

Chapter Four: Mechanics

Principles For Structures

AS A PRAYER movement commences, a lot of energy goes into those initial activities. All attention is focused on achieving lift-off; so much so that no one gives too much thought about what might be needed to harness the momentum if the thing really catches the imagination of the people of God. Chapter Four gives helpful warning of some things easily overlooked in the getting-started phase. If you can give attention to some of these rather less exciting mechanics, the momentum can be captured and harnessed rather than expelled and lost because no forethought had been given to structuring the movement.

Principles learned through hard experience are provided here, grouped together in related concerns:

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Organizing

A STRATEGY and structures for its development and implementation are a necessary accompaniment to a movement of prayer. These need not be overly elaborate since we must rely entirely upon the Lord. However, he has provided wisdom in what existing movements have learned about organizing. The first lesson is this: we need to have those with specific responsibility for oversight.

Existing city wide prayer movements exhibit a frequent organizational pattern. This involves a board of reference composed of senior church leaders drawn from a broad cross-section of the church in the locality. This group often includes key leaders whose support is essential but who are not able to give the time for a more detailed involvement. The role of this body is to provide credibility and give wise counsel to the entire prayer movement.

The second group is the executive committee, the decision-making body that gives day-to-day direction. Often this is known as the Leadership Team. This group is at the heart of the whole prayer movement. It shares the primary responsibility and sets the pace. They pray, plan, review and learn together. Often a founding initiator will become the coordinator for the prayer movement and may chair or act as executive secretary for the group. This group shares its hopes and dreams with the board of reference for affirmation and additional wisdom.

The composition of this team is very important. It must represent and model the vision of united prayer. There needs to be a diversity of denominational affiliation, skill and ethnic background where appropriate. Frequently such teams draw together the major strands of the Kingdom in an area. People representing denominational churches, mission agencies and youth constituencies unite together to represent the breadth of God's agenda in the locality.

Be sure that everyone selected for your leadership team truly owns the prayer movement vision. The possibility of later disagreement over vision and purpose is better put to rest at the start. A covenant of prayer for spiritual awakening and world evangelization can succinctly state the vision of the prayer movement. Such a covenant is discussed in Chapter Five.

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Two tiers of responsibility is helpful

The leadership team is critical

Stress a commitment to the initial vision

Forming a Committee

We started working on a concert of prayer. I mentioned this to another committee on which I served and one of them pointed me to a campus staff worker excited about concerts of prayer. Just at this time I heard about a senior spiritual leader in the city talking to a ministerial alliance meeting about the need for us to come together and pray. We all got together and said, “Let’s have a concert of prayer.

At nearly the same time an urban mission specialist moved to town. He had had a lot of experience in Europe working with crusades on a city-wide basis. He spearheaded a metropolitan Evangelical Alliance and said that prayer should be its first major emphasis.

Six of us eventually formed the steering committee to start the city-wide Concerts of Prayer. We felt it would be a great format to bring people from across denominational lines to pray for spiritual awakening and world evangelization. We were committed to each other and to serving the vision together.

—*Urban prayer leader,
USA*

One of the most vital aspects of all planning is the development of a recruitment strategy. This must encompass the following aspects:

- a. the initial informing process— how do people first hear about the vision?
- b. the conversion process-how do people make a commitment?
- c. the involvement process- how do people become active participants and at what levels?
- d. the sustaining process—how is interest sustained?

For now, let’s concentrate on the first three aspects, by suggesting one approach that has been used by various prayer movements. It encompasses aspects of information, commitment and involvement. Here’s what might happen:

Pacesetters from each congregation, in cooperation with their pastors, would conduct this survey during any Sunday morning worship service. It takes about five minutes, including explanation of each question. No one would sign their names. All surveys would be collected. The results would be promised for the following week.

**Develop a
recruitment
strategy**

Church Survey

1. Do you believe our congregation and the congregations of our city are in need of God to wake us up to a greater revelation of who Christ is-
of all he wants to be for us, in us, and through us? yes no
2. Do you believe that the most strategic way to pursue this new work of God is to do it in a movement of united prayer, either congregation wide or city wide? yes no
3. If God were to awaken us to a new revelation of Christ's glory in this way, in answer to a movement of united prayer, do you believe it would have significant impact not only locally in our church and in our city, but also on Christ's global cause? yes no
4. Would you be willing to join with others who respond positively to this survey to discuss and pray at least once regarding the possibilities in a

By using such a survey with brief explanations as they answer each question, you have already begun to inform and to suggest possible commitments.

On the following Sunday, the pastor may take five minutes to interpret the results. Without exception, each time this survey has been used, 85-90% of the congregation has responded positively to each question. Of course they do so with varying understandings of the implications. By reading out the "yes" tallies for each question, the congregation is alerted to how many others in their midst are thinking and feeling the same way they are. Most have never been asked such questions before, nor given an opportunity to find out if there are any others who feel the same. This discovery alone can be explosive!

Next, the pastor might also invite those who responded "yes" to meet with him for a ten minute "mini-Concert of Prayer" immediately following the worship service—as a way to kick things off. Then a longer meeting, as suggested in question 4 might be called for within the next few days, possibly even in place of the Sunday evening service. Here new pacesetters emerge and other spiritual leaders have something to work with in growing a prayer movement within their congregation.

To take this approach a step further: initiating pacesetters from various congregations might synchronize the effort so that every congregation takes the survey on the same Sunday. Then, on the following Sunday each congregation would learn not only about the results for their own church, but also the grand total from all participating churches. Then, because the number expressing interest and commitment will be significant on a community-wide level, an inaugural Concert of Prayer could be scheduled

within the month. At that time, the original pacesetters for each congregation could bring with them those from their church who responded so positively on the survey, to meet others of similar concern and to experience united prayer for spiritual awakening.

By constantly asking these four questions and calling together those who answer “yes” to all three, you will begin to identify those whom God is raising up as other pacesetters. It is these who can be mobilized and will mobilize others.

Most people, especially busy ones, shy away from open-ended commitments. Define the length of a term served on the Leadership team. For example, people may serve a three-year term, at the end of which they have the option to leave and the team has the opportunity to evaluate with them whether or not they are still bearing the original vision and should serve another term.

Committees work best when individual members accept specific responsibilities. A committee chairman would oversee the various responsibilities, set the agenda, and be a central point of communication. The treasurer can propose the budget and keep track of expenses. Sometimes it is necessary to open an account to handle contributions and payment of bills. The secretary can keep minutes of the meetings and distribute them to committee members and the board of reference. In addition to these functions, you might want to have someone in charge of facilities—location for united rallies; communication—distribution of flyers and posters, radio and other promotional ideas; and prayer cover for the work of the committee itself.

**Don't require a
lifetime involvement**

Organizing Worksheet

IT'S EASY to get a vision and run with it. But often a few moments spent in organizing can save multiplied hours of labor. Take some moments now to consider organization.

1. Would the two tiers of responsibility be effective in your context?

2. Who would be the key people to involve on a senior reference body? List their name, their phone numbers and how best and when you might contact them.

Name	Telephone	
How To Contact		When
Name	Telephone	
How To Contact		When
Name	Telephone	
How To Contact		When

3. Who might be invited to form a leadership team?

Name	Telephone	
How To Contact		When
Name	Telephone	
How To Contact		When
Name	Telephone	
How To Contact		When
Name	Telephone	
How To Contact		When

4. How might you coordinate a church-wide or city-wide survey using the four-part questionnaire for recruitment?

5. Do you know individuals with whom you might discuss the survey on a more personal, individual basis?

6. What skills are evident in your leadership team? How should these skills be matched with specific tasks

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Organizing | <input type="checkbox"/> Accounting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Speaking | <input type="checkbox"/> Networking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Writing | <input type="checkbox"/> Others skills |

Financing

ALTHOUGH a revival of united prayer is a sovereign gift of God, there will frequently be financial consequences. It is very important that clear thought is given to the financial implications of a movement of prayer, and especially particular events and activities within it.

In any existing prayer movement, it is very clear that without those who volunteer to give freely of their time and energy the movement would cease to exist. Volunteers are essential. Pacesetters especially will be the dynamic of recruitment and envisioning. This is the “grassroots” phenomenon.

Of course, volunteers do need affirmation, gratitude and, wherever possible, a taste of the outcome that is in part the fruit of their labor.

It is a fallacy to believe that you can serve a movement of prayer without incurring costs. Although word of mouth will be vital in ensuring awareness of your activities and attendance, good publicity is unlikely to be without cost. Those who share the vision by their testimony will be motivated and enabled by the quality of the support you give them. Badly produced materials state a lack of commitment to excellence for the cause of Christ. Posters, handbills, radio or TV time, circulars and billboards all cost. Moreover as the movement grows, there may well be the need for administrative and leadership time to be paid for. In some prayer movements specific staff have been set aside and funded to serve the effort on a regular basis. For a sample budget for a large prayer event, see the budget in Chapter Six among the Prayer Rally Samples.

Offerings taken at large prayer gatherings are probably the most frequently used means of funding existing prayer movements. Certainly, those who join together in prayer will be those most ready to fund it. Nevertheless, it is important to be aware from the outset that this is unlikely to provide the entire income necessary to sustain the prayer movement.

A Christian business might be willing to donate the cost of the service to the movement. Usually you would pay them and then they would write the movement a check for the same amount. This provides them with a tax-deductible receipt.

Prayer movements have experienced varied success in using other means to fund their operations. Those which have met with some success include

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Volunteers are essential

Costs are unavoidable

Offerings are only one aspect of funding

Seek funding subsidies

direct gifts from churches and sponsorship by Christian businessmen. Some prayer teaching events have also provided surpluses to subsidize the ongoing ministry. Various churches may allow you the free use of their printing equipment or postal machine if you ask them. Christian businesses may offer free or reduced-rate services.

It is clear that funding should be considered and discussed even from the outset. To delay this is to court difficulties later on. Better to handle these issues up front.

Incorporating as a non-profit organization or associating with one allows gifts to be tax-deductible. Your committee might chose to incorporate or you might associate with another “umbrella” organization. If you are in the United States, you might associate with the Southern California Concert of Prayer who are happy to help you in this way. Contact Paul Green at P.O. Box 6275, Anaheim, CA 928%. You might also approach your local National Association of Evangelicals chapter, if their board would vote to co-sponsor your committee.

Tax-deductible Gifts and Incorporation

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FEW PEOPLE like to talk about money, especially if it involves asking for it. You'll find it hard to get far without it, though. You'll need a plan to get it, keep track of it, and use it rightly.

1. As a Leadership Team, pray together and discuss your attitudes to raising funds for this movement of prayer.
2. Consider together the immediate and longer term expenditures you can foresee. Express this in cash amounts. Some expenditure categories might include printing and mailing of flyers and brochures, newspaper ads, radio spots, honoraria and other expenses involved with guest speakers! teachers, telephone budget, etc.
3. Together brainstorm a list of funding sources to meet both these categories of need. Then rank them in terms both of viability and acceptability. Develop ideas as to how to work on those with high scores for both viability and acceptability.
4. How will you account for your income and expenditures? Is there someone on your Leadership Team who could serve as the treasurer? Are there any legal matters that impinge upon your accounting?

Promoting

JONATHAN Edwards entitled his tract, “A humble attempt to PROMOTE ...“ He understood that promotion was biblical. Like sounding the levitical trumpet in the Old Testament, promotion is not to create the prayer movement, but to call people into it. A prayer movement needs motivated people. This motivation must rely upon the work of God in the hearts of his people. Yet time and time again, this motivation is stirred when someone articulates what they themselves have been struggling to understand. God is a God who communicates and he calls us to be communicators.

Effective communication is essential to the development of a movement of prayer. A mistake frequently made early in the life of a prayer movement is thinking exclusively of promoting a one-time event. Even in advertising an initial activity, it is important to have some goals for the longer term communication process. This will help clarify what and how you collect names and addresses at your first event for instance.

It is most important to remember that the pacesetters are the key communicators. They are the ones who have caught the vision. In as many ways as possible, set them free to communicate the vision. At prayer rallies and concerts, have one or two briefly share a testimony. Recruit them as church representatives. Encourage them to write for a newsletter. Ask them to monitor the answers to the prayers that are prayed. They will undoubtedly be your most effective communicators because pacesetters are those who:

- a. come faithfully.
- b. report back to their friends with enthusiasm.
- c. bring others with them to your events.

In a variety of ways, many of the existing prayer movements have developed a network of church representatives. These persons become the primary contact point between the Leadership Team and the church/parachurch membership.

The value of such persons is very considerable:

- a. they distribute news and prayer requests.
- b. they mobilize their constituency for events.
- c. they provide feedback to the Leadership.
- d. they call their constituency to prayer.

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Clarify communication plans

Pacesetters are your most effective communicators

Recruit church representatives

Several prayer movements have identified such people by requesting the church leaders to select such a person. In this way communication to the minister is also secured. Others have appealed for volunteers at the large gatherings. One prayer movement which started with a large prayer rally has now set out to identify 1000 prayer groups that will pray for spiritual awakening and world evangelization on a regular basis. They are also being asked to pray for the next region-wide rally. In most cases, these will not be new groups but existing groups that will commit themselves to include these requests. If these groups have an average of five people in them, that will provide a base of 5,000 people regularly praying for these important Kingdom issues.

Many have found it invaluable to include on the Leadership Team a Christian involved in some aspect of the media. In one city, the team recruited a local radio executive after praying about this need. In another they found a printer to serve with them.

Radio can be used effectively to publicize prayer events in the community. Public service announcements (PSA's) may be secured on both Christian and secular stations. In addition, you might arrange a radio interview discussing the prayer movements, the dynamics of a concert of prayer, the need for spiritual awakening and world evangelization, etc. Many Christian stations broadcast such talk shows. People on the leadership team might record two-minute spots which give vision and lead in prayer, then note the upcoming Rally or Concert. Air these a week or two before the event.

Use local radio and media

Newspaper advertisements may also be used effectively. Most cities and towns publish a local paper. Invest a small portion of your advertising budget in an advertisement run a week or two before your event. Ad copy and artwork can double for camera-ready originals for flyers or church bulletins.

You might reproduce a taped message about prayer given by a recognized spiritual leader or pastor and send it with a letter explaining the concert of prayer to pastors, inviting their church to join. Record a trailer at the end which promotes your prayer movement and events.

The Use of Cassette tapes

A newsletter contributes to the sense of a joint movement. This newsletter needn't be an elaborate affair; several pages printed in one-color ink, and nicely designed can communicate very effectively. With the development of desktop publishing, a clean-looking newsletter is easily produced. For

Produce a Newsletter

those in the United States, many quick-copy/quick-print stores now have desktop publishing computers available at an inexpensive hourly rate.

Some columns you might feature regularly might include:

- history—give a synopsis account of a past revival or prayer movement.
- biblical basis- a short biblical study on prayer or a related subject.
- other places- reports on other contemporary prayer movements around the nation and world.
- answers- record answers to prayers raised at prayer events.
- local church prayer growth— report what is going on in local churches in the area of prayer and prayer groups, training events, etc.
- issues to pray for in the local area.
- calendar— giving upcoming prayer events and training events.

Most of the prayer movements have built some form of computer-based address system. To be most effective this needs to be differentiated in a variety of ways. Clearly pastors, local churches, para-church and youth agencies need to be recorded. The names and addresses of individuals need to be distinguished in at least three categories: church reps where used; the pacesetters-those who attend most regularly and provide the backbone of support; and those who participate less regularly but have expressed an interest in receiving information. Direct mailing to a potentially numerous individual mailing list is costly and is avoided by means of church reps who receive copies sufficient for the individuals in their constituency.

Develop an annotated mailing list

This is just the tip of the iceberg in the area of promotion. More ideas are given in the section on prayer rallies and in the appendix on the same, which can be adapted for smaller prayer events.

It is significant that in an unusual way there has been a tremendous emphasis on prayer through God's servants passing through our city. As a result, I am sending out about twenty-five invitations to various interested people who have been involved in the training, to come together to plan to mobilize a united prayer meeting on Pentecost Sunday. I believe it is God's timing.

—Asian prayer leader

Promoting Worksheet

IT'S GREAT to have a vision. And you can have a tremendous program too. But unless you communicate that vision to others, no one will participate. Communication is essential to a movement. How will you communicate your vision?

1. As a Leadership Team, develop a list of churches and other Christian groups with whom you should be sharing your vision. Keep this list under review. Who might computerize such a mailing list?
2. Consider early the scale of participation that God is promising to you. When you are aware of this, pray and talk together about how you can most effectively sustain communication to such a scale. How can you use a monthly flyer? A monthly or quarterly newsletter? Newspaper advertisements? Radio spots?
3. Prayerfully identify the key media sources in your locality, both secular and Christian. Then identify names of people known to your Leadership Team who are part of that media complex and in a position to advise you. Schedule contacts.
4. As a team, discuss the value and viability of church representatives for what you envision above. How would you go about recruiting them?
5. Review your tally of all the pacesetters you know of who are already with you in the prayer movement. How can you make better use of them in the communication process?

Structuring Corporate Prayer

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A VITAL consideration in growing a prayer movement is to provide people with various kinds and levels of opportunities to pray together. There are many approaches, each of which may appeal more to some than to others. That's why we need to mobilize people into an approach that most appeals to their current experience with corporate prayer. However, the variety of approaches outlined below can also be intertwined to accelerate the prayer movement at all levels, allowing it to become a *movement* in the fullest sense.

A vehicle increasingly equated with regular gatherings in united prayer is the Concert of Prayer. A term taken from church history, Concerts of Prayer not only involve specific formatting for meaningful corporate praying, but more importantly offer special times when Christians can gather across barriers to seek the twofold agenda of spiritual awakening and world evangelization. Concerts of Prayer held monthly or quarterly frequently become the "bridge" that links Christians together in prayer between larger prayer events in the city and other prayer efforts within local churches. And properly developed Concerts of Prayer provide a way for coming at united prayer that is easily transferable back to the churches and organizations from which the pray-ers come. This revitalizes prayer throughout the whole Body within a community. Concerts of Prayer are explained in detail in Chapter Six.

Concerts of Prayer

Occasional large scale events can be an exciting starting place for involvement in a prayer movement. In such rallies, possibly on an annual or bi-annual basis, the vision of united prayer for spiritual awakening is dramatically highlighted. Rallies fill people with hope, helping bring them to a firmer commitment to that vision, allowing them to identify their desire to grow as men and women of prayer. Through rallies the net is thrown out wide, to uncover those who feel specifically called of God to become on-going pacesetters and church representatives as the prayer movement takes other forms, such as through regular Concerts of Prayer. Rallies help prayer leaders to identify prayer cells and prayer initiatives that already exist in the Body within their community. Though previously in isolation from one another, these groups can now begin to network together as they join at times to seek the larger concerns of the Kingdom for their city and the world.

Larger Prayer Rallies

Once the movement is established, rallies provide a wonderful occasion for the whole Body to come together to celebrate what God is doing in answer to the prayer movement. It provides testimony and vindication of how much the prayer movement is truly a work of God. And it opens up opportunities to expand the base of participating churches in the overall movement, as well as unleashing new waves of pray-ers and pacesetters. Larger Prayer Rallies are explained in detail in Chapter Six.

Prayer triplets played a special role in 1984 during Mission England, which also incorporated a Billy Graham Crusade. They were widely adopted and did a great deal to change the attitude of Christians in that country towards prayer and provide the platform for some of the newer city based initiatives now emerging in cities such as Birmingham and Newcastle.

The original purpose of these Prayer Triplets was to involve three Christian friends in united prayer for three unbelieving friends each. Thus, each Triplet was praying for the conversion of nine people. Such was the effect of this praying that long before Dr. Graham arrived there were many stories of new converts, birthed after being targeted by a Triplet group, forming their own Prayer Triplet!

The Prayer Triplet concept provides one option for sustaining the movement dimension which is such an intrinsic aspect of the vision. Here people can persevere between the larger scale united prayer gatherings and come to those events with fresh testimony of God's work.

It also opens a way for the larger prayer movement to be translated back into local churches. Participants in a monthly concert of prayer, for instance, might meet weekly at church for fifteen minutes in a prayer triplet, praying for spiritual awakening and world-wide evangelization in even more personal ways.

One other fact: the format learned at concerts of prayer or rallies can usually be adopted to a prayer triplet format. Here people can persevere in prayer for spiritual awakening and world evangelization, quite apart from monthly Concerts of Prayer or annual Prayer Rallies.

And it is through the triplets that the prayer movement can work its way into every level of a congregation's life. A triplet meeting 10-20 minutes a week, possibly sometime on a Sunday morning, can take the experience and vision from other prayer events and plow them into the life of their own local church. What would happen if scores of prayer triplets would be multiplied within the average church and within a broad spectrum of churches within a city? And it is so easy to do, once other aspects of the prayer movement are underway. People in the triplets become the very best pacesetters within any congregation to recruit others for the growing movement of prayer, especially for other prayer events.

Prayer Triplets

Another vehicle for sustaining the momentum between events which has been used quite frequently is a 24-hour prayer chain.

By encouraging groups and/or individuals to accept responsibility for a block of time (from 15 to 60 minutes), perhaps during a strategic day or event in the area, it is possible to foster the sense of working and uniting together without people actually meeting. This can be especially effective as support to a ministry activity or when a particular enemy stronghold is perceived. It is most important if the movement momentum is to be maintained to emphasize very strongly the united, working together aspect of this activity. One city divided up every hour of the year among scores of supporting churches, which in turn recruited prayer bands to fill each of their assigned days and hours. Over 10,000 were involved in this year-long “concert of prayer” for their city.

Radio can be employed effectively for uniting people in prayer over a widespread location. In the midwestern United States, there are two programs related to prayer. A prayer movement leader there has been preparing them since their inception in 1981. One, entitled “Call to Prayer,” is a five-minute program aired three times a week. Its purpose is to teach and exhort concerning prayer. The second program, ‘Pause for Prayer,’ is a two minute program aired five days a week and repeated three or four times a day. This program gives prayer requests of interest to the whole body of Christ. Special emphasis is given to the two key themes of concerts of prayer.

Since 1981, other similar prayer programs have sprung up on a variety of networks. One such program is produced by the U.S. Center for World Mission and involves giving prayer requests about unreached peoples. More recently a daily spot called *Concert of Prayer Today* and a monthly program called *National Concert of Prayer* are helping to tie pray-ers together on a regular basis. See the appendix on Radio Scripts for specific script suggestions.

In fact any local prayer movement could hold an actual concert of prayer on the air. With a main prayer facilitator and several others in the studio who will pray on the air, a small team can guide the listeners through a concert of prayer. A few alterations need to be made such as not breaking down into pairs or huddles to pray on your own; obviously you will not want “dead space” on the radio broadcast. Those in the studio with you can join in during these times, leading the listeners in prayer. In addition, you can give out the station number at the start and invite listeners to call in and pray over the phone, over the radio, at appropriate times.

Anytime we set aside a chunk of time to seek God, he will meet us. Prayer retreats are gaining in popularity as people sense the need to get away from their every-day schedule and interruptions in order to spend some

24 hour prayer chains

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Prayer Retreats

solid time seeking the face of God. The Overseas Missionary Fellowship has been sponsoring regional prayer retreats for years, which focus primarily on prayer for world evangelization. More recently we are seeing retreats such as Prayer Summits, Weekends for Awakening, Regional Prayer Leaders' Retreats, Ministers' Prayer Retreats, Missions Prayer Conferences, Operation World Conferences, the list goes on!

Prayer Events

There is an increasing prayer burden evident in this city. All-nights of prayer once every quarter involving about fifteen hundred people are taking place regularly. One of the dioceses of the Church of South India has sponsored all-nights of prayer. Quite a number of para-church agencies based in the city have regular times of prayer. There's a lot of headway yet to be made, however, in praying Kingdom prayers covering the larger issues of spiritual awakening and world evangelization.

*Asian prayer
leader*

Structuring Corporate Prayer Worksheet

A KEY FACTOR in keeping a prayer movement going and growing is to keep the people interested in prayer and actually praying. In our media-age, this takes some creativity, especially in the corporate setting.

1. Who in the leadership team has participated in a prayer rally?
What benefits were evident from this larger gathering?

What difficulties were experienced in this larger gathering?

What geographic boundaries might represent a base for a larger prayer rally in your area?

2. What churches or groups of churches are involved in regular concert of prayer gatherings?

What growth has been experienced?

What difficulties have been encountered?

How can other churches learn and participate?

3. Try a three month test project on prayer triplets. When completed, discuss in what ways personal and church commitment has deepened in regard to spiritual awakening and world evangelization.

4. What are the local radio stations which might carry prayer spots?

How should they be approached?

Who should be designated to work with them?

Is there a local Christian station which you could interest in hosting a radio concert of prayer? Who are some local ministers of influence whom you could invite to join you in the studio to lead the listeners in prayer?

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MAYBE AFTER reading this far you are asking yourself if you are still the person for the task. That's good. We need to evaluate ourselves and ask, "Am I ready for this?" There's no better time to do that than before you begin. Jesus taught we are to count the cost so that we don't end up short of resources with our tower half built. If it's personal resources and stamina that you feel lacking, do remember that we have all we need in Christ Jesus. If he has called you to this task, then you can be sure that he will provide what you need to accomplish it. Be prepared to ask him for the resources, but be assured that the resources are there.

Now that you've considered organizing, financing, promoting, and structuring corporate prayer, are you committed to following through on this? How far are you willing to go? And how far are you willing to work with the leadership team to make this happen? On a scale of 1-10, with 1 the least willing and 10 the most, rate your commitment:

Organizing	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Financing	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Promoting	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Corporate prayer	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Discuss your individual commitments with the leadership team. Evaluate the implications for what the team will do in the next twelve months.