

Mission-Moultrie-24/7-Prayer

Adopt-A-Day-To-Pray!

Our strategy is simple—every church in Colquitt County can adopt a full day of prayer (24 hours) or a half-day of prayer (12 hours) every month. If you choose a day or half-day, you will be responsible to cover this 24 or 12 hour period each month. For example, you can choose (1st of each month, 2nd of each month, 3rd of each month...etc...31st)

If you would like to “adopt-a-day-to-pray”, in unity with the Christian Community of Colquitt County, please see the attached ***Mission-Moultrie-24/7-Prayer*** information and contact John Eubanks at 229-873-5740 or jweubanks60@gmail.com

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Strategy & Model...from: americaprays.org

Jesus' heart for the Church could not have been any clearer—"My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations" (Mark 11:17). It has always been God's plan for every local church and fellowship in every nation to become houses of prayer. The question is: how do we help churches develop a culture and rhythm of prayer?

Our prayer strategy is an expression of the Moravian prayer movement that began in Herrnhut, Germany in 1727 under the leadership of Count Zinzendorf. That year, a few believers covenanted to start a 24/7 prayer chain with at least two people praying every hour. Little did they know that their prayer watch would last over 100 years. By 1791, the Moravians had prayed non-stop for 65 years and sent over 300 missionaries around the world. *We ask every church to adopt a monthly day of prayer and cover those 12 or 24 hours in prayer. The goal is for every church to develop a culture and rhythm of prayer and one way to do that is to adopt a monthly day of prayer.*

OUR STRATEGY IS:

- *Simple*
- *Unifying*
- *Pastor-led*
- *Local-church-based*
- *Powerful*
- *Sustainable*

Our strategy is *simple*—every church in Colquitt County, America and around the world can adopt a full day of prayer (24 hours) or a half day of prayer (12 hours) every month. Churches with 20 members and 1000 members can all participate. The monthly day of prayer is **not** the end game—it's the on-ramp.

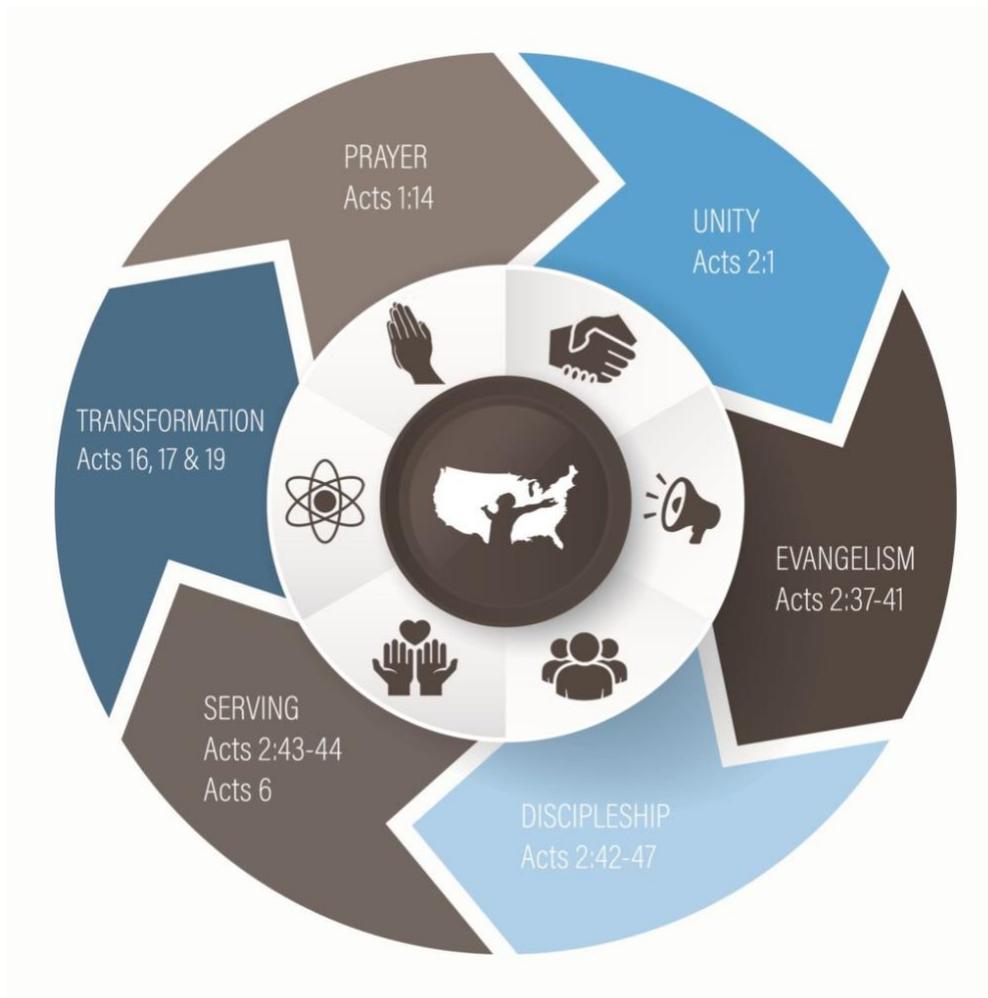
Our strategy is *unifying*—Baptist, Reformed, Protestant, Pentecostal, and non-denominational churches can all adopt a day of prayer and do it their way at their church. They lead their own monthly day of prayer, but then they come together to cover their city in prayer in monthly, quarterly and annual gatherings, which produces a greater level of unity and trust between pastors.

Our strategy is *pastor-led*—it empowers the senior pastor to lead his church in prayer. It honors the pastor's authority as God's appointed leader for the church.

Our strategy is *local-church-based*—it engages churches in prayer and includes the intercessors, who are already praying, but also church members who may not attend a corporate praying meeting. People can pray from home, school, a college dorm, a coffee shop, or their home. We believe in the local church is at the center of God's plan for the redemption of the world.

Our strategy is *powerful*—when churches in a city and state pray for the same things, that targeted and focused prayer is strategic and powerful. This reflects the power of agreement, as Jesus said in Matthew 18:10, "Truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven."

Our strategy is *sustainable*—since every church is only responsible for one day of prayer a month (or more if they want), it does not burn out any single church. Local churches have been praying 24/7 for 10 years now in Austin and Bellingham. This model has staying power. You can't fake 24/7 prayer for 10 straight years with churches from across the theological spectrum and still be growing and thriving.



Model... of spiritual awakening is based on the Book of Acts.

1. PRAYER—We believe that all human and spiritual transformation begins with prayer and is fueled by and sustained by prayer. The first thing the disciples did after Jesus ascended to heaven was to rush to the Upper Room and devote themselves to unceasing prayer. Acts 1:14, *“They were continually devoting themselves to prayer.”* The Holy Spirit uses prayer to unite His church and break down denominational, theological, ethnic, and socio-economic walls that separate us from each other.

2. UNITY—Unceasing prayer brought the disciples to a level of unity they hadn’t experienced before. There were a lot of rivalries, jealousies, and competition among the disciples, but when they devoted themselves to prayer, God began to unite them with one heart for one purpose. Acts 2:1, *“They were all in one accord in one place.”*

3. EVANGELISM—When the church is united, the Holy Spirit releases a fresh power in evangelism that results in exponential convert growth. Acts 2:37, *“Those who embraced his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to the believers that day.”* Three thousand believers were added to the church in a single day when they began to walk in unity.

The purpose and outcome of unity is that people will get saved. The most credible witness to the world that Jesus is Lord is a unified church. Jesus prayed in John 17:21, *“May all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.”* Only a united church can heal a divided nation.

4. DISCIPLESHIP—Jesus never called us to win converts, but to make disciples. Once people make a decision for Christ, it is the church’s privilege and responsibility to nurture them and disciple them into full devotion to Christ. We believe that discipleship happens best through the local church, and especially in the context of small groups. Acts 2:42, *“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.”*

5. SERVICE—The early followers of Christ were contagious and multiplied rapidly largely because of their passion for Jesus and their compassion for people. They were generous with their resources and shared with anyone who was in need. Acts 2:44-45, *“All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they shared with anyone who was in need.”* By the time we get to Acts 6, we see that the church took on the responsibility of feeding and caring for widows. We believe that a praying church is a compassionate church.

Serving the poor is not an add-on to the Gospel—it’s at the heart of the Gospel message. In His very first sermon, Jesus declared in Luke 4:18, *“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.”* Jesus made it clear that the Gospel has a special application for the poor. James 1:27 confirms the importance of serving the poor: *“Pure and undefiled religion before our God and Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress.”* Compassionate service confirms our message that God is love.

6. TRANSFORMATION—The disciples didn't grow big churches that were isolated but they understood from the beginning that their calling was to be the light of the world (Matthew 5:14). The early followers of Christ transformed every culture and society they came into contact with. People would bring their occult books to the town square and burn them publicly and embrace Jesus as Lord (Acts 19:19).

In Acts 19:25-27, so many people in the city of Ephesus were getting saved and forsaking the worship of the goddess Diana and other gods that it was disrupting their economy that was built on idol worship. Acts 17:6 gives us insight into the kind of transformation impact they were having on cities: *“These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also.”* Transformation of society is the real biblical evidence that a spiritual awakening is taking place in a city or nation.

Mission-Moultrie-24/7-Prayer-Focus

Churches can include additional prayer requests, but these are the 8 main areas we are praying for:

1. PRAY FOR PERFECT UNITY OF THE CHURCH. Pray for the perfect unity Jesus prayed for, and that the unified Body of Christ in Moultrie and Colquitt County would be a glorious witness of Jesus and of the Father's love for us. Pray that denominational, theological, and ethnic walls will come down so that pastors will love each other, pray together, and serve each other. (John 17:20-23; Psalm 133:1; Ephesians 4:3-6)

2. PRAY FOR A NATIONAL SPIRITUAL AWAKENING. Pray that Jesus will revive and awaken the Church in Colquitt County and our nation to the greatness and supremacy of Jesus. Pray that God will pour out His Spirit on America and forgive our sin and heal our land. Pray that millions of Americans will be convicted by the Holy Spirit, repent of their sins, and turn to God with all their hearts. (2 Chron. 7:14; Daniel 9:18-19; Psa. 85:6; Hab. 3:2; Acts 2:37-41)

3. PRAY FOR UNBELIEVERS TO BE SAVED. Pray that people's hearts will be opened to repent of their sins and confess Jesus as Savior. Pray that every person in Colquitt County and in the world will be able to hear the Gospel in their native language. Pray to the Lord of the Harvest to send out labors into the harvest field. (Luke 10:2; Matthew 9:37-38; 24:14; Romans 10:1; 2 Peter 3:9; Acts 26:18; Luke 5:32; Jere. 24:7; Deut. 29:4)

4. Pray for Pastors to preach the truth of the Gospel in love and walk in the fear and admonition of the Lord, unhindered by the fear of man (1 Tim. 6:11-16)

5. PRAY FOR FAMILIES. Pray that Jesus will heal, restore, and strengthen every marriage and family. Pray that husbands will love their wives like Christ loves the church and that wives will respect and submit to their husbands. Pray that the hearts of parents will be turned toward their children to love them and raise them in a God-honoring way. Pray that the hearts of children be turned toward their parents in love, honor, respect and obedience. (Genesis 2:24; Joshua 24:15; Psalm 127:3-5; Malachi 4:6; Ephesians 5:22-33; Ephesians 6:1-4)

6. PRAY FOR RACIAL RECONCILIATION. Pray that God will heal our nation of racism and use the church to stand against racial conflict, violence, and prejudice. The church must lead the way in racial reconciliation by modeling love and respect for every person regardless of the color of their skin or their ethnic background. (Romans 10:12-13, Galatians 3:28, Acts 10:28, Acts 10:34-35, John 7:24, 1 John 2:9, James 2:9, Revelation 7:9)

7. PRAY FOR LIFE TO BE VALUED AND PROTECTED THROUGH ALL STAGES OF LIFE, BEGINNING AT CONCEPTION. Pray for God to break the culture of death in America and restore a culture of life. Pray for legalized abortion to come to an end. (Psalm 139:13-16; Jeremiah 1:5; Proverbs 24:11; Deuteronomy 21:8-9)

8. PRAY FOR LOCAL AND NATIONAL GOVERNMENT LEADERS. Pray that God will help them make wise decisions and govern with integrity, justice, and mercy. (1 Tim. 2:1-2; Rom. 13:1; 1 Pet. 2:17; Titus 3:1-2; Micah 6:8)

Steps to Launch a Day of Prayer

1. ADOPT A DAY OF PRAYER

Sign up for a monthly full day of prayer (24 hours) or half day of prayer (12 hours). Your church will pray the same day of the month (1st, 8th) or day of the week (2nd Wednesday, 4th Friday).

2. APPOINT A PRAYER COORDINATOR

The Prayer Coordinator is a member of the church, who under the leadership of the pastor, can organize, schedule and provide general leadership for the church's prayer activities (including the day of prayer). This person must have an active and healthy prayer life, a good reputation in and outside of church, and have the ability to lead in prayer and mobilize others to pray.

3. SHARE THE VISION

The Pastor shares the vision with the church during Sunday morning services a few weeks before the first monthly day of prayer. Points to include:

- Share the goals behind the day of prayer
- Affirm the prayer coordinator and his/her role
- Encourage people to sign up for 30 – 60 minute prayer slots

4. RECRUIT & FOLLOW UP

Using prayer commitment cards or sign up sheets during or after services, have people sign up for a prayer time slot.

Print and distribute simple prayer points to those who sign up (suggestions on how to pray during their committed prayer time including specific and measurable prayer points to pray for the church, city and state).

The Prayer Coordinator follows up with those who sign up (through text, email or the church's preferred method of communication), with prayer points, scheduled time reminders, encouragement, etc. and works on getting all the time slots filled by prayer partners.

5. PRAY

Prayer partners pray during their selected times on your monthly day of prayer from home, school, work or church. This will help them make prayer a daily lifestyle.

Creative Ideas to Cover 24hr. Day of Prayer

- * Pray for Spiritual Awakening for yourself, your family & everyone you know.
- * Pray over list of church members & cry-out for spiritual awakening for each
- * Put out list of names & phone# so each person to call and remind the next.
- * Churches partner together to cover 24 hours of prayer.
- * Individuals partner together to cover one or more hours of prayer.
- * Small Groups (Bible Study, Youth, Sunday School, etc) cover hours of prayer.
- * Make a space available (prayer room, sanctuary) for 'come & go prayer'.
- * Call an "All Night Prayer Vigil" at a location to cover difficult midnight hours.
- * Pastors call extended prayer meetings on their churches "day of prayer".
- * Couples partner together to cover their hours of prayer.
- * Families find creative ways to involve children in covering hours of prayer.
- * Fast and pray a meal to cover an hour of prayer at work, school or home.
- * Find a peaceful, worshipful place outdoors to spend your hour of prayer.
- * Play praise & worship music & have song book available during prayer.
- * Pray the scriptures out-loud during prayer (Psalms, Paul's Prayers, etc...)
- * Prayer Meetings to concentrate prayer on one or more of 8-Prayer-Focuses
- * Pray on Courthouse Square (for local Government, First Responders..etc..)
- * Pray at Hope House Crisis Pregnancy Center for protection of the unborn.
- * Pray over a list of pastors & churches, a list of schools, a map of county etc..
- * Have "Prayer Walk" focused on one or more of 8-Prayer-Focuses.

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