



**HOW TO LAUNCH A
MONTHLY DAY OF PRAYER
AT YOUR CHURCH
PASTORS' GUIDE**



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a word from

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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 a house of prayer. But how can we help your church and others develop a culture of prayer and mission?

Many years ago, I was gripped by the story of the Moravian prayer movement that began in 1727. Under the leadership of Count Zinzendorf, the Moravian community had at least two people praying every hour 24 hours a day. Their prayer lasted for over 100 years! This devotion to unceasing prayer moved them to missions and by 1791, they had sent out over 300 missionaries around the world.

I believe that Jesus is calling His church back to the place of prayer. As my dear mentor Dick Eastman says,

"The degree to which prayer is mobilized is the degree to which the world will be evangelized."

The vision of America Prays is to unite and equip 40,000 churches in 24/7 prayer for a national spiritual awakening. Our model makes it simple for every church in America to engage in prayer. Churches adopt a monthly day of prayer and cover a full day or half day in prayer every month. People sign up to pray in 30-60 minute segments from home, school, work or church.

This is a pastor-led, local church-based, Christ-exalting movement. Since October 2017, we have launched prayer movements in 17 states. I am grateful that churches from many different theological streams have partnered with us. Will you unite your church in prayer? If you are willing, we can help.



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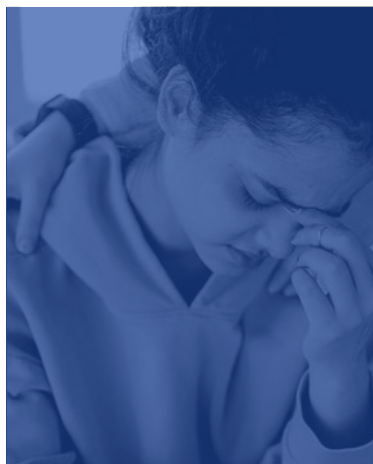
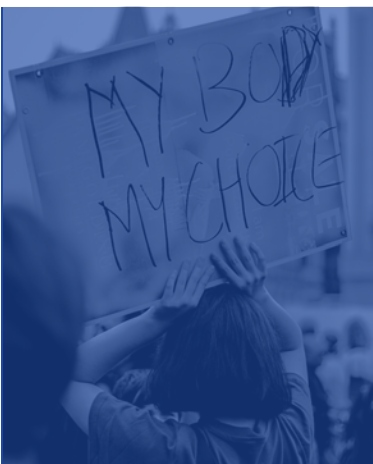
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We know that the immense challenges that America faces can only be solved by God.

We believe that if the church unites in prayer, God will hear from heaven and respond in incredible ways. We have developed a simple, doable strategy that engages churches in 24/7 prayer for God to bring awakening and transformation our nation.



Only 5% of churches in America have any kind of organized prayer ministry, and yet in a large survey, pastors indicated that the number one need at their church is more prayer. We want to help local churches develop a culture of prayer and equip believers to pray more effectively.

OUR VISION

**TO UNITE
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OUR STRATEGY

OUR STRATEGY IS SIMPLE

Every church in America and around the world can adopt a full day of prayer (24 hours) or a half-day of prayer (12 hours) every month.

OUR STRATEGY IS SUSTAINABLE

Since every church is only responsible for one day of prayer a month, their commitment does not lead to burnout. Local churches have been praying 24/7 for 13 years now in Austin, Texas and Bellingham, Washington, and for 5 years in New Mexico. This strategy has staying power.

OUR STRATEGY IS PASTOR-LED

It seeks to empower the senior pastor to lead his church in prayer. It honors his authority as God's appointed leader for the church. Pastors are free to lead the monthly ay of prayer In the way that fits his church culture and expression.

OUR STRATEGY ENGAGES EVERYONE IN THE CHURCH

The call to prayer is not solely for pastors and leaders. We seek to engage whole churches in prayer. Church members of every age can join in prayer using this strategy. They can pray from home, school, a college dorm, a coffee shop, or their home.



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SIMPLE STEPS TO LAUNCH A DAY OF PRAYER

Visit AmericaPrays.org for more detailed information

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ADOPT A DAY OF PRAYER

Sign up your church for a monthly day of prayer for your city (12 or 24 hrs).

Your volunteers (prayer partners) will pray on the same day every month during the time slot they each choose.

SCAN THIS CODE TO ADOPT A DAY OF PRAYER



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CHOOSE A PRAYER COORDINATOR

Choose a member of your church to organize and mobilize the church's prayer activities under pastoral guidance.

This person should have an active prayer life, a servant's heart, and the ability to lead others in a lifestyle of prayer.

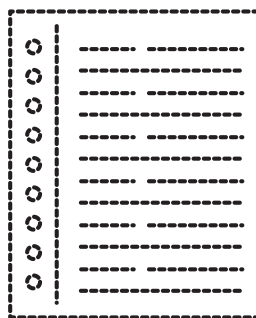
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SHARE THE VISION

Share the vision with your church during Sunday services a few weeks before the first monthly day of prayer.

Encourage people to sign up to pray for 30 or 60 minutes on the church's day of prayer.



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RECRUIT PRAYER PARTNERS

Give people multiple opportunities to sign up to pray.

If possible, set up tables to help them sign up before and after services for a few weeks before the first monthly day of prayer.

You can create a physical sign-up sheet for your members to sign up for a prayer slot or you can use an online sign-up form by going to SignUpGenius.com and creating a free account.

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PRAY FROM ANYWHERE

Prayer partners can pray from home, school, work, church, etc.

Together they will cover their city and country in prayer for 12 or 24 hours.

Send reminders on a monthly basis before the church's day of prayer.



PRACTICES THAT SUSTAIN THE DAY OF PRAYER

SEND REMINDERS ON A MONTHLY BASIS

A few days before your monthly day of prayer, send an email, text or both to remind prayer partners to set aside time to pray during their chosen prayer slot.

ENCOURAGE MEMBERS TO SHARE THEIR PRAYER REQUESTS AND SHARE THEM WITH PRAYER PARTNERS AS APPROPRIATE

Share prayer requests as they come in via email, text, in the context of small groups, or from the pulpit. Be careful not to share prayer requests that are private. Brian Alarid always says, "You care for whoever you pray for." This practice will create community and genuine love and concern among your members.

CELEBRATE ANSWERED PRAYERS

When you hear about an answered prayer at your church, ask the person if you can share that with prayer partners. This will fuel prayer partners to continue praying and will encourage them to believe God for more answers to their prayers.

ENGAGE EVERYONE IN THE CHURCH

Remember to encourage every member to participate. Young people and children can also begin praying, even if they have to start with 10-20 minutes of prayer. Let them know that their prayers matter and give them a chance to share answered prayer with their peers and the rest of the church.

RHYTHM OF UNITED PRAYER & SERVICE



UNCEASING PRAYER

For the last 14 years, pastors and believers have been covering Austin, Texas in 24/7 prayer. Today, over 100 churches are part of the Unceasing Prayer Movement. People from all over the city gather quarterly to pray together and special prayer gatherings consistently unite pastors in relationship and city transformation.

It was in Austin that Brian Alarid was inspired to take 24/7 prayer to Albuquerque and eventually New Mexico. Before long, God had made it clear that what started in Austin had to reach the whole nation, and America Prays was born. In Texas alone, there are 24/7 movements associated with America Prays in Austin, Dallas-Fort Worth, Abilene, and Houston.

NEW MEXICO PRAYS

On January 1, 2017, five pastors launched New Mexico Prays with the vision of covering the state in 24/7 prayer. To date, 120 churches in 27 cities have adopted a monthly day of prayer for a spiritual awakening in the state.

Thousands gather annually for National Day of Prayer and hundreds of pastors attend the annual Pastors' Day at the Capitol to pray for their government leaders. Over 150 pastors and leaders gather quarterly to pray, churches are coming together to serve their communities and the Gospel is being preached through united evangelistic outreaches.

- America Pray has adopted a prayer rhythm patterned after the National Prayer Accord, developed by Jonathan Edwards prior to the First Great Awakening.
- Once churches adopt a monthly day of prayer, we encourage them to add a weekly prayer meeting, connect with other churches once a quarter for prayer, worship, and celebration, and gather annually on the National Day of Prayer.
- This rhythm of prayer fosters unity among churches and pastors from various backgrounds and denominations. As pastors and churches unite, we invite them to begin meeting the needs of their communities together.



AMERICA PRAYS' PRAYER POINTS

These are the prayer points that unite us across the nation, but you can add others that are important to your community

PRAY FOR PEOPLE 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 the world will be able to hear the Gospel in their native language. Pray for 5 people by name who are far from God, care for them, and share Jesus with them.

PRAY FOR A NATIONAL SPIRITUAL AWAKENING

Pray that Jesus will revive the Church and awaken 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 FOR UNITY AMONG PASTORS & CHURCHES

Pray that denominational, theological, and ethnic walls will come down so that pastors will love each other, pray together, and serve each other.

PRAY FOR FAMILIES

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. Pray that children will respect and obey their parents.





PRAY FOR RACIAL RECONCILIATION

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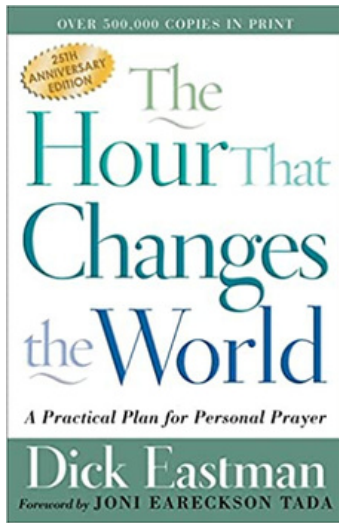
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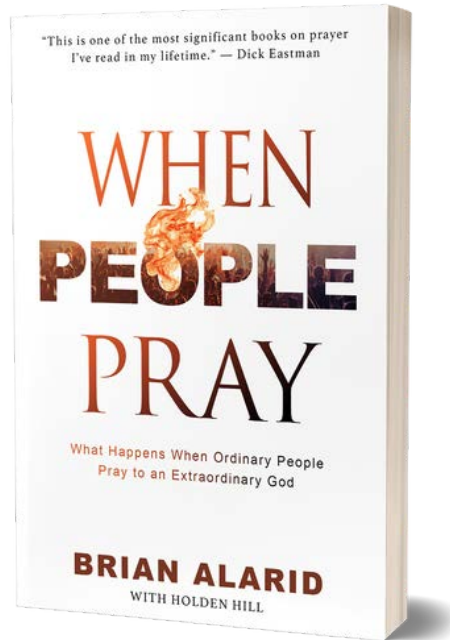
RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Visit AmericaPrays.org to view and download resources. If you want to learn more about America Prays, its story, strategy, and ways to engage your church in prayer, we recommend these books, which are available on Amazon.



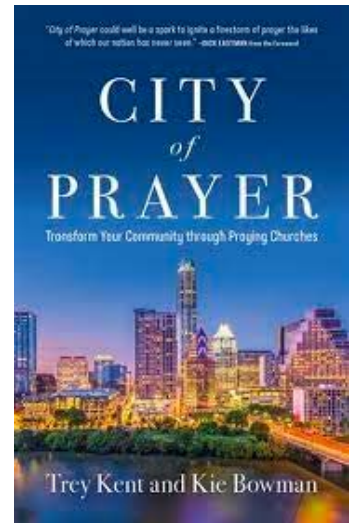
THE HOUR THAT CHANGES THE WORLD BY DICK EASTMAN

A classic book with a 21st century challenge. More than two million Christians around the world have revitalized their prayer lives through the step-by-step plan of prayer in this book. Your church will be challenged by the Chairman of our Board, to spend one hour each day in prayer by dividing the hour into twelve five-minute "points of focus," such as praise, waiting, confession, and Scripture praying.



WHEN PEOPLE PRAY BY BRIAN ALARID

In *When People Pray*, our President & CEO, Brian Alarid, tells us the story of America Prays and takes us on a personal journey that led him to discover that small prayers, bold prayers, sun-stand-still-prayers, and impossible prayers have one thing in common—they all find their answers in Jesus, who changes everything, especially us.



CITY OF PRAYER BY TREY KENT

Imagine a city where more than 100 churches and thousands of believers pray in an unceasing way, 24/7, for their community and for revival and spiritual awakening. That is happening in Austin, Texas, and now in city after city across the country. *City of Prayer: Transform Your Community through Praying Churches* by Pastors Trey Kent and Kie Bowman tells the story. Plus it shows the reader how this can happen in any community.

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PRACTICAL TIPS FOR PASTORS/LEADERS & PRAYER COORDINATORS

Adapted from "The Prayer Saturated Church" by Cheryl Sacks

Creating and fostering a culture of prayer in your church or ministry is largely dependent upon a positive working relationship between the pastor/leader and the prayer coordinator. It is important for pastors, leaders and prayer coordinators to show mutual respect for one another and communicate openly about vision, expectations and goals.

PASTORS/LEADERS

- Model a strong personal prayer life and participate in the church's day of prayer.
- Honor and respect the prayer coordinator and publicly affirm his/her role.
- Help your prayer coordinator recruit prayer partners
- Draw your prayer leader into the leadership circle so prayer becomes a part of the fabric of the church/ministry.

PRAYER COORDINATORS

- Pray for your pastor/leader and his/her family daily.
- Always speak highly of your pastor/leader.
- Allow the pastor/leader to lead the process and set the pace for prayer activities.
- Seek your pastor/leader's advice before asking anyone to serve in a leadership role.
- Be patient with the process of becoming a praying church/ministry. It takes time.



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CHURCH/MINISTRY PRAYER COORDINATOR ROLE DESCRIPTION

The Prayer Coordinator is a member of the church or ministry, who under the leadership of the pastor/leader, fosters a strong culture of prayer by organizing, scheduling, and facilitating the prayer activities of the church/ministry .

GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Promotes prayer publicly
- Organizes days of corporate prayer & fasting
- Mobilizes prayer during crises
- Informs staff and/or church about local, national and International prayer initiatives
- Prepares and/or distributes prayer guides to prayer partners.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Must be an active member of the church/ministry
- Strong prayer life
- Supportive of the vision of the pastor/leader
- Love for people
- Spiritual maturity
- Ability to form and lead a prayer team
- Good conflict resolution skills
- Strong written and oral communication skills

DAY OF PRAYER TASKS

- Organizes church/ministry monthly day of prayer
- Recruits prayer partners who pray 30-60 minutes during the day of prayer
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Pray that God will give them wisdom to make wise decisions and to govern with integrity, justice, and mercy.

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