

MOVEMENTS

Prayer Journal

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Join followers of the Lord Jesus Christ who have a passion to be more like Him and a vision to fulfill their roles in making more of His disciples everywhere in the world.

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Nick Adducci



A Church for every 1,000 People

“GACX exists to help establish a vital, multiplying and sustainable church or faith community in every rural village, suburban neighborhood, urban high-rise and digital community. GACX members know that no one church or organization can go to all nations. Hence we are committed to maintain the unity of the Spirit, focus on the bigger kingdom of God, support one another with pure motive, share resources generously, learn from each other, and bring glory to God.”

Dr. Bekele Shanko, GACX Chairman

MOLD me

Hebrews 10:19-22

Pray boldly: *Since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith.*

MOLD me

Psalms 42:1,2a

Pray with passion: *As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.*

MOLD me

Psalms 42:8

Pray for a refreshed heart: *By day the Lord commands His steadfast love, and at night His song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.*

MOLD me

Psalms 42:11

Pray honestly: *Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him, my salvation and my God.*

MOLD me

Romans 8:1

Wherever you live, pray for God’s people to be molded by the fact that there is *now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.*

MOLD me

Romans 8:4

Praise our righteous Lord Jesus for making it possible for His disciples to *walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.*

Prayer for CEOs Continues Weekly in Thomasville

Each year, Community Transformation, Inc. (CTI) leads the National Day of Prayer events in Thomasville, Ga. As planning for this year's events comes together, Doug Silva, president of CTI sent a report on the lasting effect of last year's events.

Teams of board members from CTI lead seven different prayer services in the morning before the main noontime prayer event on the National Day of Prayer. The seven services were held at locations representing "seven mountains of influence" in the community. Employees of businesses and governmental agencies and others participated in the smaller group prayer meetings, and the CTI board members extended an offer to come back weekly to pray with CEOs who were involved.

Two accepted the invitation and those weekly prayer gatherings have continued since.

In February, at the Marketplace Leader Prayer Summit in Thomasville, two marketplace leaders reported on how much the weekly prayer has meant to them personally and to their departments.

As CTI makes arrangements for National Day of Prayer events this May, Silva reports that they hope to multiply their efforts of prayer in the workplace and offering care to people in each of the seven areas of influence in their community.

CTI is a nonprofit corporation formed to promote prayer and partnering in the community in Thomasville and is a Loving Our Communities to Christ partner.

<http://www.missionamerica.org>



PRAY TO THE LORD OF THE HARVEST

Let's join together as the body of Christ and pray for 10 million Christ-centered **multiplying disciples** and 5 million new church plants by the end of 2020. Lord, we are asking You to:

MOLD our hearts to be one with Your heart.

MULTIPLY our lives through others.

MOBILIZE laborers through our prayers and ministry efforts.

What are **multiplying disciples**?

- ~ They are followers of Jesus.
- ~ They are engaged in the Great Commission.
- ~ They are making new disciples.

Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field." Matthew 9:37-38

We picture a day when Christ-centered **multiplying disciples** – people who love Jesus and are actively looking to make new disciples – are spread throughout the world so that the Great Commission has the potential to be fulfilled in our generation.

With 10 million multiplying disciples and 5 million new church plants, this could be achieved!

These numbers are simply goals – "faith" targets as we collectively trust God in prayer and kingdom efforts done in dependence upon God.

So, let's pray. Every person and every church or ministry – all the body of Christ – has a significant role to play. God longs for the good news of Christ's love, forgiveness and power to be known in every corner of the world. The end of 2020 is the calendar goal for PRAY2020.

Start when you can. See pray2020.org for suggestions on how you might pray or team up with a group of others to pray.

#PRAY2020

www.pray2020.org

MOLD me

Romans 8:6

Ask God to make you and your church known for this truth:
To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

MOLD me

Romans 8:15

Thank God for lovingly and supernaturally causing you to
have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"

MOLD me

Romans 8:16

May you and all harvest workers be God-attentive every day
as the Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.

MOLD me

Romans 8:17

As heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, draw our hearts to His heart as we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him.

PRAYER

Enlivens Movements

Dreams, a Lamppost and a Sheik

“Christians here are different than you western Christians,” he said. “We share our faith every day. We expect God will give us a divine appointment each day.”

One night my wife and I arrived home late in the evening. We were tired and ready to go to bed. But my wife reminded me we had not yet had our “divine appointment for the day.” So we went outside late that night.

As we approached the town square, we saw a sheik dressed in his long white robe and turban, standing by a pole. I approached him while my wife watched from a distance. As I engaged him in conversation, the man started yelling angrily and waving his arms.

When I returned to my wife, she asked what was happening. The sheik explained to me that Jesus had appeared to him in a dream the night before and told him to go and stand by this pole, and someone would come to talk to him further about Jesus. This man was angry because he had been standing by the pole for six hours. He angrily

shouted, “What took you so long?”

The church in that Middle Eastern nation is growing. Many are experiencing dreams of Jesus appearing to them. Ten percent of the population watches gospel satellite television programs, which are illegal to receive. It’s so cool to see how God is at work.

Story provided by Tom Eli, an evangelist who has seen one million people trust Christ. When he reached this goal, he was looking at the fruit of his ministry and God convicted him that if he trained others to share their faith, his ministry would be more effective. So now his goal is to train millions of Christians how to accomplish a one-minute witness. Tom’s ministry has joined the Global Alliance for Church Multiplication. Together GACX partners are trusting God to plant 5 million churches and communities of faith around the world.

www.GACXOnline.com

“Lord, we need an army of believers who will stand on Your Word above all else. Lord, call us to battle! Raise them up, Lord! Raise them up!”

Character “Miss Clara” crying out in the film *War Room*

MOLD me

Matthew 12:50

May the Lord align my heart with Jesus’ heart:
“For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother.”

MULTIPLY us

Hebrews 10:24, 25

In prayer *consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together ... encouraging one another.*

MULTIPLY us

Romans 8:19

Creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. May we encourage one another with God’s plan to multiply our lives.

MULTIPLY us

Romans 8:21

Thank our Father for using us to raise up Christ-centered, multiplying disciples who will *obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.*

GOOD SOIL

Ask the Lord of the harvest to multiply this 30, 60 or 100 times.

Behind the Scenes in Switzerland

You simply could not miss God’s power to mold, multiply and mobilize lives during and following EXPLO 2015! His power flowed through 55 on-site, volunteer

intercessors who united from different churches to pray throughout the event. Those prayers made all the difference. Pray for the preparations being made

even now for EXPLO 2017. May the Lord of the harvest mightily continue to use the 2015 and 2017 gatherings - in many ways and in many places!



The congress center in Lucerne was filled to the brim for four days between Christmas and New Year’s with Christians from the state Reformed and Catholic churches as well as **20** other denominations and congregations. More than **6,500** people participated in the event, with the motto “Fresh Faith” and more than **15,000** viewed plenary sessions via livestream. There was a missions exhibition as well with **110** organizations involved.



MULTIPLY us

Romans 8:23

Lord, allow us to meet and connect with those who, like us, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons and redemption of our bodies.

MULTIPLY us

Romans 8:25,26a

If we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. May we together be more God-expectant.



Culture of Prayer vs. Prayer Program

“One way to think about this is as connected to the “spiritual” fire of your church. If prayer is just a program, we are containing that fire to one area of the church. By creating a culture of prayer in the church we are spreading that fire everywhere. Ministry begins to happen in different areas of the church at a new level and ultimately spills into the streets.”

Kevin Senapatiratne

<http://www.christconnection.cc>

Going Loonie

Many of us think of the Internet as a global community. But two-thirds of the world’s population does not yet have Internet access. Still under development, Google’s Project Loon is a network of balloons traveling on the edge of space, designed to connect people in rural and remote areas, help fill coverage gaps, and bring people back online after disasters. <http://www.google.com/loon>

*Pray about Loon and its potential for **MULTIPLYING** and **MOBILIZING** laborers for Christ’s Great Commission!*

The Harvest Field

One morning Southern Baptist missionary, Anthony Conner, grabbed a shovel to help Manolo, a man who belongs to the group that Conner and his family are trying to reach. He shared the gospel with Manolo and after about an hour, Conner asked him, “Manolo, isn’t it time to give your life to Jesus?” Manolo said yes and in the middle of the alfalfa patch, they knelt down and Manolo prayed as he received Christ. Today, Manolo is the pastor and church planter in the Mexican village where Anthony and his wife, Melissa, work!

North American Mission Board, SBC

MULTIPLY us

Romans 26b

Lord, edit our prayers for others! *We do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.*

MULTIPLY us

Romans 8:27 (NKJV)

As we make disciples, may we be God-responsive in our prayers, confident that Jesus *makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.*

MULTIPLY us

Romans 8:28

Use us to spread this good news: *For those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose.*

MULTIPLY us

Romans 8:29

Multiply our lives through many others who are *conformed to the image of His Son, in order that He might be the firstborn among many brothers!*

MULTIPLY us

Romans 8:31

Pray for one another to be highly responsive to God’s promises: *What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?*

MOBILIZE laborers

Romans 8:32

God-expectant mobilizing: *He who did not spare his own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things?*

The 2020 WAVE is upon LAC

Let us come together every 20th of the month to seek the Lord to:

- **MOLD** our hearts to be one with His heart
- **MULTIPLY** our lives through others and
- **MOBILIZE** laborers through our prayers and ministry efforts

And to pray for 10 million Christ-centered multiplying disciples throughout the world!

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CRU

A current prayer focus to multiply and mobilize disciples in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC). Pray for the local design team of Indigitous Sao Paulo,

29 April – 1 May. May participants leave empowered and inspired to use digital strategies to spread the gospel throughout LAC.

MOBILIZE laborers

Matthew 18:20

May those sending out disciples always stress that God is sending them: *"For where two or three are gathered in My name, there am I among them."*

MOBILIZE laborers

Romans 8:33

As God answers prayers to mobilize additional workers, critics will arise: *Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.*

MOBILIZE laborers

Romans 8:34

Jesus prays for us! *Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.*

MOBILIZE laborers

Romans 8:35

Count on Him! *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, danger, or sword?*

MOBILIZE laborers

Romans 8:37

Intercede for His mobilizers and laborers to remember this: *In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.*

MOBILIZE laborers

Romans 8:38

Pray for new laborers to be God-dependent: *That neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers ...*

MOBILIZE laborers

Romans 8:39

Total security: *Neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

MOBILIZE laborers

Luke 10:2

Jesus: *“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.”*

Called to the Great Commission. Called to prayer.

Personal needs ...

Requests to share ...

Church, group or team needs ...

Answers to share ...



God works through the prayers of His people to ignite spiritual movements. As Spirit-filled disciples “pray without ceasing,” the Lord increases faith, causes growth and brings about fruitfulness to glorify Himself (John 15:1-17).

Stories are the building blocks of all movements. The early church multiplied as the stories about Jesus spread everywhere. It continues to grow alongside stories of what He is doing now.

The Global Prayer team invites you to:

► **Share stories** of God answering prayer. Please email a brief summary of the story to global.prayer@cru.org and we will contact you before passing along your story.

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