

EVENT 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.”*

GLOBAL DAY OF PRAYER COMMITTEE GUIDELINES

We suggest the formation of a Global Day of Prayer Committee to manage both the event and process. The committee should consist of the following:

1. A number of local pastors or ministry leaders that represents various denominations and contains at least one respected senior church leader. The precondition is that they must have a passion for prayer.
2. Representatives of existing community initiatives that incorporates interdenominational & intercultural Christian leaders from various sectors of the community (e.g. church, business and government). The precondition is that they must have a passion for prayer.

Committee members should whole-heartedly support the vision and spirit of Global Day of Prayer (NO personal agenda’s). They should preferably also serve in the local community initiative(s).

The committee can be responsible for managing all aspects of the process related to the Day of Repentance and Prayer; This includes preparations for the 10 Days of 24/7 prayer preceding the Day of Prayer, the Day of Repentance and Prayer itself, as well as the 90 Days of Blessing following on the Day of Prayer.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE GUIDELINES

A small Program Committee can be set up by the local Global Day of Prayer Committee to plan and coordinate all aspects regarding the program for the Day of Repentance and Prayer (e.g. choir, band, dance group, speaker, theme, prayer topics, intercessors, etc).

The Program Committee reports to the local Global Day of Prayer Committee. People serving on the Program Committee don’t have to be members of the full Global Day of Prayer Committee. The chairperson of the Program Committee, however, should be a member of the full Global Day of Prayer Committee.

It is critical that the Program Committee will be representative of as many denominations and sectors of the community as possible.

A well-structured program for the Day of Repentance and Prayer is important. Not only will it determine the duration of the event, but it will also bring discipline to the day and ensure that the goals set for the day will be achieved. This will ensure that the people participating in the Day will have a positive experience. (Examples of programs are available from the Global Day of Prayer Office)

VENUE GUIDELINES

The prayer meeting should be held in a neutral venue and be accessible to the whole community. The venue could be anything from a sport stadium, school sports grounds, open land, auditorium, tent, prayer house, town hall, church building, 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 expecting, 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 and 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 from the stage are irrelevant.
- No great names should be promoted or used to draw people.
- The process must be **Non-denominational, Non-racial** and **Non-political**.
- The Organising Committee should be representative of the community.
- "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**.
- Positioning of the stage is important (sun, speaker visibility).
- LEAVE THE STADIUM SPOTLESS.
- Have a **Plan B** ready (in case of rain and/or strong wind, etc.)
- **Always strive towards excellence**
 - Program content

- Sound system
- Time keeping

DON'TS

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