

# Prayer Strategy

## **PURPOSE**

To test for responsiveness to the gospel (spiritual soil test: Matthew 13:18-23)

For God to show us the households and individuals He has already prepared to respond to the gospel--the persons of peace. (Luke 10:1-7 with Acts 16:11-15)

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## **DAY ONE**

Authentic Experiences

Eternal God, you have been the hope and joy of many generations, and who in all ages has given men the power to seek you and in seeking to find you, grant me, I pray you, a clearer vision of your truth, a greater faith in your power, and a more confident assurance of your love. Amen.

Meditate on Psalm 46

Let your praying today be for a true sense of being heard. Do not particularly pray for feeling or for specific answers. Rather pray for the quiet confidence that you are in conversation with your Heavenly Father.

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## **DAY TWO**

**The Attitude of Christ**

Prayer for others who are beginning sojourn.

Meditate on Philippians 2:1-4, 3:15-19

That they will pray with authority and thanksgiving

That they will develop an ache for the lost in the neighborhood

That they will see harvest with the eyes of Christ

That the pray-ers will confess their sins to one another so they will not hide iniquity in their hearts

That their minds and emotions will be renewed so there is not conflict between the Lord's priorities and theirs.

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### **DAY THREE**

Total Prayer

For blessings over the entire area

Meditate on I Timothy 2:1-6

That God, by His Spirit, will move on every home and business to restrain wrong and refresh right

That the Lord will pour out His Spirit on the area and raise the level of awareness of God during these weeks

That the Lord's power will be on each Christian in the area

That believers will have a growing burden for their own neighborhood

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### **DAY FOUR**

Radical Prayer

Equipping those coming together to strongly see the core of the kind of struggle we are engaged in

Meditate on Ephesians 6:10-12

For community strength to be in God's enabling not social, economic, educational or any human-created might

For full armor outfitting to withstand any schemes of the Adversary

To clearly see and grasp that our struggle is in no way against other people

To claim authority against the area's spiritual rulers and heavies: binding to incapacitation the spiritual powers ruling over the area

To announce undefeatable light against the dark forces of this world, so lies and half-truths will be exposed for what they are

To have a broken heart and steel will against the spiritual forces of oppressive wickedness in this community directed from invisible places.

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## **DAY FIVE**

Radical Prayer

Equipping those coming together to be spiritual combatants

Meditate on Ephesians 6:13-16

That each individual called to this gathering personally resist assaults against him or her personally

That every person will experience a greater level of personal firmness than ever before, resolutely standing for God

That our core commitment will be truth: reliable in all our relationships

That every person will have invincible integrity, a breastplate against accusations

That we not be so wrapped up in doing our supposed program today,  
that we are unprepared to share the good news of peace now

That trust in God's Word will shield us against all evil targeted "scud"  
attacks

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## **DAY SIX**

Spiritual Warfare

Location and salvation of a person of peace

Meditate on John 4: 31-38

That we may discern and perceive whom the Lord has prepared

Thanksgiving for others who have sown and into whose labor we  
enter

That the Lord will stir up an interest and hunger for Himself in  
people's hearts

That the eyes of people's hearts will be enlightened, to gather fruit for  
life eternal

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## **DAY SIX**

Spiritual Warfare

Specific prayers for persons and oikoses

Meditate on Ephesians 6:17-20, 23-24

Thank the Lord for your salvation and the difference it makes as you  
see the lives of others

Claim in thanksgiving the power of your salvation to helmet your past,  
present, and future

With specific petitions, pray person by person those indicating responsiveness to the gospel

That every participant, regardless of personality or past experiences, will speak boldly, as each one of us ought to speak

That as these intense weeks roll on, our love will be incorruptible

That the prayers of Day Two will expand with power: check them out carefully

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## **DAY SEVEN**

Worship Services

To experience the presence of the Lord in convincing power

Meditate on I Corinthians 13:1-14:3

That Christ's love will be communicated to those who come

That the secrets of hearts will be disclosed through the service's edifications, exhortations, and consolations

That excitement and expectation will grow in the hearts of those who visit

That the Holy Spirit will fill believers with frank boldness

That team members will have sensitivity to the hurts and needs of people

That the team will learn and grow in skills of communicating the truth in love

That in this first service the sense of a mandate from God for this neighborhood will start in the hearts of new believers from this neighborhood

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## **DAY EIGHT**

Spiritual Warfare

Person by Person Praying

Meditate on II Corinthians 10:3-5

That the weapons of our warfare are not of human ingenuity, manipulations, or psychological games--they are not of the flesh

That there are fortresses that need demolition: Lord, make us demolition teams for uprightness

Intercede today according to the pattern of Days Three and Four

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## **DAY NINE**

Specific Communities

Meditate on Luke 14:7-24

That God will deepen their understanding and desire for Him

That they will sense in a greater way that they have nowhere else to turn

That God will use the special uniqueness of their circumstances to create hunger in their hearts and ready them for team visitors

That God will stir up those with a calling to minister to those with special needs

That backslidden Christians will have new opportunities to repent and return to their hot faith in Christ

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## **DAY TEN**

The Hidden Future

Meditate on Ecclesiastes 11:1-12:1

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## **DAY ELEVEN**

The Freedom of the Gospel

Salvation and Spiritual Freedom in the Area

Meditate on I Thessalonians 3:1-5

Pray for the rapid and radiant spread of the Word

That any with devious intentions will be thwarted by God's providence

That steadfastness will characterize our labors

Pray according to the patterns of Days Four and Five

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## **DAY TWELVE**

Reception of the Gospel

Person-specific praying where God has revealed His truth

Meditate on I Thessalonians 1:1-10

That they will be sufficiently freed from the things which would blind their understanding

Blessings and preparation of the hearts to hear and respond to the Word

For God to ready the Church to respond to their needs

That God will expose a need so great, that their old answers and philosophies no longer work

That God will put Christians into their lives who will be faithful to the Great Commission task

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## **DAY THIRTEEN**

Spiritual Ministry

The prayer teams and those who prepare to do ministry

Meditate on II Corinthians 1:3-12

That we will help the teams in tough spots today by our prayers

That we will bestow favor on team members by our praying

That God will deliver the teams from dangers He is aware of but are hidden from us

Pray, remembering the prayers of Days One, Six, and Seven

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## **DAY FOURTEEN**

Spiritual Fruit

Eternal Results in Lives

Meditate on I Thessalonians 2:19-3:5

That spiritual fruit in peoples' lives will remain and be incorporated into small groups and a local church

That God will strengthen the initial contacts with the persons of peace

That the conversions will be held tight in good and honest hearts, maturing into solid obedience

That God will prepare the new groups to minister, instruct one another, and care for new believers

That the Holy Spirit will give wisdom to the leadership to follow the steps to keep everything on track

That the new church starts will begin praying for the opportunities to do for others what they have also experienced