movement prayer

Key Prayer Points for Movements

Overview

Effective prayer for Disciple Making Movements begins by knowing what to ask. Prayer is the lifeblood of movements and has played a key role in the explosive growth of new disciples in some of the hardest to reach places.

One of these places is in West Africa, where God has used Shodankeh Johnson to raise up over 10,000 intercessors locally and thousands more globally. From March 2005 to 2019, he and his team have witnessed the launching of 24 Disciple Making Movements with over 11,000 new churches and over 500,000 new believers. An essential aspect of their strategy is specific, focused prayer. Below are the ten key points they pray for on an ongoing basis.

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Please pray for:

1. God to send laborers into the harvest field and increase the number of disciple makers and intercessors

> Jesus told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field." Luke 10:2
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> "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:19, 20

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2. God to touch the hearts of people and draw them to Himself

> The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord, Like the rivers of water; He turns it wherever He wishes. Proverbs 21:1 NKJV
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> "Stop grumbling among yourselves," Jesus answered. "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day. It is written in the Prophets: 'They will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard the Father and learned from Him comes to Me." John 6:43-45

3. Open doors for the gospel message

> And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. Colossians 4:3, 4

4. Persons of peace to be discovered in communities

> "When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.' If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house." Luke 10:5-7

5. Every stronghold and lie of the enemy to be broken

> For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.
> 2 Corinthians 10:3-5
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> One who is wise can go up against the city of the mighty and pull down the stronghold in which they trust. Proverbs 21:22

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6. Fresh anointing and boldness for the disciple makers

> "The Spirit of the Lord is on Me because He has anointed Me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free." Luke 4:18
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> "And now, O Lord, hear their threats, and give us, Your servants, great boldness in preaching Your word." … Then they preached the word of God with boldness. Acts 4:29, 31b NLT
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> He proclaimed the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ—with all boldness and without hindrance! Acts 28:31

7. Increase in signs and wonders

> "Stretch out Your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of Your holy servant Jesus." Acts 4:30
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> by the power of signs and wonders, through the power of the Spirit of God. … I have fully proclaimed the gospel of Christ. Romans 15:19
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> My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power. 1 Corinthians 2:4, 5

8. Protection and provision for workers

> "I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves." Matthew 10:16
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> "… Holy Father, protect them by the power of Your name, the name You gave Me, so that they may be one as We are one." John 17:11b
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> "My prayer is not that You take them out of the world but that You protect them from the evil one." John 17:15

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But let all who take refuge in You be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread Your protection over them, that those who love Your name may rejoice in You. Psalm 5:11

You are my hiding place; You will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance. Psalm 32:7

"Because he loves Me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges My name." Psalm 91:14

And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19

9. Rapid multiplication of the work that results in movements

"This is to My Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be My disciples." John 15:8

So God's message continued to spread. The number of believers greatly increased ... Acts 6:7a NLT

... brothers and sisters, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you. 2 Thessalonians 3:1b

10. Other movements and disciple makers around the world

We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. I Thessalonians 1:2, 3

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Additional Resources

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