

GDOP Guidelines

Join the world in your prayer group, in your local Church, as a community, city town or nation to raise a canopy of prayer across the world on this one day.

Here are some *guidelines* to help you to respond to the call and to organize your event / gathering.

Please take note that these are only suggestions and guidelines.

Primary Purpose

The primary purpose of the Global Day of Prayer is to have a process of Repentance and Prayer where we will ask the Lord:

- To forgive our sins
- For the restoration of the Church
- For the healing of the nations.

All communities are encouraged to stand before the Lord and unite in repentance & prayer for one day a year. We pray from the basis of the following two verses in Scripture:

2 Chronicles 7:14 - "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

Habakkuk 2:14 - "For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."

Choosing a venue

The prayer meeting should be held in a neutral venue and be accessible to the whole community. The venue could be anything from a **prayer room, local church, town hall, tent, office building, sport stadium, school sports grounds, open land, auditorium etc.**

Cities and densely populated areas can host several Day of Repentance and Prayer events at the same time, instead of one major event. This will simplify logistical arrangements, keep costs down and help to get buy-in from the local communities.

When selecting a venue for the Day of Repentance and Prayer, also keep in mind the weather, start/finish time of the event, availability of public transport, number of people expected, etc.

It will be a bonus if the venue has got a good sound system. If you have to hire a sound system, rather spend more money and secure a proper sound system. Remember: A poor sound system can ruin your entire program!

Do's & Don'ts

DO'S

- The Lord Jesus Christ, and Him alone must be lifted high.
- The focus of the day is Repentance and Prayer.
- Speeches & messages should be kept to a minimum.
- Titles of those participating/leading are irrelevant.
- No great names should be promoted or used to draw people.
- The process must be Non-denominational, Non-racial and Non-political.
- "Middle of the Road "songs, choirs, bands, etc. should be used in the program. Try to accommodate as many denominations, churches and communities as possible.
- Invite the community/political leaders to the event, but without a platform to address the crowd.
- Involve the Marketplace leaders by allowing them to sponsor their resources e.g. sound equipment, building of the stage, printing of flyers. It is ok for them to advertise their business by printing their details in flyers or putting up banners.

DON'TS

- No political speeches.
- No marketing of individual ministries.
- No selling of CD's of performing artists.
- No non-Christian activities.