

EXTRAORDINARY PRAYER

In movements around the world, prayer has been overwhelmingly important, the foundation for the ministry. Pray for God to enable you and other laborers in the harvest to walk in intimate conversational relationship with Him that you might bear much fruit that remains for His glory.

I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. John 15:5

AUTHORITY OF SCRIPTURE

In sustaining movements the Bible has been the unquestioned authority and guiding force for believers and the Church. Even in non-literate cultures where the Bible is received and shared through oral storytelling, the Bible guides both doctrine and everyday life. Pray that you and laborers in the harvest will base their lives on Jesus and His Word, being obedient doers, not forgetful hearers. Pray for the Word of God to reach every people group in their own heart language and for it to spread rapidly and be honored among all.

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any double-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul and spirit, joints and marrow, as it judges the thoughts and purposes of the heart. Hebrews 4:12

ABUNDANT GOSPEL SOWING

In movements, hundreds and even thousands of people are hearing the claims of Christ on their lives. Sometimes mass media evangelism is spreading the gospel, but there is always an element of personal evangelism with clear testimonies that reveal the power of the gospel to change lives. Pray for God's Spirit to enable you and laborers in the harvest to boldly be His witnesses in season and out of season. Pray for priority to be given to proclaiming the good news.

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 2 Corinthians 9:6

INTENTIONAL GATHERING

In movements, specific, intentional gathering happens even before the movement begins, often before people respond to the gospel. It is more effective to gather then win, than to win then gather. Where two or three gather in His Name, there He is in their midst. Pray for believers to regularly gather several people whose hearts are open to the gospel in order to begin discipling them to become followers of Jesus. Ask God to show you who you could gather to begin to do this.

For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them. Matthew 18:20

EVERY MEMBER A MINISTER

Every believer is called by God to minister in Jesus' Name for building up the Body of Christ. Each has gifts intended to strengthen others and to extend the impact of His kingdom here. We may bear fruit 30, 60 or 100 fold, but each is called to bear much fruit for His glory. Jesus sent the disciples two by two every place He was about to come. Whom are you mentoring? Pray for them now. Who is mentoring you? Lift them up before the Lord now as well. Ask Jesus where He is about to move in your world.

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up. Ephesians 4:11-12

BIVOCATIONAL LAY LEADERS

Movements rely on lay leaders with normal jobs in addition to the work of the ministry, thus modeling diligent godly work and dependence on God. This prevents leadership shortages caused by relying only on seminary-trained or highly-educated leaders. Every believer is capable of leading to some degree and fruitful leaders continue to grow in leadership abilities through on-the-job training. Pray for multiplication of Christ-following leaders in every sphere.

But remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms His covenant, which He swore to your ancestors, as it is today. Deuteronomy 8:18

SMALL GROUPS

Most churches in movements are small, reproducible fellowships of members meeting in homes, stores, under trees—normal gathering points in the society. Small groups are necessary in order for people to be equipped and held accountable at a deep level. Pray to God to multiply these simple churches through every segment of the community.

All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer. Acts 2:42

CHURCHES PLANTING CHURCHES

Sheep reproduce sheep. In movements, local believers are active in winning the lost and in planting new churches. Laborers are in the harvest; as they come to faith, they also obey Jesus' commands and begin to share and multiply other disciples and for simple churches to multiply other simple churches.

Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in Heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. Matthew 28:18-20

URGENCY OF THE TASK—RAPID REPRODUCTION

Jesus told His disciples not to speak to anyone along the way as He sent them two by two everywhere He was about to come. In movements, maintaining focus on the task is essential. Jesus told us the harvest is ready; pray for more than enough laborers to be occupied with the harvest, especially in areas with the least access to the gospel. Pray for new believers to share with others the great things God has done in their lives so many come to faith.

As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him. Jesus did not let him, but said, 'Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you. Mark 5:19

SIMPLY CHURCH

In the Bible, being a church isn't about buildings, seminary-trained leaders, or institutions; instead, it's the regular gathering of called-out believers basing their lives on Jesus and His Word, living as a sacrifice of worship to Him, witnessing to the world and baptizing new believers, teaching them to obey all He commanded, and sharing to meet needs. Pray for the life of the Spirit to flourish in every gathering of followers of Jesus that His light might shine brightly throughout the earth.

Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved. Acts 2:46-47

ENDURING THROUGH SUFFERING

Movements often emerge where following Christ is costly and may lead to suffering or even death. Followers of Christ are told that in the world we will have tribulation but Jesus has overcome the world. Those who bear no fruit are cut off; those who bear fruit are pruned so that they may be more fruitful for God's glory. Pray for endurance and boldness to persevere through trials.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before Him as He endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider Him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. Hebrews 12:1-3

PROCLAIM THE KINGDOM IN WORD AND DEMONSTRATION

We are commanded not only to preach the gospel but also to heal the sick and minister to peoples' needs. As believers boldly proclaim the Word of God, the Lord also works with people, confirming the Word with demonstrations of His power. Ask that believers pray for God encounters of the kingdom of Heaven and demonstrate His love practically. This is typical in movements.

Jesus was going through all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness. Seeing the people, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest."