



Ideas for Implementing Prayer

Choose one, or a combination of several, ideas to implement an effective, strategic prayer focus.

Prayer-focus guide:

(This can be a series of social media posts, bulletin inserts, small group prayer guides, etc.)

- Pray for a moving of the Holy Spirit on all of our hearts.
- Pray for our church to develop God's heart for the world.
- Pray for God to call people from our congregation to step out in mission service among our neighbors, locally and globally.
- Pray for the GIC mission partners as they interact with our congregation.
- Pray for God to give strength to our pastor, church staff, Global Impact Celebration team, musicians, and all others who are involved.
- Pray for our guest speakers as they bring important messages during the GIC.
- Pray for all missionaries who are partners with our church. Pray that their travel is smooth, their ministry continues well while they are gone, and for a time of refreshing as they visit our church.
- Pray that each person will determine to give more and pray more for missions.
- Pray that God would speak, we would hear the amount He wants us to give for Faith Promise, and that our Faith Promise will truly reflect our trust in God.
- Pray for each person to hear from the Lord how they should serve in missions.

Prayer commitment board:

The prayer board is a means of displaying the name, photos, and family and ministry information of the mission partners who will be traveling to the GIC. This board can be simple or elaborate, but it should fit into the current context of your church.

It is also a means by which you can offer and receive commitments to pray for the congregation. For example, you could have cards displaying the mission partners' information. Encourage congregants to grab one card and pray over the missionary for the weeks prior to the GIC. You could also add an indicator that someone is praying for that mission partner. When someone takes a card or makes a prayer commitment, then that person would leave a marker. It means a lot to the mission partners to see all the markers underneath their name when they arrive. For example, every time someone commits to pray, they leave a marble in a jar for that mission partner.



Prayer guide booklet:

The prayer guide booklet is used to mobilize prayer for specific periods. For example, the booklet can be organized in various ways:

- A 30- or 31-day monthly schedule to be used through the year
- Sunday-through-Saturday weekly schedule
- 21 days leading up to the GIC

Each page should feature a specific mission partner. On each mission partner's listing, include a photo, their personal and ministry information, and their specific prayer requests (received when they registered for the GIC). Guest speakers, mission organizations leaders, and other ministry partners can also be listed.

The prayer guide can and should be used to reflect the mission strategy of the church. It is used to personalize the congregation's prayers and involvement in mission, locally and globally. The prayer guide should be utilized regularly in the public services of the church to keep the congregation active in their personal use of the guide.

Prayer walking:

Prayer works because God works! It is not our prayers or our physical presence that accomplishes anything. It is our loving and powerful God Who is present with His people wherever we are and Who hears and answers when we call on Him. Prayer walks are a demonstration of our faith in what God can do.

In the context of missions and your GIC, here are some thoughts for conducting a prayer walk:

- Your congregation could prayer walk your church campus in preparation for the GIC. People could pray for the GIC team as it makes its final preparations, for the congregation to gain new insights and to commit to greater levels of involvement, and for the mission partners, guests, and speakers who are coming to help mobilize your church.
- You could organize stations depicting specific information in the fellowship hall, gym, or hallways for each mission partner who will be attending the GIC. Prayer walkers would move from station to station, pausing at each to pray.
- Consider encouraging prayer walking in the neighborhoods surrounding your church or in sites of special significance in the area.
- Have a globe or world map so people can pray that, through this GIC, workers would be raised up for God's harvest.

Prayer from the pulpit:

It is very effective for pastors to lead the congregation in a short prayer time for different prayer needs around the world during the worship services. Pastors may use the church's annual prayer guide booklet from the pulpit. If you have not yet developed an annual prayer guide booklet, you may choose a current prayer need from one of your mission partners, from a people group you're reaching out to, or for a nation currently in the news.

**Video clips:**

Short video clips are an excellent way to call attention to prayer needs. These videos also provide variety in the ways you communicate needs to the congregation. The videos can be shown on Sunday morning, across social media platforms, emailed out to the congregation, or shared with small groups and Sunday school classes.

Social Media Series on Prayer:

A social media series could be used leading up to the GIC for prayer. Topics to be covered could include countries that are least reached or that your congregation is partnered with, different needs in missions, or mission partners of the church.

These posts could be educational and inspirational focusing on certain geographical regions or focusing on people groups. These posts can also focus on prayer for the upcoming GIC.