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PRAYING *for* PENTECOST



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Prayer Focus: *Missional Spirit*

Prayer: *“Forgive us, Lord, for any and all of our self-serving ways. Habits and preferences to which we are blind. May we become others focused. Open our eyes to the harvest all around us. Renew a missional spirit within us. The pioneers were always about the next town. Renew that spirit in us. May our ears ring with a new Macedonian call, ‘Come here – and help us!’ All around are people without Christ. Raise up church-planters. Help us to reach the 2 billion that have never heard the name of Jesus, some right here in America. And help us to reach the children of those who have turned away from you.”*

Daily Prayer Points:

- MONDAY - The harvest is here, now – in America. Pray that God will transform his church to be missional (Matt. 9:38).
- TUESDAY - Pray for eyes to see the people groups of the nations around you – and ask, “How can our church win them to Christ?” (Luke 10:1-3; Mal. 1:11)
- WEDNESDAY - Pray that your congregation’s measure of success would be, “How many lost people have been found this week?” (Luke 15:4, 8)
- THURSDAY - Pray for the children of church members – your own family that needs a vital connection to Christ (Luke 15:24, 32).
- FRIDAY - Pray today, all day, specifically for one lost soul. One backslider. One son or daughter outside the fold. Send them a prayer soaked note or gift. Tell them you love them (Rom. 10:1).

WINDOW ON THE WORLD

Some 50,000 from among unreached people groups die daily without having heard the Gospel. That is about 26 million a year. More than 2000 every hour.

HARVEST NOTES

We are told by sociologists that each of us knows some 100 people, casual acquaintances in our world – those with whom we carpool, those in our soccer league, the lady at the dry-cleaners, the auto mechanic, a bank-teller. Ask God who among them is He wanting to assign to your heart – to pray for (the Great Commitment), to care about (the Great Commandment), or to share with (the Great Commission)?

PRAYER PRINCIPLE

The church has not yet reached the fringe of the possibilities of intercessory prayer. Her largest victories will be witnessed when individual Christians everywhere come to recognize their priesthood unto God and day by day give themselves to prayer.

John R. Mott

ACTION IDEA

Host a prayer meeting at your church or in your home. Ask each individual to represent some continent, some sector of the globe, some nation. Wear signs or symbols of the representation. Get a globe or map. Point to the continents, the nations. Pray – as if you were the missionary to that land, or the native in it. Pray for one another. Pray for the nations. Pray for a global revival and a harvest that follows. Don't pray once in the meeting for personal needs. Pray for the kingdom to come to the earth.

Bible Insights:

“Let us go into the next towns, that I (Jesus) may preach there also, because for this purpose I have come forth.”

Mk. 1:38

Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.” Mt. 9:37-38

And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come. Matt. 24:14

Consider This:

In barely three-hundred years they did it! These early Christians turned the world upside down. The rag-tag band of disciples transformed the pagan Roman Empire into a Christian nation. They faced the lions. They put out the fires of persecution. They shut down the pagan shrines. Wow! We cannot even imagine such an impact on our culture. And they did it without political action committees, without pressure on Roman Senators. They did it through prayer, systematic city-by-city church planting and by an empowering every-member-a-witness philosophy.



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- *Connect on the **Church of God Facebook** page (COGHQ) Monday through Friday for a five-minute prayer time 12:00 noon EST.*
- *Participants can **inform of their participation and offer prayer requests** by calling 1-888-992-6447, or by going online to www.churchofgod.org/prayingforpentecost.*
- *Connect weekly with the **Saturday Night Fire Prayer Call**, 9PM EST, Call-in number: 641-715-3580; Access Code: 466086#.*
- *Pray for the **77th International General Assembly**, July 30-August 3 in Orlando, FL.*