



Pray for everyone listed in a telephone directory.

- Cut the pages of a telephone book into small sections of approximately 50 names (25 on the front, 25 names on the back.)
- Ask church members to take one or more of the lists and pray for each name specifically until every name is lifted to God many times.

We must commit to prayer walking through every neighborhood!

It's hard to improve on PRAYERWALKING if you want to create a more personal connection with the people for whom you are praying. Here's how it works:

- Enlist church members who will go to assigned areas on a given date and time, walking slowly down assigned streets, praying for the people in each house. We suggest working in teams of two, with an assignment of 30-35 homes per team.
- Encourage teams to take additional assignments until every house in your area is prayed for at least once (more than once is even better— even if it means additional prayer walks).
- As you walk, be alert to witnessing and ministry opportunities that God may provide as you do PRAYERWALKING.

PRAYERWALKS should also be done through targeted areas for new work starts.

We must fast and pray on a regular basis!

It appears from Jesus' statement in *Matthew 6:16*, "When you fast..." that the act of fasting was expected from His children. Fasting and prayer are certainly beneficial to the life of believers and to the work of God's kingdom. As a point of spiritual brokenness and discipline, we must earnestly pray and fast for genuine revival across Ohio, our nation, and the world.

We must also begin a local church Intercessory Prayer Ministry.

Praying for the needs of others – that's intercessory prayer. It can be done by an individual, a small group, or the whole church family meeting together, whether it's during a mid-week prayer meeting, prayer chain, or worship service.

We also encourage the use of the **Companion Manual**. It lists the names of each church, mission, and Baptist Collegiate Ministry as a prayer day. On this day, participants are encouraged to lead the membership to pray for revival and spiritual awakening across Ohio. At the same time, Christians from other churches, missions, and Baptist Collegiate Ministries are encouraged to pray for those listed on a particular day.

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Prayer

It's one of the greatest evangelistic tools available to the church as part of the overall strategy for sharing Christ with every person in Ohio and around the world.

Just imagine it. As a continuation of CELEBRATE JESUS 2000, every person in every community, neighborhood, town, and city will have an opportunity to say "yes" to God's love. Yet the single most important link to success isn't just the army of witnesses who will be mobilized, or the organizational skills, denomination, enthusiasm, and dedication of your church. Everything will rise or fall on the simplest ingredient of all — on an activity anyone can do, from the smallest child to the most elderly adult.

Everything will rise or fall on prayer.

Jesus told His followers "...that men ought always to pray, and not to faint." (Luke 18:1)

We must pray:

- **Because** millions of people in Ohio need to be saved.
- **Because** nothing genuine and lasting for God is done without prayer.
- **Because** only through prayer and the Holy Spirit can believers become pure, committed, and empowered vessels for God.
- **Because** the fires of evangelism have gone out in many churches and only prayer will relight the flame.
- **Because** this land, engulfed in humanism, immorality, superficial religion, and unbelief, needs revival that only flows from the fountain of prayer.



It is imperative that you lead your church to pray for the salvation of the lost people in your community, across Ohio, in other areas of our nation and the world.

OUR FOCUS: EVANGELISTIC PRAYING

We urge you and your church to create a special focus on evangelistic praying. Evangelistic praying consists of two elements: 1) Praying for the laborers; 2) praying for the salvation of lost people.

PRAYING FOR LABORERS

In order to present the gospel to every person in Ohio and around the world, all believers must join together as a great army willing to dedicate precious time and energy to the job. Where will those laborers come from? Jesus said, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest." (Matthew 9:38, KJV)

- **Ask** God to remove excuses and fears that prevent His followers from being harvest laborers.
- **Ask** God to give His laborers boldness to clearly present the gospel until everyone has heard the good news.
- **Ask** God to help His laborers recognize the opportunities He gives them to share His gospel each day.
- **Ask** God to make you a laborer in His harvest.
- **Ask** God to convict every Christian of the need to be a harvest laborer.

PRAYING FOR THE LOST

We should pray for the salvation of the lost because:

- **It is God's command.** "I exhort ye therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men." (1 Timothy 2:1)
- **It is God's desire** for the lost to be saved. "...God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth." (1 Timothy 2:3-4)
- **Those who do not believe need someone** to share the good news with them. "In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them." (II Corinthians 4:4)
- **Those who do not believe will perish** if they do not accept the good news. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." (John 3:36)

As for "how" to pray, here are some specific strategies for mobilizing your congregation to pray in ways that will be personally exciting and rewarding for all involved. However, these are just suggestions— your own church leaders may come up with other unique approaches that suit your church even better.

We must pray for everyone by name!

It helps to go to the one book that lists those names—the telephone book. In large cities, the telephone directory could be divided among the churches (the local association may need to help coordinate a cooperative effort).