

Cultivating a Culture of Prayer

for individuals, teams, organizations & networks

A culture of prayer is what happens when no one has to schedule it.

WHAT YOU TOLD US

In our poll, **four of seven answers named busyness**: “too busy,” “urgency to get stuff done,” “decentralized busyness,” and prayer squeezed by ministry schedules. Others named team members who don’t grasp the calling, spiritual resistance and heaviness, and the gap between prayer as a *formal activity* and prayer as a *daily culture*.

Busyness is usually a symptom. We make time for what we believe is the real work. In Luke 10, Jesus has the seventy-two **pray before they go** (v. 2), and the chapter closes with Martha “distracted by much serving” (v. 40). Prayer is not support for the work. **Prayer is the work.**

INDIVIDUALS

“Too busy... not making prayer a priority.”

Move from discipline to abiding. Attach prayer to rhythms you already keep (commute, meals, the start of the workday) and start small enough to keep. Consistency builds culture faster than intensity.

Resources: Start Here · Weekly Prayer · P-R-A-Y strategies
prayerstrategists.net/start-here

TEAMS

“Team members could not understand the calling.”

“Urgency to get stuff done.”

A prayer gap is often a discipleship gap. Pray before you plan: open meetings by listening to God, not with a quick prayer to launch the agenda. Teams that seek God together own the calling together.

Resources: Pray with Others · Hydrate · live prayer Fridays
prayerstrategists.net/pray-with-others

ORGANIZATIONS

“Maintaining a consistent culture of prayer amid busy ministry schedules.”

Culture follows what leaders model, protect and celebrate. Put prayer on the calendar, in the budget and in job descriptions. Bring intercessors into strategy, and report answered prayer alongside other results.

Resources: Assessment · Coaching · Resource Library
prayerstrategists.net/prayer-strategy-assessment

NETWORKS

“A daily culture, not just a formal activity, across the whole network.”

Decentralized networks need simple, reproducible rhythms, not bigger events: a shared daily focus, relay or 24-7 coverage across time zones, and a way for testimonies to flow back to everyone.

Resources: Regions · In Your Language · Get Connected
prayerstrategists.net/regions

THE THREAD THROUGH EVERY LEVEL: RESISTANCE & HEAVINESS. Spiritual resistance presses on all four levels, and it is often why prayer fades. Worship, praying in the opposite spirit, sustained covering for front-line workers, and regular testimony lift the heaviness and renew faith to keep praying.

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