the groups set out walking and praying for spiritual awakening for those living and working on those streets as well as for laborers to be sent to the nations from those very people living there.

## ***Church Prayer Walks***

Mobilize people, churches, and Christian organizations to pray around the clock for your city. Churches and organizations might take responsibility for designated days, weeks, or even a month. Help them organize to recruit people in their constituency to fill the prayer slots. People might pray in their homes or places of employment, or churches may choose to designate a place of prayer.

## **Round the Clock**

In 1980, we were able to find various groups and people interested in prayer and who would mobilize others to pray. They would each get three or four others to pray, and we were able to allocate every minute of 1980 to have someone praying for our city. We were able to get 10,000 people in praying around the clock for our city.

*—David Shelton, New Orleans, Louisiana,  
USA*

## **Round the Clock Prayer**

Couple the concert of prayer with a next-day project that ministers directly to the “hidden people” within your own city, such as the poor and the homeless. For example, each of the churches directly participating in the concert of prayer on a Friday night might select beforehand one person to represent their congregation on a team that builds a home, as is done with Habitat for Humanity, all day on Saturday. Let’s say that 35 people make up this team from 35 congregations.

During the concert of prayer, special intercession is made for the church to be-come much more involved in Christ's ministry to the poor (fullness) and then prayer is made on behalf of the poor and homeless in the city. After this, the team of 35 would be brought to the front. The project would be explained. Then the entire concert of prayer, representing many congregations within the city, and thus representing the whole Body working together, would pray over the team and "send them out" on behalf of the whole Body to minister the following day, thereby entering into the answers to the prayers they've just prayed.

**VARIOUS MINISTRIES**, both local and global, from within the city might set up displays by the main entrance where literature would be available and representatives would be on hand to talk with interested people. During the concert of prayer those specific ministries would be prayed for specifically. Then as a part of the Grand Finale, we would ask God to raise up volunteers to work with these ministries, offering ourselves that night for him to call any of us to do so. So as people leave, they would have the opportunity to respond immediately to anything they sense God may be saying to them. At least they can continue praying for the "home grown" ministries.

## ***Praying for Ministries***

## Effective Means to Mobilize Prayer

- Monthly prayer calendars, printed in a brochure style. Works best when it can fit in an average-size Bible or a shirt pocket.
- Annual prayer directories
- Prayer Sundays—Your coordinating committee might designate a particular Sunday for prayer for a specific area and request all the churches to participate.
- Prayer Chains—Encourage these in churches and even between churches. Usually prayer requests are relayed via telephone.
- Dial-a-Prayer requests or prayer answer hotlines.
- Prayer reminder book and Bible markers. If you have a monthly area-wide concert of prayer, you might print the dates and locations of the next few concerts of prayer so that people might keep them in prayer.
- Prayer newsletters for urgent prayer needs. They might be mailed to the pace-setters or to the churches.
- Days of prayer or prayer and fasting. These might be special days or even a week called for a particular purpose or fixed days, like the first Friday of the month. *Intercessors for America*, for example, observes the first Friday of each month as a day to pray and fast for the United States of America. You might also call an annual day of prayer and fasting for your city, etc.
- Missions prayer ideas to promote in the local church:
  - Prayer reminder cards with photos of the missionary
  - Missionary of the week/month—have a bulletin board with most recent letter and photos, plus a bulletin insert with information blurb and prayer requests. Have the pastor pray for them during the Sunday worship service.
  - Include one missionary need and one nation/people group need in each Sunday morning's pastoral prayer.
  - Pause for "Missions Moments" one Sunday morning a month. People are lead through five minutes of prayer—two minutes in pairs for a people group, two minutes in huddles for the country where that people group is resident, and one minute. as a whole group, led in prayer for the world.
  - Include one or more missionary prayer requests in each weekly church bulletin.
- Prayer maps
- Prayer cassettes supplied monthly to prayer groups, listing praise and prayer items and containing brief challenges to prayer or meditations suitable for use by a prayer group.

- Prayer tours to a ministry or mission field, with emphasis upon both exposure to needs and what God is doing and carefully scheduled prayer time related to each exposure.
- An all-day or weekend school of prayer.
- A circulating library of books on prayer.
- “How to Pray” handouts, given out at city-wide prayer events and made available to churches. Sample topics might include: What to pray for missionaries, Guidelines for Group Prayer, A Prayer List for Missionaries, How to Pray with Boldness (Using Scripture), Hindrances to Answered Prayer.
- Noon-time prayer sessions. Many are busy in the early mornings or in the evenings, especially with family. Encourage prayer meetings over the noon hour.
- Pastors to monitor the percentage of people in his church who are attending the prayer meetings. Plain numbers may not tell the whole story as church size varies. Percentages will give them something to target.
- Seek access to a local Christian radio station. Offer to prepare a 30-second to several minute “World Radio Spot” giving some missions facts and prayer requests.
- Put *Operation World* to use in your city by encouraging churches to join in praying for the same country each day using *Operation World* as a prayer guide. Each participating church might prepare a bulletin insert each week listing the countries and some prayer requests for that week.
- Mobilize people to mobilize prayer in their “homogeneous units” ie. mobilizing prayer inside the groups they are already a part of— homemakers with homemakers, engineers with engineers, etc.
- NEW RELEASE!

A tremendous resource for pastors who wish to make prayer a priority in their congregations has recently been released. ‘THE PRAYING CHURCH SOURCEBOOK’, edited by Dr. Alvin VanderGriend has over 220 pages of practical and inspirational material for the local church. For more information contact Concerts of Prayer International.

# Effective Resources to Mobilize Prayer

## **In The Gap, by David Bryant.**

In circulation for over ten years, this missions classic is a handbook for discovering what it means to be a world Christian, which is what every prayer movement produces.1 From Gospel Light Inc/Regal Books (1-800-235-3415).

## **With Concerts of Prayer, by David Bryant**

This book describes the history of Concerts of Prayer past and present, discusses the impact of true spiritual awakening and explores a wealth of practical tips for incorporating a prayer movement in your city.

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## **Operation: Prayer II *How to Conduct Concerts of Prayer Where You Live***

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## **Join Us for City-Wide Concerts of Prayer**

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## **PrayerNet Digest**

This newsletter helps prayer movements talk to each other and share questions, answers and insights. From Concerts of Prayer Intl.

## **Concert of Prayer Today\***

A daily, two-minute national radio broadcast aired several times each day. Gives specific Kingdom-centered concerns and then actually leads people into a significant experience of prayer.

## **From Concerts of Prayer International: Training Resources**

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**Everybody Pray**

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- For a list of books on prayer and revival, see the selected bibliography in the unabridged edition of *With Concerts of Prayer*, page 239ff.

\*More information available in the following pages

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## Radio Scripts

**HERE'S** A format that you might follow to do a 2 minute daily radio program designed to link up praying people in your city. Aired nationally as "Concert of Prayer Today" and produced by Concerts of Prayer International, this same 2-minute format can be produced at the local level, one a day for five days, for example, the week or two before an upcoming rally or quarterly concert of prayer.

"Hello, this is \_\_\_\_\_ inviting you to join me in concert of prayer today." (Pause for call-notes—3 secs. Total: 8 secs.)

### "Concert of Prayer Today"

**Hook:** (Creative introduction to the day's theme—10 secs.)

**Book:** (Read a selection of Scripture that will be the basis for how you pray around the specific theme—20 secs.)

**Look:** (Give the theme and theme passage relevance to a specific contemporary issue in spiritual awakening, either personal, national, or international—18 secs.)

### PRAY:

"let's unite together across the city to pray about this right now" (5 secs.) (Background music)

**Rejoice:** (Praise God for things about his character and his ways in Christ that are highlighted in the day's theme and text—12 secs.)

**Repent:** (Express willingness to change, or concern for failure, or points where we contradicted the theme. Keep it positive and hopeful—so that it involves repentance and faith—12 secs.)

**Request:** (Apply the theme/text to two major themes: awakening and worldwide evangelization. Be sure to highlight the specific issue defined under 'look' above. Focus on the hope we have—20 secs.)

**Recommit:** (Conclude by offering ourselves afresh to Christ on the basis of the theme for the day—willing to be a part of the answers to our prayers—10 secs.)

(Music up and out—6 secs.)

‘These moments come to you from \_\_\_\_\_ (the name of your city-wide concert of prayer committee).’

“National Concert of Prayer” is another national radio broadcast being produced by Concerts of Prayer International and is aired at least once a month. This same format again could be used by a local Leadership Team on a local station. There are several communities in the United States currently pursuing this. The format given here is 23 minutes long, allowing it to be aired following the hourly news broadcast. If it is broadcast early in the evening then whole families can choose to participate.

## “National Concert of Prayer”

- 15 seconds “Good evening. This is (David Bryant). Tonight (...theme briefly introduced...). Therefore, we invite you to join together with Christians across the country (city) as we spend the next few minutes in another “National Concert of Prayer” (\_\_\_\_\_ [your city] concert of prayer).
- 15 seconds Music introduction (fitting special theme). Up and fades to background.
- 15 seconds Scripture reading (related to theme of this broadcast).
- 5 seconds Music rises and then fades to background again.
- 1 minute Brief prayers of praise (based on theme-text). Each team member gets 10 seconds.
- 10 seconds Music rises and then fades out completely.

**TOTAL: 2 Minutes**

- 4 Minutes, Welcome.. .tonight’s theme
- 30 seconds Introducing the team
  - Introducing the prayer movements (interview with guests)
  - Review the vision we’re praying toward
  - ‘let’s offer the rest of the evening to Christ to draw us together and lead us.’
- 5 seconds Music rises and fades to background
- 15 seconds Dedication prayer—dedicating evening to Christ, asking his leadership
- 10 seconds Music rises, fades and bridges into first segment of prayer.

**TOTAL: 7 Minutes**

***Fullness/Spiritual Awakening (as related to specific theme)***

- 15 seconds Introduction to this segment, relating it to the overall theme. Broadcast team then begins to pray on the theme in the following dimensions:
- (Music begins as background)
- 40 seconds • Personal revival issue (related to the theme as much as possible)
- 40 seconds • Personal revival issue (related to the theme as much as possible)
- 40 seconds • Another personal revival issue (theme)
- 40 seconds • Awakening prayed for on behalf of local churches represented by listeners (theme)
- 40 seconds • Awakening in the Body nationwide (specific issue, but related to the theme)
- 40 seconds • Awakening within the Church world-wide (specific, related to the theme)
- 40 seconds • Closing, summarizing prayer (giving continuity to previous six prayers)
- 45 seconds Music fades up, plays for a while, then fades out (Music with words = prayer) Music fades out.

**TOTAL: 12 Mm, 40 secs.**

### ***Fulfillment/Worldwide Evangelization***

“You are listening to a National Concert of Prayer ( \_\_\_\_\_[your city] concert of prayer).”

- 15 seconds Introduction to second segment, relating it to the theme. Music begins; team on:
- 40 seconds • Kingdom advances in our communities, represented by listeners (theme)
- 40 seconds • Kingdom advance throughout our nation (specific issue, related to theme)
- 40 seconds • Another on a Kingdom advance in our nations (specific, related to theme)
- 40 seconds • Global issue facing the Church today (specific, related to theme)
- 40 seconds • Mission-related issue or unreached people group
- 40 seconds • Another mission-related issue or unreached people group
- 40 seconds • Summarizing prayer (giving continuity to previous 6 prayers)
- 45 seconds • Music up, then fades out, on into another song (instrumental) as the listener is invited: “We now invite you to take the next few moments to pray quietly, right where you are, about specific concerns on your heart that

relate to our major theme tonight.” Music fades, then bridges into opening statement on Grand Finale.

**TOTAL: 18 mm. 20 secs.**

### *Grand Finale*

- 45 seconds Summary of the theme and the specific flow of the evening
- 30 seconds Prayer for guest and for prayer movements nationally and internationally
- 10 seconds “Now, let’s conclude this evening by offering ourselves to Christ to be used in any way he chooses to be a part of the answers to our prayers.” (Music begins)
- 15 seconds • Prayer of consecration (theme-related, but on a personal level)
- 15 seconds • Another prayer of consecration (as a whole Body of people joined together in this concert of prayer; theme-related)
- 15 seconds • Prayer of praise in anticipation of how God will answer all our prayers this evening (theme-related)
- 15 seconds • Another prayer of praise for who God is, faithful and mighty to answer us through Jesus Christ (theme-related)
- 30 seconds Words of farewell: We bid you farewell and look forward to all of us joining up again on \_\_\_\_\_ for the next National Concert of Prayer (\_\_\_\_\_ [your city]-wide Concert of Prayer). This National Concert of Prayer has been presented by Concerts of Prayer International [\_\_\_\_\_ your city-wide committee]). We’re coming to you from [Madison, Wisconsin]. I’m David Bryant. Good night.
- 25 seconds Music up and out.

**TOTAL: 21 mm. 40 seconds.**

Please note: The remaining 1 mm. 20 secs. allows for some spontaneity.

### **Reminders to the team:**

1. Prior to coming, read related passages to the theme for the evening. Come prepared to use Scripture in the mix of your praise and prayer.
2. Take time to seek the Father regarding the specific issues you should focus in on in the areas to which you’re assigned. Be sure that whatever specifics you tackle, you relate it back to the overall theme.
3. End each prayer with a soft Amen (or equivalent) so team and listeners will know when one prayer is over and another is to begin.
4. Watch your time. Have a watch in front of you and stay within the limits you are given each time. You may want to have a few notes and even practice what you want to pray. The Father looks at the heart—and he’s very pleased if we add good preparation to the heart. In it all, let the Spirit have full control when you prepare and when you finally pray on-air.

5. Don't be nervous. David [the coordinator] will act as the "glue" and will help you to come in on time and to fit together with the others. Only concern yourself ultimately with the sections you have been assigned.

# PrayerNet

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# The Prayer Pacesetter's Job Description

## The Regional Pacesetter

Purpose: To encourage church and individual involvement in the Concert of Prayer movement

Scope: My assigned region

Responsibilities:

### **Personal**

Model a commitment to prayer, spiritual awakening and world evangelism

### **Recruiting**

Call pastors/churches in the region to explain the upcoming Concert of Prayer and encourage their attendance

- Use church list provided
- Report results to Area Coordinator

Provide additional information/posters where needed

Encourage churches to organize delegations by seeking specific "church pacesetters" who can recruit within their church

Be available to speak to groups about what God is doing through the Concert of Prayer Movement

### **Follow-up**

Maintain contact with the attending churches to gain feedback and offer suggestions

Encourage the churches to plan regular Concerts of Prayer for their own people

Suggest additional prayer resources the churches could use

### **Ongoing Training**

Meet with the Area Coordinator for training, updated information and prayer

Attend the Annual Prayer Pacesetters retreat

Working relationships:

Report to Area Coordinator

Encouragement to pastors and church pacesetters

# The Church Pacesetter

## Core responsibilities

- Exhibit discipline in my personal devotional life
- Pray 5 mins a day for the requests in the monthly “Prayer Reminder Guide”

- Be a role model of “on the spot praying/trusting as needs are expressed

- Establish a weekly prayer support group to pray for my church
- Attend area pacesetters meetings

- Recruit people from my church to attend the area-wide Concert of Prayer

**As a church pacesetter you should do all of these things**

## Expanded opportunities

- Make a special daily commitment for prayer time (e.g.6:40AM for 40 mm.)
- Keep a prayer diary and a systematic schedule of Scripture reading

- Write down requests for prayer and ask them about the results after prayer

- Ask my pastor what part I should take in the prayer life of the church
- Establish a pastors’ prayer support group
- Develop an emergency prayer chain
- Plan a Concert of Prayer in my church

- Implement a strategic plan to get the max. number from my church exposed to the area-wide Concert of Prayer
- Follow up on those who attended from my church

**As you have time/energy you may want to do a few of these things**

## Max. Commitment

- Make myself available to intercede on behalf of those in need in church
- Be creative in deepening my personal worship experience

- Demonstrate faith praying
- Demonstrate praying Scripture for specific needs

- Plan/teach a prayer workshop in my church
- Establish a weekly or monthly prayer request sheet for my church
- Teach a Sunday school class on prayer
- Develop a church-wide prayer support strategy

- Recruit leaders and volunteers for the Concert of Prayer movement from my church

**As God directs and confirms you maybe led to do some of these high commitment items**

**Personal**

**Modeling**

**Leading**

**Recruiting**

# National Day of Prayer

**ONE OF** the aspects of a city-wide movement of prayer mentioned in Chapter 2 of the Sourcebook was Special Days set aside for prayer. The best known and most widely supported one is the National Day of Prayer. On this day our nation's leaders participate with thousands of believers across the US in prayer for the nation. Here is what some of them have to say about it:

**"I ASK** my fellow Americans to join with me in prayer for our children. Let us strive to help each of them sink their roots deeply into the rich soil of God's love for the beings He has made in His own image. Let us show them through prayer that we, too, like our nation's founders seek our shelter - our rock and our salvation - in the arms of God."

- President George  
Bush

"**THE NATIONAL** Day of Prayer offers a tremendous opportunity for our entire nation to be humbly united in communication with God. Prayer is a "toll free lifeline" to our most important Friend. I can't imagine facing the many challenges of service in Congress without prayer. Prayer truly is a two-way exchange with God. In some way, often unexpected, I discover that my concerns are answered through new insights or peaceful understanding that I could never have obtained without spiritual assistance. I urge everyone to discover the powerful potential of prayer."

- The Hon. Tony P.  
Hall, Member of  
Congress

**SINCE ITS** conception in 1952, the commemoration of the National Day of Prayer has taken many forms on personal, local and national levels. Two common denominators remain the same: people praying and their concern for our country. There are several ways in which an individual or a steering committee can participate in planning National Day of Prayer activities:

- Promote the Day of Prayer in your city and state, using the National Day of Prayer resource Kit.
- Gather together friends, co-workers, prayer leaders and pastors in local churches for prayer

- Organize a prayer breakfast or luncheon featuring a well-known speaker. If possible, invite city leaders to join
- Promote the National Day of Prayer among other branches of the movement of prayer in your community (small groups, campuses, women s prayer ministries etc.)

**NDP RESOURCE KITS** are available to help promote the National Day of Prayer. The kits include brochures, bulletin inserts, daily prayer guides, bookmarks and posters.

They can be obtained from:

*Concerts of Prayer International*

P.O. Box 770

New Providence NJ 07974

1 -877-NOW HOPE

# Pastors' Prayer Gatherings

*"We will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the Word." (Acts 6:4)*  
*"The I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne...and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song." (Revelation 5:6-9)*

IN SO MANY WAYS right now, pastors are being called together as leaders into united prayer for spiritual awakening and world evangelization.

In Southern California, for over two years a bold experiment called "LOVE LA" has brought together as many as 1,000 pastors at a time to spend half days in prayer for revival. Throughout the Northwest, whole communities of pastors are taking up to four days to get away together for intensive intercession for themselves, their churches, their cities and the world. They, too, are longing for revival. Entire denominations are calling pastors and church leaders to begin applying themselves to Concerts of Prayer, both within their churches and with the Body of Christ within their cities. Many are doing so by first gathering with other pastors locally to pray for spiritual awakening. In New York City, as many as 400 pastors at a time have sought the Lord together, overcoming denominational, racial, cultural and geographical barriers to do so.

Here at COPI, it has been our privilege to assist in many of these gatherings, and to work with a number of denominations. We stand ready, as well, to serve YOU and the spiritual leaders in your community. We invite YOU to consider developing a Pastors' Prayer Concert or a Pastors' Prayer Retreat. Let us look at the possibilities for a moment.

**Definition:** A Pastors' Prayer Concert provides opportunity for pastors and other spiritual leaders within a city or area, to gather as leaders for an extended time of corporate prayer for spiritual awakening and the advance of Christ's Kingdom. It is also an opportunity for leaders to hear from God together how He intends them to lead the way to revival.

## Objectives:

- To focus leaders on the Hope of Revival, Spiritual Awakening, and Christ's Kingdom to advance locally and worldwide
- To renew leaders' vision for Christ's church and its ministry both locally and worldwide
- To create a climate for leaders to experience personal revival
- To create a context for leaders to learn to know each other, to trust and care for each other, and then to minister to each other
- To facilitate an extended time of united intercession for spiritual awakening

## **Phase I: The Pastor's Prayer Concert**

- To provide opportunity for leaders to listen together to God, and then to arrive at a consensus on how He is calling them to mobilize His church to seek and receive a fresh awakening to Christ and His Kingdom
- To create a forum for leaders to take ownership of a shared vision- both for revival within the Body of Christ locally, and for the unified mission of God's people to their city/area and beyond
- To revitalize the leaders' sense of commission and authority as they work together to lead the Body of Christ into a broad-based movement of prayer for revival, and into all the answers this brings forth

#### Approach:

- **Celebration:** This is a time for praise and worship. We also identify and praise God for what He is already doing throughout the Body of Christ locally and in the mission of Christ to the world
- **Friendship: Through creative approaches, we get** to know each other, and then minister to each other as leaders
- **Vision:** We let God's Word establish a vision for the Hope of spiritual awakening, and for all that the leaders should seek from Him together for their churches and their cities
- **Intercession:** In a whole variety of ways, leaders pray together for revival in their churches, for the impact of Christ's Kingdom upon their city/area, and for the mission of Christ to the world
- **Counsel:** Throughout the gathering, the leaders take counsel with the Holy Spirit (by giving time to listen to Him) and with each other, in an attempt to come to consensus on what God is saying to them and what He is requiring of them - not only individually but even more importantly, corporately
- **Synthesis:** Toward the end, the leaders seek to blend together all that they have prayed, as well as what they sense the Spirit is saying to them, so as to establish some basic "steps of obedience" toward revival that they need to give to Christ together as leaders, as a result of their prayer concert
- **Consecration:** The prayer gathering ends in a season of personal and corporate rededication of the leaders to the work of Christ's Kingdom in general, and to the specific ways God has shown them to work together to lead God's people into true revival and mission

#### Timing:

Normally, a minimum of 3 hours is needed for the ingredients to be experienced in any meaningful way. Initially, it may be best to focus on the first four ingredients, building the bonds of communication between the pastors. Then, at future gatherings, seek to incorporate the next ingredients. Some gatherings have chosen to give half a day, or even most of a day, to this format so that all the objectives can be touched on.

IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED that a half day Pastors' Prayer Concert be followed up by a full Concert of Prayer for their combined congregations, to which the leaders have already invited their people weeks beforehand. The people would be asked to come to the Concert of Prayer with the specific objective to learn what God has said to the spiritual leaders of their city/area, and to find out what they believe God is prepared to do among His people if they seek Him for it. The Concert of Prayer will be formatted in such a way that it permits the vision and "steps of obedience" given by the Holy Spirit during the Pastors' Prayer Concert to become central issues for prayer by all the people. To ensure that, the

## **Phase II: A Full Concert of Prayer**

pastors and leaders would personally take leadership up front during this Concert of Prayer to lead the way.

**FOLLOWING** the relatively brief Pastors' Prayer Concert as described above, it might be desirable to schedule another time in which the pastors and leaders are able to get alone together for an extended length of time to experience in depth many of the ingredients that were merely explored in the briefer gathering. In some parts of the country pastors from a given community are meeting in retreat for up to four days. The first day is used to seek God for the agenda of the retreat and reach a point of brokenness and open communication with God and with each other. The second day focuses on personal renewal. The third on corporate renewal - building bridges of trust and love among the leaders, and then praying for their congregations. Then, on the final day, they focus outwardly on corporate mission - seeking God about how to mobilize their churches into a movement of united prayer for revival and into cooperative outreach to their community, and even to the world beyond.

#### Suggestions for Pastors' Prayer Retreats:

There are several options for kinds and lengths of Pastors' Prayer Retreats. **You might present these options to local pastors and let them tell you what** type of prayer retreat they feel they would like to do.

After you have a good reading on what the majority of pastors would commit to, what denominations are represented, and how many would come, your planning should reflect what setting would best minister to them.

There are various options for how a retreat might be formed. In each case you may choose to conclude the retreat with a prayer rally, or to make the retreat complete within itself. For example, you might have a one day retreat, ending with a city-wide Concert of Prayer in the evening; or have a one day prayer retreat without a rally. Another option: A retreat starting on Friday evening and lasting all day Saturday (with or without a concluding city-wide Concert of Prayer). Or, retreats that last two or three days.

One of the ways that the prayer retreat conveners in the Northwest have served the pastors participating in their retreats is by providing lodging, meals and transportation free. This certainly is one way to encourage pastors to attend, if there are churches or benefactors in your area, with a heart for revival, who would make funding available for this.

Whatever the kind and length of retreat, find out what worked best for the pastors, what ministers to them, what answers the needs in their life and ministry, and dare to leave the agenda details up to God.

## **Phase III: Pastor's Prayer Retreat**

## **Tips and ideas for Pastor's Prayer Retreats**



*Raleigh-Area Concerts of Prayer*



**1992**  
City-Wide Prayer Strategy

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# THE PRAYER MOVEMENT ILLUSTRATED

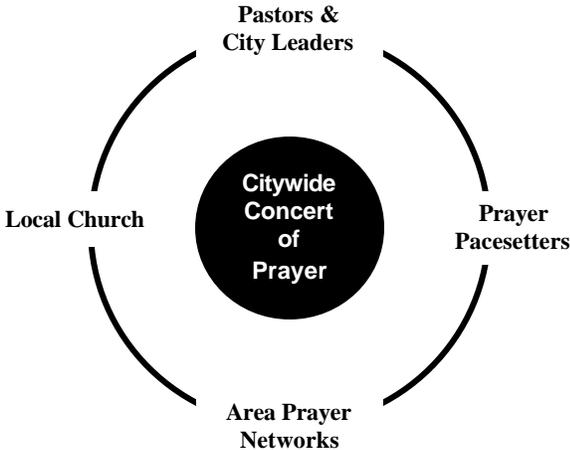
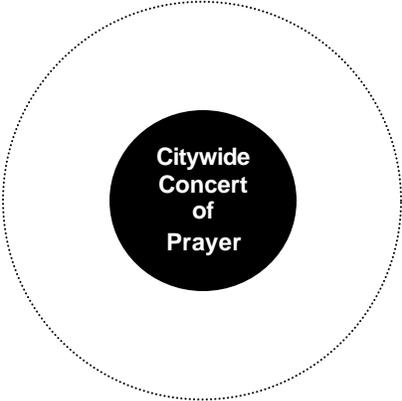
A developing prayer movement can be illustrated by a *revolving and expanding wheel*. The individual *elements* and *processes* of the wheel can be paralleled to specific characteristics in a prayer movement.

Below is a step-by-step explanation of this idea:

## THE ELEMENTS

### The Hub

The **Hub** of the wheel is the annual City-wide Concert of Prayer. The goal of this gathering is to unite all Christians of the city in a central location, in prayer for spiritual awakening in the Church and the expansion of the Kingdom into the world. It serves as a periodic “thermometer” for the prayer movement as we discover and celebrate the ways God is answering our prayer for unity, revival and world evangelism.



### The Outer Rim

The **Outer Rim** of the wheel includes all of the special strategies that serve to build the influence and intensity of the prayer movement as a whole. These strategies can differ from city-to-city based on the spiritual needs of the area. Our present strategies include the following areas:

**Local Church**

**Pastors & City Leaders**

**Prayer Pacesetters**

**Area Prayer Networks**

# 1992 PRAYER STRATEGIES

The following prayer strategies are explained in three sections: 1) **Objectives** – *what* we desire to accomplish, 2) **Strategies** – *how* we plan to accomplish it, 3) **Target Date** – the approximate *time* of implementation.

## PASTORS & CITY LEADERS

### Objectives

- \*Build pastoral relationships across denominational, racial, and cultural barriers.
- \*Create forum for local church leadership to give consultation and leadership to local prayer movement
- \*Encourage regular gatherings of prayer and fasting to promote relational healing, unity, and revival among church leaders

### Strategies

**Pastors Prayer Retreat** – first ever in Raleigh. 200 Pastors invited!

**Pastors Advisory Board** – local church leaders will provide counsel and leadership to local prayer strategies.

**Prayer Support Team** – assign Prayer Pacesetters to each local pastor to provide regular intercessory prayer support.

**Prayer & Fasting** – arrange quarterly, morning prayer meetings for pastors/city leaders.

### Target Date:

February 18-20, 1992

February 1992

December, 1991

After Pastors Retreat  
(March)

## PRAYER PACESETTERS

### Objectives

- \*Provide regular prayer ministry opportunities for this “core-group” of intercessors.
- \*Offer necessary training, encouragement, and resources.

### Strategies

**Continue monthly Concerts of Prayer meetings** – the hub of the prayer movement

**Pacesetters Training** – teaching/encouragement; meeting quarterly.

**Strategic Prayer** – arrange concerted prayer support where needed such as: abortion clinics, legislative sessions, courts, schools, etc.

### Target Date:

In place since 1984

Spring 1992

Spring 1992

# LOCAL CHURCH

## Objectives

- \*Provide educational resources and curriculum on all aspects of prayer
- \*Keep informed and encouraged in development in local/national prayer movement.
- \*Plant prayer structures/centers for concerted prayer in every church in the area

## Strategies

**Prayer Curriculum** – Develop and provide for small groups, Bible studies, Sunday schools.

**24 hr. Prayer Ministry** – Develop resources, provide training to help each church set-up an intercessory prayer center.

**Newsletter** – to inform believers of growing prayer movement, prayer needs of the area, educational articles.

**Points of Prayer** – Identify 500 existing prayer groups in the city (of any size); ask for 5-minute revival prayer time at each meeting.

## Target Date:

Summer 1992

ASAP

In place

January 1992

# AREA PRAYER NETWORKS

## Objectives

- \*Promote unity and common goals/needs in the Christian community.
- \*Unite the people of the city in prayer for revival through alternative channels other than Concert of Prayer meeting.

## Strategies

**Raleigh Prayer Network** – update bi-weekly; designed for quick dispatch through phone, fax. Will provide prayer support for all “front-line” ministry forces in the community such as: teen pregnancy centers, Christian city leaders/politicians, businesses.

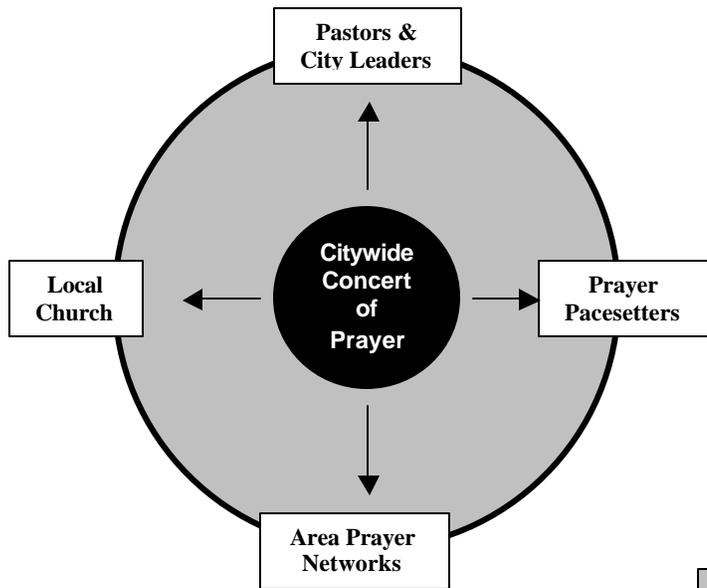
**Concert of Prayer Today** – daily radio broadcast to be placed on WPJL 1240 AM. Unites many people of the area in daily prayer, at a low cost.

## Target Date:

Spring 1992

ASAP

# THE PROCESSES



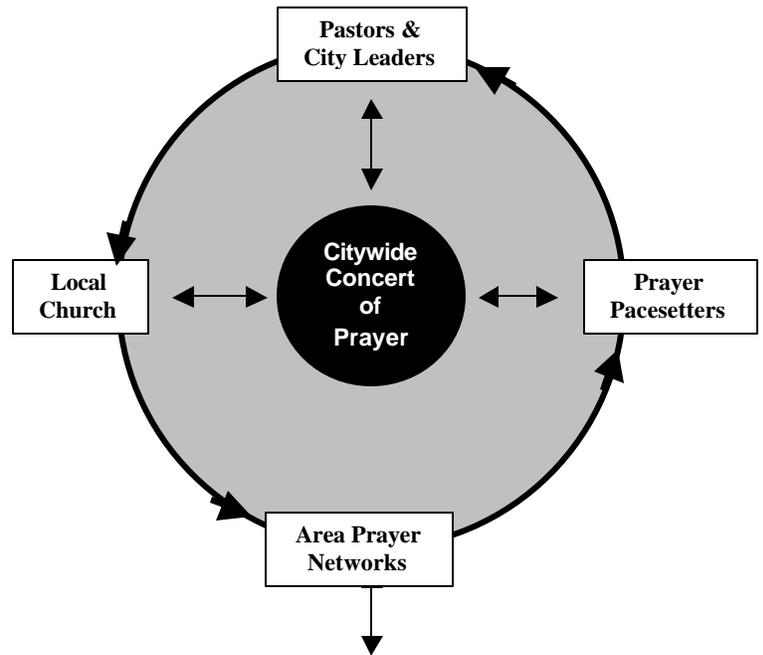
## The Outer Rim

The **Circle of Prayer** refers to the *area of influence* the prayer movement provides. As you can see in the diagram, the four strategy points on the outer rim (Pastors, Local Church, Pacesetters, Prayer Networks) have greatly increased the area of influence beyond the Concert of Prayer. As new strategy points are added, the prayer movement expands to include and influence more people.

 = area of influence in the city

## Cycle of Prayer

This process refers to the *impact* of the prayer movement. Impact could be defined by various qualitative terms: unity, maturity, depth, and effectiveness of prayer. Like a wheel, the prayer movement turns or cycles at a speed proportional to its impact. If prayer intensifies, the cycle gains momentum and the area is impacted by God. If prayer becomes weak or stagnant, the cycle slows or stops and no results are realized. Therefore, what fuels the cycle or impact of the prayer movement is prayer itself, aided by the grace and spirit of God.



This prayer movement illustration is applicable to all levels of society – from the personal level to a worldwide setting. The **city-wide** prayer movement is built upon the smaller circles & cycles of prayer (churches, families, individuals) as the **national** prayer movement is built upon the **city** circles & cycles of prayer, and so on.

**Revival and spiritual awakening takes place when God supernaturally accelerates these *elements and processes* beyond our comprehension. The glory and power of God is poured out upon our society as He responds to our humility, persistent prayer, and repentance. (Read II Chronicles 7:14)**