

Pray938

C.E. Prayer Week

30 Jan - 6 Feb 2022

"And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Matthew 9:35-38

Christian Endeavor passionately works to raise up and equip the next generation to build God's Kingdom. A tangible practice of this is the daily habit of "Pray938". Each day, set an alarm as a reminder to 'pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest'. This simple but effective 'prayer break' that interrupts whatever you are doing and reminds you of the need for workers to be sent out into the world to spread the good news about Jesus will set the tone for your focus and heart's desire each day.

Technology is almost inescapable in our world today. This brings challenges and distractions, but is also an incredible opportunity for connection, focus and encouragement. During Prayer Week, find creative ways to leverage technology to Pray938 with others in your community, region, and around the world!

Creative Prayer Ideas

If you're meeting with others, whether online or in-person for daily prayer during C.E.'s Prayer Week, try out the ideas on the following pages for incorporating creativity into your times of prayer:

<https://www.worldce.org/prayerweek>



Creative Prayer Ideas

- World Cup Prayer - Break into small groups. Have each group choose a country to pray for its needs. Maximize the impact of this approach by pulling a few facts in advance for a select number of countries to choose from. Maximize the impact even more by having competitions later in the session between the different countries.
- Shirt Tag - Have everyone in the room check the shirt tags of their neighbor calling out the country where their shirt was made. Share a few interesting facts about those countries if you know them. Then take turns praying for the people who made your shirts as well as God's work in those countries.
- PowerPoint Country - Put the outline of a country that youth may not know that is in the news for some reason. Give youth a chance to guess what country it is. Provide a few facts about how many Christians live there, what other religions exist in that country, and a few needs missionaries have. The organization Operation World has periodic books that are published with great information on countries and their spiritual climate.
- PowerPoint Flag - Put a country's flag on a slide and ask who knows which country it is from. After they guess it or you tell them the answer, provide information about the country and missionary needs in that country. Then pray for these needs.
- Simultaneous Prayer - Have everyone pray outloud at the same time. This is how pray is done in many cultures around the world. It will be weird at first to many youth but after a few times many will prefer this manner to just one person doing the talking.
- Pray the World - Find a large world map, divide up continents or countries and have group members take turns praying for needs in these places.
- Directional Prayer - Have students face a direction- taking a compass (or the compass app on a Smart Phone) tell youth which direction they are facing. Take a minute to talk about needs existing in these different directions. Then have people pray for whatever is happening in the direction they are facing.



- Candle in the Dark - Light a candle in a dark room. Take time to pray for the persecuted people around the world who struggle because of their faith in Christ. Ask that God will help them and us to shine our light for Christ.
- Pray Scripture (Psalms) - Take a Psalm and use it as a prayer- Afraid- 3,91; Alone 22; Comfort 23; Not Giving Up 34, 43; Envy 73; Sad 13; Weak 40, 121, 142; Worried 37; Tempted 141; Unimportant 139; Praising God 96, 100, 145.
- Country Letters - Each person chooses country that starts with the letter of their first name. Pray for God's work in that country one at a time.
- Love Your Neighbor - Use a dry erase board and write "Love Your _____ Neighbor. Do this about 10-15 times. Have students fill in adjectives to describe their neighbors. Example: Love Your Awkward Neighbor. Love Your Hygiene-challenged Neighbor. Love Your Cocky/Haughty Neighbor. Take turns praying for neighbors (without names!) that fit these descriptions.

