

PRACTICAL IDEAS FOR THE 10 DAYS

During the ten days we aim to:

- ✝ Establish 10-day 24-7 prayer watches in every nation, raising a canopy of prayer over the globe, involving the church of Jesus Christ in all nations for revealing the glory of the Lord in the earth (Habakkuk 2:14);
- ✝ Pray for the restoration of the churches to be houses of prayer;
- ✝ Pray for our lost neighbors and the unreached peoples of the world;
- ✝ Pray for the transformation in our congregations, communities, towns/cities, country, continent, socially, economically, and politically.

Two ways to go about participating in the 10 days of prayer

A. Prayer during the 10 days (some suggestions)

- ✝ Pray together daily as families, or any small group meeting in your home.
- ✝ Leave church doors open for small gatherings or plan special prayer times.
- ✝ Fast one or more or all of the 10 days.
- ✝ Pray over the telephone or set up a conference call to pray.
- ✝ Pre-dawn prayer meetings
- ✝ Lunch hour prayer meetings
- ✝ Ask ten churches to unite, each taking one day and do all 24 hours of their day.
- ✝ Do 40 hours of not-stop prayer as a local church.

B. Practical Guidelines 10 Days of Day-and-Night Prayer

We encourage local congregations, communities, cities and nations to spend the 10 days leading up to Pentecost Sunday to pray like the Early Church did in Acts 1.

- ✝ A Prayer Guide is available to give more prayer information to pray more specifically.
- ✝ Get a specific prayer room and have the people come there for the *10 Days*. Be firm on this – this will make the difference.
- ✝ Create a few prayer stations in the prayer room or prayer site, for instance:
 - Worship Wall (music and live worship)
 - Promise Wall (write down Scripture promises and post it on a wall)
 - Prayer Request Wall (have paper available for people to write down prayer requests to post on a wall)

- Answers to Prayer Wall (create some space where people can post answers to prayer)
 - Creative Wall (create some space where people can display their artwork, poems, etc. being done during their prayer times)
 - Wailing Wall (a place where people can post the names of individuals for whom they are praying – sick people, unsaved friends/family members, etc.)
 - Solitude Corner (a space where people can comfortably just be on their own), etc
- ✚ Practical prayer outreaches: where possible, go out and pray for teachers in the schools, the police at the police stations, shop owners, the people at taxi ranks, flea markets, and/or put a prayer stall in a shopping centre for one or two days.
 - ✚ Find a few people with administrative skills to help with all the practical issues.
 - ✚ Make sure there are paper and pens for people to write down poems, prayer requests, answers to prayer, artwork, etc.
 - ✚ Find a few people that will help with transport, bringing people to the prayer room, especially at night.
 - ✚ Make coffee, tea and water available.
 - ✚ Make sure there are bathrooms that will be open 24 hours a day.
 - ✚ If possible, do not have the watch in a local church, except when it is a local church doing a 24-7 watch as a church.
 - ✚ We encourage groups of young people, larger prayer groups, a local church, a number of local churches, or churches in a suburb or a region to raise a *10 Days* watch.
 - ✚ Organize for 24-hour security if necessary, depending on the venue.
 - ✚ Create time for the elderly, as well as young mothers with small children, to come in groups during the day, and for the young people to take slots over the weekend (for instance the whole of Friday night or Saturday night; help them to plan a sleep over in the *Prayer Watch*).
 - ✚ When one watch group takes over from the previous watch group, let there be a hand-over prayer.
 - ✚ It may be a good idea for people that are coming to the watch during the 10 days, to bring clothes, food, furniture, blankets, etc. that can be given to a poor and needy community afterwards. When you give these gifts to a community, go into their homes and pray with them, and bless them in Jesus' Name.
 - ✚ Include worship watches where worship teams can come in for 2 hours, once or twice a day to do a worship watch.

C. A few (for some) way-out Ideas you might consider:

- ✚ Mobilizing your school to pray for 10 days – the parents praying during school hours, you and your fellow students praying the rest of the day, and of course the night.
- ✚ As a youth group taking a 40 hours prayer time over a weekend (Friday evening 18:00 - Sunday 12:00).
- ✚ Joining a few congregations together for *the 10 days*.

- ✝ Doing a *10 Days* e-mail watch – go figure it out!
- ✝ Any other wilder ideas you can come up with...God may be interested.

Do not hesitate to be creative. God's Spirit is a creative Spirit. By the way, He created you!

Caution: We anticipate people becoming so charged-up that they will want to continue "until Jesus returns." Be very careful: rather take a break, plan carefully, and in three or six months' time, do another *10 days*. Eventually you will be able to do it more frequently, asking other congregations to network with yours until you are able to do it 24-7-365.