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

Prayer and ...

By Dan Jarvis of OneCry

In Bedford, Ohio, a few pastors have banded together to make a difference. Their common ground? The Great Commission. Their plan? Prayer and unified action.

I had an opportunity to meet with a few of these pastors who have crossed denominational lines in the common cause of reaching their city. In the past few years, they have begun mentoring troubled youth, jointly participating in community service, and praying together regularly.

They report seven lessons God has taught them thus far, and I thought these could be helpful to our OneCry community across the nation:

1. **Love.** People know whether you actually love them, or if they are just a “project.” Invest in building relationships, with no agenda other than to simply love people.
2. **What God wants to do in any one community is bigger**

than any one church. The Great Commission is a job for the church of the city - the whole body of Christ - united under Him.

3. **Serve, don't scold.** The church is largely seen in secular society as a group of moral police. When we point a finger, doors close. When we offer the hand of a servant, doors open. Remember, when planning your service, under-promise and over-deliver.
4. **Pray.** Begin praying together regularly, and don't stop.
5. **Remember the principle of neutral ground.** Until we get to heaven, everyone struggles with feeling insecure - even pastors. Don't meet in each others' churches and compare parking lots. Meet at neutral locations like City Hall, a rec center, or a school for praying and planning.
6. **Find unity in the major tenets of the faith.** Don't argue over secondary matters.
7. **Let doors open, don't try to force them.** Look to see what God is doing, then join Him.

As we unite with one cry to the Lord this week, let's ask Him if any of these principles might translate into our community.

OneCry is a nationwide call for spiritual awakening, a movement of believers urgently crying out to God to revive the church and transform the culture.

“Waiting on the Lord together is an act of unity. It increases our sensitivity to His will and fills us with expectation and strength because our hope is in the Everlasting God rather than ourselves.”

~ Paul Fleischmann

Better Together – Discovering the Dynamic Results of Cooperation

“In all honesty, I think the reason more Christians are not sharing their faith is that they really don't care... ‘It's not our problem. We're set. We're happy. You work out your own problems.’...They don't want to be bothered with it.”

~ Greg Laurie, Harvest Ministries

As you pray through the requests in this Prayer Journal, use the spaces provided for your own requests, updates, and answers to prayer.

MOLD our hearts

Genesis 3:8-9

God's heart is for us to walk with Him. His intent has never changed. He designed us to stay close by His side. And His way for us **to walk like that is by faith.**

MOLD our hearts

1 Corinthians 14:8

UK Trumpet Call, 9 June: Thousands will meet in Birmingham to praise God together in a national day of prayer for their families, churches and communities.

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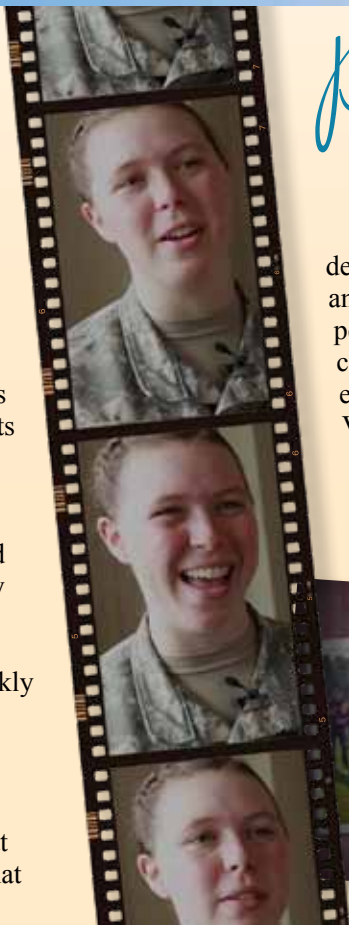
Ignites Movements

Contagious

Dead things spring to life when God enters. Hopelessness becomes certainty. The unimaginable becomes unstoppable. He transforms lives. Praise Him with us as we share about one of the students He has transformed this year at Boston University.

Fiona grew up in church but didn't know a relationship with God was possible. She defined herself by her accomplishments. That is, until she came to Boston University. Her confidence in her own abilities quickly eroded.

At the beginning of her second semester, however, she attended a retreat where she experienced an encounter with the love of Jesus that changed her. Today, when asked what



Peace and Joy

defines her, instead of boasting in achievements, she says, "I am a daughter of the almighty and unstoppable God." The peace and joy she experiences through knowing Jesus are contagious. God has used her to minister to other athletes and even begin an outreach to other ROTC cadets, which is called Valor. Watch Fiona's story at:

<https://vimeo.com/265605458/fa5b52b4ce>

Pray for the student movement at Boston University, including Athletes in Action and Valor. And pray for Fiona as she enters her military career.

~ Malisa Ellis

Cru Team Leader
Fenway/Boston Metro



"We are excited and encouraged by the efforts of both Crossover and Harvest America to reach communities with the truth of the gospel. We know we can do more together than we can apart, and this is an incredible opportunity to truly partner together for the sake of the gospel."

~ Joel Southerland, North American Mission Board (SBC)



MOLD our hearts

Matthew 25:1-9

Repent of not caring: Many know why to share their faith.
Many know how. Many more are being mobilized.
May God create **personal compassion for the lost.**

MULTIPLY our lives

Matthew 25:10-13

June 10: Pray for training in churches and a supernaturally fruitful **Crossover 2018 Harvest America** event.
<https://www.harvestamerica.com/crossover>



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What about Silence?

By Paul McKean

There have been several challenges in books I'm reading and from sermon content, on taking time to "walk with God." Basically the reminder is to take time to be silent, so that I can "hear from God." Great idea, but practically speaking, just how would that work? Like so many ideas that are gripping, how do I make this happen day-to-day?

What if there were a way that is not formalistic, or legalistic, but would have structure that is personalized to what works for you? From the ancients of our faith going back to the early church, there was a discipline called the daily office. In modern terms it is an interruption of "work time" to give time to think of God and His place in our lives. It is a time (actually four times a day) to direct our face toward the Creator God, for worship, prayer, and silent contemplation.

These may be a few minutes to longer periods - what works for you in terms of length of time and scheduling:

morning 6-9 am; afternoon 11 am - 2 pm; evening 5-8 pm; and just before going to sleep (it may be a Psalm you read, for example, Psalm 31, 91 or the Lord's Prayer). The point of this is to stop during your day to meet with the Lord and focus on Him. As you grow in your heart toward the Lord it allows the Holy Spirit to bring concerns, conviction, and scripture to your mind and thoughts.

My treatment of the concept and history is addressed by Peter Scazzero in *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality*. His book introduces how this faith discipline builds your growth in spiritual maturity and love for the Lord: a wonderful book to add to your reading list. My wife Jeannie and I are growing in our walk with the Lord as we practice this "new" discipline.

Paul and Jeannie McKean are semi-retired after 43 years' service with Cru, maintaining contacts with expat friends around the world. They are part of the ministry Champions Heart - Global, and work locally with a small group, married couples, and through their church.

MOBILIZE harvest laborers**Matthew 25:14-15**

Pray for **unity in Christ** as hundreds of churches and thousands of people at Harvest America host locations continue sharing the gospel as a lifestyle.

MOLD our hearts**Psalm 26:1-3**

Ask God to examine your motives, to help you **confidently trust** in Him without wavering, acknowledging His unfailing love and living according to His truth.

MOLD our hearts**Psalm 40:5**

Depend on God to not allow past sins to stop you from **walking by faith** with integrity. He has graciously forgiven and cleansed you from those sins.

MULTIPLY our lives**1 Peter 3:15**

May many discover easy, clear ways to share their faith as they use the evangelism app, **GodTools** - downloadable from Apple's [App Store](#) and [Google Play](#).

MULTIPLY our lives**Ephesians 2:6**

Pray for widespread use of "**Honor Restored**," a new gospel tract for people living in honor-shame contexts. Find it in seven languages on the GodTools app.

MULTIPLY our lives**James 2:14-26**

Pray for a variety of ministry initiatives that continue to be directed to the people of **Puerto Rico**, both hurricane relief and the hope of the gospel message.

MULTIPLY our lives**Psalm 66:7**

Uphold Christians and churches in **hostile places**. May the Lord embolden and protect them as they witness to neighbors and friends who may be resistant or retaliatory.

MOBILIZE harvest laborers**John 13:34-35**

Praise God for **greater connection and partnership** of like-minded ministries around the world. May this teamwork deepen and attract the lost.

MOBILIZE harvest laborers**Matthew 24:14**

The 24:14 Coalition is praying and working together to start kingdom movements in every unreached, unengaged people group by 2025 (2414now.net).

MOBILIZE harvest laborers**Ecclesiastes 4:12**

Ask the Lord to **strengthen the partnerships** among InterVarsity, Navigators, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Cru, Upward Sports, Young Life, PULSE, etc.



A global movement of prayer, asking God to raise up 10 million Christ-centered, multiplying disciples and 5 million new churches/faith communities by 2020! The Scriptures tell us God honors persistent prayer. Join Cru and our partners in continuing to ask Him to:

- MOLD our hearts to be like Jesus' heart (Romans 12:2; Ephesians 5:15-18)
- MULTIPLY our lives into the lives of others (2 Timothy 2:2; John 15:5-10)
- MOBILIZE laborers for the Lord's spiritual harvest (Matthew 9:36-38)

The Great Commission and its fulfillment are from the heart of God (Matthew 28:18-20). He desires to reach this goal through His people. Only He can answer these prayers.

Pray2020: A strategy to help us to unite and persist in passionate prayer

This simple initiative is designed to help us pray daily and to invite others in the body of Christ to join us. Set a prayer reminder alarm for 20:20 (8:20 p.m.), wherever you are, whomever you are with.

Why not set an alarm to remind you of this prayer at 20:20?

Read more about Pray2020 and how you can play a vital role in mobilizing disciples and planting churches around the world at: pray2020.org

MULTIPLY our lives

Psalm 25:22; 27:13-14

Add your voice to those of many others who pray often for the **peace of Jerusalem**. God alone can bring lasting peace, as part of His eternal plan.

MOLD our hearts

1 Kings 3:9

May God use David and Kim Butts' new book *Pray Like the King: Lessons from the Prayers of Israel's Kings* to encourage **dependence upon Him alone**.

MULTIPLY our lives

Luke 18:1-8

Ask God to raise up intercessors committed to **prayer for Korea** this year. Many look forward with great anticipation to a breakthrough on the peninsula.

MOLD our hearts

Psalm 25:4-7

Pray that intimacy and **dependence upon Him** would fuel **the path to faith**, growth and fruitfulness in our every initiative, relationship and strategy.

MULTIPLY our lives

Matthew 25:35-36

Pray about Syria's **nightmare of suffering** (and all affected by war or persecution). Pray over displaced Syrians and all refugees (www.wamcares.org).

MULTIPLY our lives

2 Chronicles 16:8-9a

Pray for growth of God's kingdom among the people of **Francophone Africa**. May He be glorified in solutions for political and internet connectivity issues there.

MULTIPLY our lives

Acts 17:1-4

Pray for great results from **work among women** in general and especially in the prayer movement throughout the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

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Deuteronomy 1:13

Ask God to cause **International Leadership University** students in Lubumbashi to seek Him and thrive as the DRC faces Ebola, starvation and violence.

MULTIPLY our lives

Habakkuk 2:14

Strategic Prayer Network of MANI (Movement of African National Initiatives) is calling for a missions consultation and time of prayer, 6-10 November in Nairobi.

MULTIPLY our lives

Isaiah 40:28-31

Ask God to raise up a **movement of unity** in the body of Christ. May expectant waiting together on the Lord be a common practice among His disciples.

MULTIPLY our lives

Joel 2:17

Pentecostal Fellowship of Nigeria is inviting prayer partners to join them in a **Year of Prayer**, 1 May 2018 - 30 April 2019, at this challenging time for the nation.

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Proverbs 10:5

Ask God to multiply all preparations for the Missio Nexus **Mission Leaders Conference 2018 - "Partnership"** this 20-22 September in Orlando.

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Matthew 9:36-38

May the Missio Nexus conference help mission/church leaders and mission workers have a deeper, more committed **Great Commission partnership**.

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Revelation 19:7-8

2018 GACX Global Forum, Denver, 9-11 October: Lift up this premier networking opportunity for leaders committed to discipleship and church multiplication.

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Proverbs 1:5

Pray about a **GACX project** to map all major urban areas over 100,000 people, identifying the non-Christian population and what is needed to reach these areas.

WALKING BY FAITH

Your faith really IS that important to God. He cares that we trust Him and learn to place our faith in Him. Not just one time, when we “come to believe” in Jesus’ love and forgiveness, but every day. *“For without faith it is impossible to please Him...”*

When we fail to take the step of faith right in front of us, our faith doesn’t grow. Peter climbed out of the boat. The bleeding woman reached out to touch Jesus’ robe ... Why would God give us so many examples, yet when it comes to me, I think it’s up to me, on my own

and/or in my strength (my wits, creativity, energy)?

Before asking God, I sometimes default to believing that I must work things out and try my own ideas. My heart’s intent isn’t to leave Him out, but in practice, I’m making Him my last resort ... God, who is Truth, is lovingly peeling back another layer to this lie that I must figure it out on my own.

~ From the writings of Wendy Sanchez

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Acts 5:14

Praise God: Cru Student-Led Movements (SLM) saw **1,600 new campuses** launched last year and hope to see more than 2,000 launched this year!

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Acts 16:9-10

Pray with SLM that God will be honored as ministries in all parts of the world open **1,000 new campus locations** during a single week in early November.

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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