

# **TOKYO2010: Unreached Peoples Intercession Task Force—Ten Years Later**

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## 1. Rationale

Ten years have passed since the original Unreached Peoples Intercession Task Force labored together in Tokyo to produce their paper outlining the state of the world at that time, what was happening related to prayer for the unreached, and proposing possible prayer strategies which might accelerate progress in reaching, discipling and seeing transformation of the Kingdom of God emerging among these remaining people groups and places with little access. Our task force not only discussed and worked on the paper together, we also joined in praying that God would do what only He could do in this regard. Ten years later, it is clear that God heard and responded! I am certain that there is so much going on now, what I share is only the tip of the iceberg, but, hopefully, it will give you a glimpse at the amazing things God is doing to establish His Kingdom among us and to raise up a ready and prepared Bride!

## 2. State of the World<sup>1</sup>

Our best understanding of the world in 2010 was that of the nearly 17,000 *ethnê*, or people groups by country according to the Joshua Project, well over 6,000 had too few indigenous followers of Christ with adequate numbers and resources to evangelize their own people groups without outside assistance.<sup>2</sup> At that time, under 200 Christward movements were known to exist. As of recently, researchers catalog over one thousand movements to Christ of at least four generations in at least 785 people groups, with the total number of believers in these movements exceeding seventy million. Research also indicates well over 3,000 movement engagements—meaning a team or teams are present using strategies which are meant to lead to multiplying movements of followers of Jesus in those groups. Robby Butler of MultMove said, “Prayer is the first domino to fall...”<sup>3</sup> and in this past ten years, more and more focused, fervent, and sustained prayer has grown both from within these movements as well as from the Church at large. **What has God done over the past ten years in this regard and where do gaps still exist which need to be addressed?**

## 3. Prayer as Strategy<sup>4</sup> -- Envisioning the God-sized reality from His heart and co-laboring to pray it into being under His direction. As we engage in the spiritual battle into which we were

<sup>1</sup> “State of the World” video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WrHC7hXNoV8&feature=youtu.be> and “Understanding the Remaining Mission Task” video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tLADjrnCuDs&feature=youtu.be>

<sup>2</sup> Joshua Project, [Online] Available <http://www.joshuaproject.net>, May 4, 2010.

<sup>3</sup> MULTiplying MOVements—A Learning Community for Rapidly Reproducing New Testaments Churches <https://multmove.net/resources/>

<sup>4</sup> See more information and resources here <https://prayerstrategists.net/about/resources-by-strategy/prayer-as-strategy/>

born, the Christ-follower fights for the souls of a world enslaved to sin and held captive to its bondage, blinded by Satan so that they cannot even see the light of the gospel. Jesus now holds the keys of David that open the door that no one can shut and that shut the door no one can open. God's heart is that none should perish. His thoughts and ways are as high above ours as the heavens are above the earth. But, God reveals His divine strategies to those drawing close to Him and listening for His instructions. Those that war on their knees bring the future into the present. They conduct a unique warfare as they are submitted to their Commander in Chief and serve as spiritual revivalists so that every aspect of the community is touched and changed by His Presence, His Word and the transforming world of the Holy Spirit of God.

The original Tokyo2010 paper cataloged briefly the early development of prayer, especially for unreached people groups, leading up to 2010. At the closing, by design, in 2000, of the AD2000 and Beyond Movement from the 1990's, the growth of prayer movements and mission movements did not slacken but instead increased.

Several prayer initiatives contributed to **the birth of the International Prayer Council**, e.g. The International Prayer Assembly for World Evangelization in 1984 in Korea and the World Prayer Advisory Council. The International Prayer Council came into being just after the 9/11 terrorist attacks in the United States [September 11, 2001]. Prayer leaders from around the world decided to form a new organization that would connect prayer networks and ministries worldwide to focus prayer on common global concerns. The IPC as it is known, is a coalition of more than 5,000 Christian prayer networks and organizations, prayer leaders and intercessors who share a common vision to mobilize and equip worldwide prayer for the blessing, healing and transformation of the nations. They aim to do this through events such as the World Prayer Assembly and its on-going 'New Wave' movement, regional and issues-based consultations and summits, partnership with other movements and networks and through face to face and online networking. Their approach is cross-generational. They believe in equipping and training young people as leaders of today. The IPC is an active partner and catalyzer of **the Children in Prayer movement**<sup>5</sup>. The **World Prayer Assembly (WPA)**<sup>6</sup> held in May 2012 was a global gathering of 10,000 focusing on prayer and worship and included workshops on prayer for the unreached. They are working with the **UPRISING (United Prayer Rising)**<sup>7</sup> youth movement that emerged from the WPA in 2012 to focus the Body of Christ on the next generation and encourage youth in the unique mission God has for each of them. And, one of their key visions is to undergird prayer for unreached peoples. **May 8 – 12, 2017, IPC facilitated the "Linking Movements of Prayer and Mission" conference in Herrnhut, Germany, with a vision of linking the prayer movements and the missions movements; get a glimpse here <https://vimeo.com/244739881>.**

**Global Day of Prayer** was another major prayer movement calling the Church to pray and fast during the ten days leading up to and including Pentecost annually. GDOP began through Graham Power, a South African businessman, expanded from South Africa across Africa into what was called Transformation Africa, and then grew to touch every nation on earth by its culmination in 2010. Though officially no longer running, Isebel Spangenberg, one of its original leaders, founded

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<sup>5</sup> See International Prayer Connect's information about the Children in Prayer movement <https://www.ipcprayer.org/children-in-prayer.html>

<sup>6</sup> Report on World Prayer Assembly by Brian Mills <https://www.transform-world.net/newsletters/2012/IPCupdates.pdf>

<sup>7</sup> United Prayer Rising (UPRising) <https://unitedprayerrising.com/>

**Global Prayer Resource Network**<sup>8</sup> from her experience and she has carried forward the stewardship of these global connections. GDOP also developed a strong international linking of prayer movements in literally every nation of the world toward a common prayer strategy.

**The Every Home for Christ mission and prayer strategy stats**<sup>9</sup>, after 24/7 prayer was launched through the Jericho Center in 2003, are encouraging to read. I included the link to their stats below - received directly from a presentation that Dick Eastman did a few years ago...and also the follow up **Oikos strategy**<sup>10</sup> information. Every Home for Christ is what is often called a para-church ministry; Dick Eastman has been a leader in expanding the prayer movement from decades back and has led this organization to approach outreach with a foundation of prayer.

**The Ethnê Movement**<sup>11</sup> emerged with its first global gathering in 2006, standing on the shoulders of the AD2000 and Beyond Movement, with its goal to celebrate the progress of the gospel among the least reached people groups, to assess the status of work, and to accelerate progress, joining hands to glorify God among all nations, *ethnê* to *ethnê*, this generation. Led by primarily Global South leaders from many mission associations around the world, Ethnê calls global gatherings every three years with working groups collaborating in the areas of prayer, information strategies, holistic gospel movements, member health, training and mobilization, youth/younger leaders, and ethno-arts. Rather than siloing in the workgroups, conversation about intentionally igniting movements through cross pollination and collaboration across working groups, networks, and organizations widened beyond the Ethnê Movement.

**24:14 Coalition**<sup>12</sup> **Birtherd & Growing supported by 24:14 Prayer Task Force.** Called the 24:14 Coalition after the Matthew 24:14 verse, “This gospel will be preached in all nations and then the end will come,” this coalition is a grassroots collaboration of disciple-making movement and church planting movement leaders which emerged in 2017. Its aim is to see movement engagement in every people and place by 2025. **December 1-7, 2018, the Ethne2018 & 24:14 Coalition jointly met, hosted by the North Africa Partnership in Malta.**

**Linking Prayer and Missions -- Ethnê’s prayer workgroup** began in 2004 as work was ramping up toward the first global gathering held in 2006 in Bali. The focus of this group included raising awareness of the continuing urgency to carry the Gospel to the “regions beyond”, as Paul put it, and to the people groups with least access. The efforts included producing tools to highlight the needs of specific unreached groups by region and a prayer initiative beginning in June each year following what had been the Global Day of Prayer and moving region by region around the globe. Partners in this effort included **Joshua Project**<sup>13</sup>, **Global Prayer Digest**<sup>14</sup>, **PrayerCentral**<sup>15</sup>, **Etnopedia**<sup>16</sup>, and a

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<sup>8</sup> Global Prayer Resource Network website <http://www.globalprn.com/>

<sup>9</sup> Seventy Years Before and After the Jericho Center link

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/fwo2va2ye6ypr0/Stats%2070%20yrs%20before-after%20JC%20%20%281%29.docx?dl=0>

<sup>10</sup> Oikos Strategy by Every Home for Christ

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/do21c43rkfbm5z/What%20is%20Oikos.Dick%20Eastman%20EHC.docx?dl=0>

<sup>11</sup> Ethnê Movement website [www.ethne.net](http://www.ethne.net)

<sup>12</sup> 24:14 Coalition website for more information <https://www.2414now.net/>

<sup>13</sup> Joshua Project [www.joshuaproject.net](http://www.joshuaproject.net)

<sup>14</sup> Global Prayer Digest [www.globalprayerdigest.org](http://www.globalprayerdigest.org)

<sup>15</sup> PrayerCentral <http://prayercentral.net/> also facilitates the High Places Prayer Patrol <http://www.highplacesprayer.com/> and a number of other helpful prayer thrusts focused on the unreached.

growing group of prayer and mission networks around the world. One specific feature of this initiative was to work directly with field teams among specific unreached groups and regions to focus each issue on people groups needing breakthrough so that as that global level prayer went up, field teams could then work to conserve the harvest we saw would emerge during and just after that month of focused prayer. A case study of some of the testimonies of such breakthrough are available at the Fellowship of Prayer Strategists website.<sup>17</sup>

Connecting with the Ethnê Prayer Workgroup happens through monthly calls the second and third Thursdays each month over Zoom. Each second Thursday, guest experts share specifics about particular segments of the unreached world interspersed with focused prayer by the participants. Every third Thursday is their “iron sharpening iron” session, which brings news, updates, relationship building, and encouragement for those serving networks, organizations, and strategy teams as prayer strategists. Email [prayer@ethne.net](mailto:prayer@ethne.net) for more information.

Another example of prayer and missions converging would be the upcoming *Movement 2020*<sup>18</sup> December 30-January 4, 2020 near Fredericksburg, VA, which is a collaborative gathering to encounter the presence of Jesus together. In their words, “Worship, prayer, and missions movements are converging together as a new Jesus movement is emerging across America on our campuses and in our cities. This is not just a conference. It is a family gathering, a collaboration, and a commissioning of the emerging generation to carry the torch of the presence of God and the gospel. As we gather as family, in a time of significant transition for the prayer and missions movements, we expect the Holy Spirit to move powerfully. All are welcome and invited to join in Jesus’ story!” Leaders include Mike Bickle, Heidi Baker, Misty Edwards, Michael Miller of Upper Room, Randy Clark, Jonathan Tremaine Thomas, Sean Feucht and Burn 24/7, David Bradshaw of Fredericksburg Prayer Furnace and Awaken the Dawn, Niko Peele, Benjamin Atkinson, Thai Lam of IHOP-KC and Luke 18, Brian Kim, Brian Barcelona, Aaron Custalow, and One Voice Student Missions.

**Examples of Prayer Strategies for Global Gatherings.** Ethnê also aimed to model and reproduce prayer for the unreached at each of their global gatherings by facilitating an **onsite prayer team and prayer room, providing prayer ministry** for participants, **integrating prayer into the plenaries and working group** times, providing and highlighting new **tools to mobilize prayer**<sup>19</sup>, and **equipping prayer network leaders** during working group sessions. At each gathering, the quality of these offerings grew as well as interest and participation. Ethnê2012 held in Seoul, Korea, was the first global gathering which featured a 24/7 prayer room which operated continuously, beginning just prior to the opening of the conference through past the end, managed by a team of over 50 prayer leaders and held in 18 languages. These leaders facilitated in teams of two and blocks of two hours each. When not in the prayer room, they served as intercessors in the plenaries and as active participants in working groups. The Ethnê2015 gathering featured a workshop especially for the prayer leaders in advance of the gathering, which also included praying over major spiritual themes surfaced through prayer in advance of the meetings, and prayer walking through the areas around where the gathering was held. This was repeated at the most recent Ethnê2018, with the addition of a virtual prayer team which joined in prayer from around the world alongside the onsite prayer team.

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<sup>16</sup> Etnopedia offers people groups information in up to 11 different languages <http://etnopedia.org/>.

<sup>17</sup> “GPD’s Partnership with Ethnê to Ethnê—A Case Study” by Liz Adleta and Keith Carey, <https://prayerstrategists.net/2016/05/23/gpds-partnership-with-ethne-to-ethne-prayer-case-study/>

<sup>18</sup> Movement2020 website for more information <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/movement-2020-tickets-65063186743>

<sup>19</sup> See Appendix 1 for Justin Long’s curated list from 3-2016 of Prayer Resources; at this point, many more resources and networks would be operating as of this writing.



At a small gathering in California July 20-25, 2013, key church planting movement trainers met, along with a group of about ten prayer leaders that also participated while serving as an onsite prayer team in support of the purposes of the gathering. A small prayer room was provided adjacent to the meeting room which allowed the intercessors to freely move from participating and when needed, to draw aside to address any spiritual issues or difficulties which arose, but primarily the intercessors participated as equals in the gathering. At the debrief time following this gathering, the leaders discussed that often they joined in this type of service together but seldom did they have opportunity to learn from one another how we were each doing and what we were doing in serving denominations, networks and organizations as prayer facilitators. Few resources or training existed for these roles at that point. It was decided that the need existing for a fellowship of such workers to provide relational support and encouragement, to allow “iron to sharpen iron” in learning from one another, and to develop best practices and trainings to multiply others who could serve in these roles. From this grew the Fellowship of Prayer Strategists.<sup>20</sup> Their first workshop was held January 30-February 4, 2015 at the Beyond Offices, Plano, TX.

**Fellowship of Prayer Strategists<sup>21</sup>** (FPS) is simply a relational fellowship of leaders focused on the unreached and serving denominations, organizations, and networks or partnerships in a role referred to as a “prayer strategist”<sup>22</sup>. A strategist is someone skilled in planning to find the best way to gain advantage or achieve success. Thus, a ‘prayer strategist’ serves on a team (strategy team, church, denomination, organization) and, in partnership with others on this team seeks to engage in and catalyze prayer that both informs and flows from the team’s vision and strategy through:

- Regularly drawing near to God in prayer, worship and adoration both individually and as a team;
- Becoming aware of gaps and hindrances in reaching the vision God has entrusted to them;
- Researching, envisioning and refining strategies for overcoming those gaps;
- Maximizing strategic implementation of the team’s strategies particularly related to prayer; and,
- Periodically refining those strategies with the team in times of prayer together.

**Role of Prayer Strategist.** In working together over the past five years, these prayer leaders have offered their collective wisdom to one another and have been honing their skills, identifying best practices, and providing tools to help multiply others able to serve in similar roles. Workshops are held periodically in various locations for these purposes, as well as regular online meetings on Zoom. One key thing for any denomination, organization or partnership is to have what we refer to as a ‘prayer strategist’ on your leadership team. See this article: <https://www.ipcprayer.org/ipc-connections/item/151-the-emerging-role-of-the-prayer-strategist-and-strategies-of-prayer.html> Fellowship of Prayer Strategists team has developed a sample job description which describes this role as well which might be useful. <https://prayerstrategists.files.wordpress.com/2018/11/jd-prayer-strategist-20180726.docx>

One of the efforts has been to identify what are referred to as “**prayer strategies**” or spheres of prayer—ways to engage in prayer with God toward seeing open doors for the gospel, workers growing in fruitfulness, greater functional unity among believers, more receptive harvest fields, and the increased manifestation of God’s presence and power. The FPS brochure also details some of these ‘prayer strategies’ organized under the acronym PRAY for Prepare, Restore, Advance, and

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<sup>20</sup> Fellowship of Prayer Strategists foundational description <https://prayerstrategists.net/about-2/>

<sup>21</sup> Fellowship of Prayer Strategists website [www.prayerstrategists.net](http://www.prayerstrategists.net)

<sup>22</sup> Sample generic job description here

Yearn.<sup>23</sup> Although many of these ‘strategies’ are not limited to that particular category, this arrangement simply serves to give a sense of their primary application. At the Fellowship of Prayer Strategists website, each ‘strategy’ has its own page with individual descriptions, resources, bibliographies, and related Discovery Bible Study sets for those working in Disciple Making Movements or Church Planting Movements.<sup>24</sup>

Because the goal was to see a greater integration and cross pollination between the prayer movements and the mission movements, one of the key efforts of the Fellowship of Prayer Strategists has been to develop a **Diagnostic Tool**<sup>25</sup> for use by field teams seeing to ignite movements to Christ based on these ‘prayer strategies’. The tool can be used as part of regular team retreats to gauge progress, consider strategy, and evaluate areas of growth needed. This is a work in progress. At the point of this writing, the Prepare and Restore sections have the beta versions ready; the Advance and Yearn sections are in process.

4. **Technology and Communications** – Technology and communications resources have advanced so rapidly over the past ten years that it is difficult to keep track. The internet and social media now provide unprecedented ways to pray together as well as to share the gospel, disciple, and even do church together. I will only mention a few examples here:

**11:55 Prayer Group on Facebook**<sup>26</sup> was developed after a gathering of global prayer leaders at All Nations Christian College near London a few years back in response to the sense that we must be walking in constant readiness, awake and watching for His return. On their hearts were the nations still far from knowing Our Great King Jesus. Setting alarms to stop every day at 11:55am to pray was a way to remind ourselves that the hour is late and the time is urgent and we must be about our Father’s business of praying and bringing in the harvest.

**Zoom**<sup>27</sup> **Prayer Calls** grew exponentially over just the past two years. For the most part, believers have yet to plumb the full capabilities of this medium which allows video conferencing, sharing screens, breakout rooms and much more. Among others, the Extraordinary Prayer group uses this medium for their bimonthly calls to connect, discuss issues of importance to prayer strategists and mobilizers, and build relationships. The **Aqueduct Project** is one group led by Dr. Jonathan Armstrong of Moody Bible Institute which offers a permanently open **Prayer Center**<sup>28</sup> using Zoom to host prayer triples and communities joining in prayer for workers and the work among the least reached peoples and areas.

**Prayer Apps** are too numerous to list but suffice to say that many new ones come available frequently. **Joshua Project**<sup>29</sup> and **Global Prayer Digest**<sup>30</sup> have wonderful simple applications which

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<sup>23</sup> Fellowship of Prayer Strategists brochure <https://prayerstrategists.files.wordpress.com/2015/12/fps-brochure-2-28-172.pdf>

<sup>24</sup> FPS Resources by Strategy <https://prayerstrategists.net/about/resources-by-strategy/>

<sup>25</sup> FPS Diagnostic Tool <https://prayerstrategists.files.wordpress.com/2019/07/diagnostic-update-7-31-19-to-include-dbs.pdf>

<sup>26</sup> 11:55 Unite in Prayer Facebook Group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/11uniteinprayer/>

<sup>27</sup> Zoom is a global leader in meeting solutions <https://zoom.us/>

<sup>28</sup> Aqueduct Project Prayer Center <https://www.aqueductproject.org/prayer-center> includes a sign-up form to reserve slots on their calendar for your prayer triplet or community. This group is following the GO2020 prayer guides for 2020 found here: <http://www.go2020.world/sites/default/files/resources/2019-12/FINAL%202020%20Year%20of%20the%20Upper%20Room.pdf>

<sup>29</sup> Joshua Project apps and mobile resources <https://joshuaproject.net/resources/apps>

<sup>30</sup> Global Prayer Digest website [www.globalprayerdigest.org](http://www.globalprayerdigest.org)

help believers pray along with unreached peoples efforts. **Prayercast**<sup>31</sup> is another exceptional resource which offers video prayers from the nations (and other themes and topics) by those from that very nation in order to pray along. **24-7 International**<sup>32</sup> since 1999 has their vision to renew the Church and rewire the culture through ongoing prayer in unique “boiler rooms”. They have new apps called **Inner Room** and **Lectio 365** (both available through your app stores) which guides intercessors in daily Bible study and intimate prayer. They even offer an online prayer course.

5. **Annual Prayer Initiatives & Partnerships for the Megaspheres (Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, Diaspora, and perhaps even Sikh?).** I have to mention here a wonderful resource by **Dare2Share**<sup>33</sup> which helps believers pray for and share with those from other worldview backgrounds, including those from Islamic, Hindu, Sikh and Buddhist worldviews.
- a. **30 Days of Prayer**<sup>34</sup> **for the Muslim World during Ramadan annually** has run now over twenty-five years. April 24-May 23, 2020 carries this forward. Unprecedented breakthroughs are unfolding presently in the Muslim world, undoubtedly as a result. **Vision 5:9**<sup>35</sup> is a network of over 170 groups and organizations focusing on seeing churches among all Muslim peoples by 2025.
  - b. **15 Days of Prayer for the Hindu World**<sup>36</sup> now has run for the past three years and is beginning to gain significant tractions in the Body of Christ globally and should come approx. November 7-21, 2020. **H’ethnê** gives a global gathering for those focused on bringing good news to Hindus, in the style of the Ethnê Movement.
  - c. **15 Days of Prayer for the Buddhist World**<sup>37</sup> began in January 2019 and its second annual initiative comes shortly January 27-February 10, 2020, to mobilize and facilitate prayer for the 1.38 billion under the influence of Buddhism, according to Dr. Todd Johnson. **SEANET**<sup>38</sup> is a group that has a love for and a passion to see all Buddhist peoples of the world brought to a full relationship with the God and Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ.
  - d. **Sikh World Prayer?** Discussions are underway to facilitate an annual prayer effort toward this religious block as well. Email [prayer@ethne.net](mailto:prayer@ethne.net) for further information or to collaborate.
  - e. Diaspora networks include **Global Diaspora Network**<sup>39</sup>, **Refugee Highway Partnership**<sup>40</sup>, **Borderless**<sup>41</sup>, and **Next Move**<sup>42</sup>.

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<sup>31</sup> Prayercast website <https://prayercast.com/> includes prayer plans to help make praying for the unreached a part of your regular schedule.

<sup>32</sup> 24-7 International Prayer website <https://www.24-7prayer.com/>

<sup>33</sup> Dare2Share Worldviews pages <https://www.dare2share.org/worldviews/>

<sup>34</sup> 30 Days of Prayer website <https://www.30daysprayer.com/>

<sup>35</sup> Vision 5:9 Network profile through Vision Synergy <https://synergycommons.net/resources/network-profile-vision-59/>

<sup>36</sup> 15 Days of Prayer for the Hindu world website <https://pray15days.org/>

<sup>37</sup> Buddhist World Prayer initiative website <https://buddhistworldprayer.org/>

<sup>38</sup> SEANET Network website <https://seanet.network/>

<sup>39</sup> Global Diaspora Network <https://www.global-diaspora.com/>

<sup>40</sup> Refugee Highway Partnership <https://www.refugeehighway.net/>

<sup>41</sup> Borderless website <http://www.weareborderless.com>

<sup>42</sup> NextMove website <https://nextmove.net/>



6. **Updates by Prayer Strategies:** In attempting to understand and organize our growing understanding of how God uses prayer to advance His Kingdom in and through us, our team has organized what we call “prayer strategies” under the acronym “P-R-A-Y”. These are undoubtedly not the only ‘prayer strategies’ and as we grow in our walk with God, we come to understand more and more of this dynamic growing relational connection we refer to as “prayer”. If you have other strategies you have come to understand, we would love to hear from you at [prayer@ethne.net](mailto:prayer@ethne.net).

## P – PREPARE THE WAY FOR THE COMING OF HIS KINGDOM

- **Prayer as Conversation with God<sup>43</sup>** -- The role of intimacy with God & listening prayer in igniting movements to Christ. Overall, there is a much stronger sense that the Body of Christ is recognizing that prayer is a conversation, not a monologue. The practice of various forms of listening prayer is increasing, including older traditional things like *lectio divina*<sup>44</sup>. Church planting movements often use Discovery Bible Studies<sup>45</sup> which involve engaging with Scripture by reading or retelling a section, asking questions, and interacting with the group based on what the Holy Spirit is teaching each one or highlighting from that section. More meetings are pausing to listen to the Lord in prayer before taking decisions. More books and devotional guides teach about and incorporate these spiritual disciplines.
- **Prayer Mobilization, Training & Team Building<sup>46</sup>** -- The role of partnership in prayer for our work, for the workers and for those we seek to serve. An entire book could be devoted to this one section because so much is happening in so many different directions! The Body of Christ seems to have come light years from where it once was a few decades ago! During the AD2000 & Beyond Movement, a growing number of books, trainings and resources emerged from the Spiritual Warfare Network and other parts of the Body of Christ. During the 1990’s, one common strategy for missionaries was to invite friends, family, church and prayer groups to come alongside to pray for them as they launched out in ministry. Usually the relationship was maintained through regular mail or more recently email prayer newsletters and occasional in-person gatherings. With the advent of the internet and social media technology, smart phones and applications, possibilities have exploded!
  1. **Global Mobilization Network<sup>47</sup>** has emerged networking and equipping mobilizers.
  2. **Pray4Tunisia** has shared a useful “How to Start a World Changing Prayer Network”.<sup>48</sup>
  3. **Middle East North Africa research paper.** From 2016 to 2017, Strategic Resource Group (SRG) partnered with visionSynergy on an ambitious project to *discover and*

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<sup>43</sup> FPS Spiritual Intimacy resources and Discovery Bible Study on prayer as conversation with God:

<https://prayerstrategists.net/about/resources-by-strategy/spiritual-intimacy/>

<sup>44</sup> *Lectio Divina* is a traditional monastic practice of scriptural reading, meditation and prayer intended to promote communion with God and to increase the knowledge of God's word. In the view of one commentator, it does not treat scripture as texts to be studied, but as the living word.

<sup>45</sup> Learn more about Discovery Bible Studies here: <https://discoverapp.org/discovery-bible-study>

<sup>46</sup> Resources and bibliography for mobilizing, training and building prayer teams:

<https://prayerstrategists.net/about/resources-by-strategy/prayer-mobilization/>

<sup>47</sup> Global Mobilization Network <https://www.globalmobilization.org/>

<sup>48</sup> Pray4Tunisia’s “How to Start a World Changing Prayer Network” <https://pray4tunisia.com/en/prayer-network/>

*document the state of prayer movements focused on the Middle East and North Africa region.* The project's purposes were to identify ways to increase prayer for the region, identify effective prayer approaches, and learn more about those who are leading and engaging in MENA-focused prayer - which seem to be indicative of most other regions of the world as well. The Global Research Team of One Challenge International did a thorough, professional-grade research in consultation with a wide variety of respondents. **The Executive Summary of MENA Prayer Research<sup>49</sup>** is available, and they welcome your further interaction and discussion on the critical role of prayer and its mobilization for the cause of Christ in the MENA region as well as globally. The Executive Summary includes

- the background for this study of MENA prayer initiatives
- findings from a review of prayer websites
- findings from the survey of "Prayer Producers"
- findings from a survey of "Prayer Intercessors"
- a section on an application of all those findings to MENA Prayer Initiatives
- a set of recommendations the researchers conclude would further benefit and enrich the mobilization of prayer for the MENA region.

The research confirms the enormous commitment of a wide variety of prayer producers, prayer requestors, and prayer intercessors to mobilize prayer for MENA. To be specific, the research identified 157 Prayer Streams on over 40 topics (countries, regions, and issues) being produced by 53 Prayer Producers. **As a result of their collective work, hundreds of thousands of people participate monthly in MENA prayer through the prayer these organizations mobilize! And that is growing!**

In addition to these commendable research findings, the research highlights points for improvement and emerging best practices to enhance prayer mobilization for the region. SRG especially wants to highlight, below, a set of points for improvement confirmed from the research that may light the path toward increased MENA [and other regions'] prayer mobilization. You can review these in depth in the Executive Summary. Succinctly stated, the research indicates these practices will likely enhance prayer mobilization for MENA [and other regions]:

- Don't let security prevent mobilization
- Increase sharing answers to prayer to encourage intercessors
- Increase measurement and self-awareness for continuous improvement
- Increase tech savvy and learn new tools
- Focus more on email and Twitter
- Diversify target audience, methods and broadly mobilize
- Replicate and distribute prayer requests in a variety of languages
- Increase the link between prayer mobilization and giving
- Build up links between 'on the ground' ministry and prayer networks
- Link and share requests with other networks

**4. Extraordinary Prayer Network Prayer Task Force** grew out of subsequent discussions of the MENA Research results mentioned above. In the first year together, the Lord has

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<sup>49</sup> To obtain a copy, email your request to [prayer@ethne.net](mailto:prayer@ethne.net)

assembled 150+ leaders serving on 6 continents, representing 80+ organizations to collaborate to catalyze a significant global increase in the quality and quantity of prayer for UPGs over the next several years. To do this, they work to invite (i) Church movements, (ii) Mission movements, and (iii) Prayer movements to collaborate in unity – to build stronger connections between these movements and initiatives – so that the world may know the love of Christ. They want to walk together to learn how, together, they might through prayer accelerate Kingdom growth among UPGs through John 17-inspired walking in unity and mutual valuing of one other. They believe they have been led to focus on the following areas: exploring what is extraordinary prayer, involving children & youth, engaging the local Church, growing in listening prayer, and developing strong communications links. Their methodology involves: Large Group Zoom meetings – 2 hour Global calls every two months, a Personal Intercessory Team (PIT) for ExP Leadership – 30 mins/week with Listening Prayer times – 1 hr/week & during Large Group Zoom meetings, Document & Calendar sharing to facilitate connections and crosspollination, Working Group meetings, WhatsApp Groups, and one-off meetings with prayer influencers & strategists. Email [isebel@globalprn.com](mailto:isebel@globalprn.com) to connect.

5. **Power of Synergy** The Bible tells us, “One can put one thousand to flight, but two can put ten thousand to flight.” And, “a threefold cord is not easily broken.” The power of agreement in the Lord and for His purposes is incredible! Psalm 133 speaks about the place of commanded blessing being where brothers dwell together in unity. Over the past decades the partnering movement has emphasized these truths and encouraged the Body of Christ to avoid needless duplication and to join hands with God and one another to accomplish His purposes toward His Kingdom coming and His will being done. We know we need one another. Global, regional, national, unreached people specific, and many more types of partnerships and networks have grown. Several such global level groups including the Global Church Planting Network, the GACX (Global Alliance for Church Multiplication), the Ethnê Movement, 24:14 Coalition, Finishing the Task (FTT), and Vision 5:9 are exploring how they might accomplish more together in an unprecedented global gathering shortly.
6. **“Don’t forget the children!”** June 12-16, 2017, the Ethnê Prayer Workgroup met in retreat at Felden Lodge, in the UK. Unexpectedly, through several different means, the Holy Spirit clearly spoke to the group, “Don’t forget the children!” “Aim Lower, Think Smaller, Give up and Go have a Cup of Coffee<sup>50</sup>,” a video produced by the WEA encourages actively incorporating the youngest members of the Body of Christ into our efforts. Happily, a Children in Prayer global network grew out of the International Prayer Council’s efforts several years earlier and continues to grow. More recently, working groups from the Ethnê Movement, Extraordinary Prayer Task Force, GO2020/Global Outreach Day, and others have been interconnecting and exploring more ways to not only engage children and youth, but to see well-integrated intergenerational prayer and missions models emerging closer to the Moravian model. Many of the Disciple-Making Movement/Church Planting Movement models are already intergenerational and already incorporate prayer as a natural part of the life of the believing community of Jesus followers. I included the yearend report from the

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<sup>50</sup> Video produced by WEA “Aim Lower, Think Smaller, Give Up, and Go Have a Cup of Coffee”  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hGECz1-CwS0>

Candy Marballi, on the **Prayer Covenant (CIP) movement**<sup>51</sup> which is increasing at a rapid pace. The Royal Kids in India and CHOP vision of Children House of Prayers is exploding through Anton Cruz and others. Here are additional resources which are available: WEA's "Aim Lower, Think Smaller, Give up and Go have a Cup of Coffee" video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hGECz1-CwS0> ; Wycliffe Resources for Kids <https://www.wycliffe.org/resources/kids>; Bible Videos <https://thebibleproject.com/all-videos/?category=biblical-themes&q=>; 414 Window "It's Time to Wake up" [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vtj\\_R0Chyc8&t=2s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vtj_R0Chyc8&t=2s); "You're Losing Us" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kk3hVluHdUI>; Children's Prayer Network <http://www.kidspray.org.au/kidspray.org.au/Welcome.html>; and, Royal Kids "Trash to Treasure" video [https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=244&v=eXMsLGqdK5k](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=244&v=eXMsLGqdK5k).

7. **Discovery Bible Study Style Training in Prayer** is one way that training in prayer is helping bridge between mission movements and prayer movements. So much diverse training on prayer is now available that it is difficult, if not impossible, to catalog. The 24-7 International Prayer global network has developed some wonderful online prayer training tools as well as prayer applications for smart phones, to name only one.<sup>52</sup> November 5-9, 2017, at the GIAL Center, Arlington, TX, a dozen prayer leaders from the Ethnê prayer workgroup developed a simple **DBS Prayer Training**<sup>53</sup> consisting of a simple three-part meeting format adapted from typical DMM/CPM models and a one-page fifty-two Bible story set as a basic introduction to prayer and praying for the unreached. A number of these simple prayer training models are being developed in various quarters—this is a hopeful development to see believers that may be primarily oral learners being disciple and able to disciple others in prayer beyond the reach of technology or literature.
8. **Prayer and Partnership** Over thirty prayer leaders came from six nations June 14-June 17, 2019, to Lakeview Camp & Retreat Ctr., Waxahachie, TX, for the Fellowship of Prayer Strategists' Workshop, "Partnership for Prayer". Experienced partnership associates from the **International Partnering Associates**<sup>54</sup> facilitated over thirty prayer leaders in exploring skills for partnering including vision casting, exploring partnership, forming partnerships, building consensus, conflict resolution, building trust, and operating partnerships. This is another example, I believe, of the power of cross pollination between the prayer and mission streams of the Body of Christ which is beneficial to both streams. Unreached people partnerships and networks are benefiting from the ministry of a growing number of 'prayer strategists' who are engaged actively in their groups modeling, mobilizing, training, and facilitating all kinds of prayer in support of their objectives. As mentioned earlier, a wide range of activities centered in prayer is available to engage more effectively with God in His work and to accelerate progress. Email [prayer@ethne.net](mailto:prayer@ethne.net) if interested in connecting for partnership in prayer training.

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<sup>51</sup> Prayer Covenant report link

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/vllc718nxqukge2/Children%27s%20Prayer%20Covenant%20End%20of%20the%20Year%20Prise%20Report%202019.pdf?dl=0>

<sup>52</sup> The Prayer Course offered by 24-7 International Prayer <https://www.24-7prayer.com/prayer-course>

<sup>53</sup> Ethnê Discovery Bible Study Basic Prayer Training Story List

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/v9ikien2uf77cae/General%20Prayer%20DBS%20Topics.pdf?dl=0>

<sup>54</sup> Intl. Partnering Associates Facebook page [https://www.facebook.com/pg/ipassociates/about/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/ipassociates/about/?ref=page_internal)

9. **24/7 Prayer Canopies – Whatcom County Story, AmericaPrays & WorldPrays** What happens when a self-described ‘prayerless pastor’ becomes a pastor of prayer for his county? “The Whatcom Story 2019”<sup>55</sup> updates what God has done as Dr. Jason Hubbard of Light of the World Prayer Center has left his pastorate to mobilize other pastors and churches to pursue God in prayer in the spirit of the Moravians.<sup>56</sup> In an area known as the graveyard of churches and pastors, eighty new churches planted and thousands of first-time baptisms resulted as believers in over thirty churches in the area created a virtual 24/7 canopy of strategic, sustainable, and united prayer for their city and county. What began in Whatcom County has now spread to **AmericaPrays**<sup>57</sup> through a team including Pastor Lewis Hogan of United Cry and Pastor Brian Alarid of Passion Church; cities, states and the nation are seeing a growing web of these kinds of ongoing prayer chains being birthed. Not surprisingly, **WorldPrays**<sup>58</sup> is already happening as many whole nations are emulating this simple reproducible model in their own communities. Prayer coordinators in each church receive and share the monthly prayer guides which enable all the participants to pray in agreement on key issues in their community and among the unreached. Is it any wonder that glimmers of Kingdom transformation are beginning to appear in these communities with this worship-saturated prayer around the throne, around the clock and around the globe?

10. **The Global Watch**,<sup>59</sup> another example of a 24/7 prayer watch, is a family of watchmen (intercessors and leaders) building and connecting communities of committed prayer to empower the Church for the last frontiers of the spiritual harvest and the end-time glory of the church. Their heart is to ready the Church to be the alert and awakened Bride eagerly longing for the return of the Lord. They focus on three things: 1) identity through intimacy with God; 2) community, committed prayer and worship, and communication; and, 3) honor Israel and Isaiah 19 through ongoing and strategic prayer, intentional connections, and giving. They especially emphasize the power of watching and praying during the Fourth Watch (3am-6am daily).

- **Prayer Shield Teams**<sup>60</sup> -- Identifying and relating to personal/corporate intercessory teams to strengthen effectiveness and fruitfulness. **The PIT Crew**<sup>61</sup> or **personal intercessory team**, is growing as a form of prayer support to workers, ministers and missionaries needing prayer covering and Colin Millar of Igniting Prayer Action has developed a brief simple guide to establishing one. Traditionally, the concept of prayer support involved identifying friends, family members, believers, and intercessors who would agree to pray for you, your family and your

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<sup>55</sup> “The Whatcom Story 2019” <http://lowpc.org/whatcomstory/>

<sup>56</sup> “Spirit of the Moravians” video <https://vimeo.com/244608042>

<sup>57</sup> AmericaPrays website <https://www.americaprays.org/>

<sup>58</sup> WorldPrays website <https://worldprays.org/>

<sup>59</sup> The Global Watch vision and mission <https://www.theglobalwatch.com/vision--mission.html>

<sup>60</sup> Prayer Shield Teams information and resources <https://prayerstrategists.net/about/resources-by-strategy/onsite-prayer-and-scribing/>

<sup>61</sup> The PIT Crew Handbook from Colin Millar of Igniting Prayer Action <https://www.ignitingprayeraction.org/pit-crew-handbook>



ministry. In support of this agreement, a regular prayer letter would be sent by post or email with praise reports and prayer needs. As social media has grown, newer more immediate ways to communicate these things exist and are being used to a greater extent. Peter Wagner, in his book *Prayer Shield: How to Intercede for Pastors and Christian Leaders*, spoke of three types of intercessors: 1) the general intercessor that loves to pray from lists; 2) the crisis intercessor that seems to be more engaged in praying as the Holy Spirit prompts them in emergency type situations; and, 3) the personal intercessor, one that senses a call or assignment to specific leaders for an ongoing, focused prayer support. The PIT Crew develops this third category to a greater extent. This personal intercessory team is usually small in number but highly committed and engaged. They are in regular communication with the leader weekly or more often and pray more focused, informed and intentional prayers in partnership with the leader. Often, a PIT Crew leader will help manage the team on behalf of the leader, but the key is regular personal relational connection to each member of the team by the leader. There is a greater accountability as well as a greater sense of investment in both directions. In this hour when spiritual warfare seems to be ramping up exponentially, asking God to identify your PIT Crew and beginning to team up with them alongside your ministry seems essential.

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- **Onsite Prayer Teams and ‘Scribing’** Another example of a type of prayer shield team is the onsite and/or virtual prayer team convened to undergird a meeting or gathering. These have been mentioned previously as well as some of their possible functions. An additional function of these onsite and/or virtual prayer teams can be to provide a journal of the flow of what God is speaking and doing in a meeting. This is similar to personal journaling except that it is a corporate record of the proceedings, something minutes, to observe and record what is happening through the course of the gathering, not only in the natural realm but what spiritual observations are coming, scriptures being given, prayers being prayed. It can be a valuable point of reference for leaders as they continue to seek God for direction and strategy. Scribing is simply a more graphic form of journaling involving both words and pictures to capture the proceedings. An example and video describing this can be found here: <https://prayerstrategists.net/about/resources-by-strategy/onsite-prayer-and-scribing/>
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- **Prayer Worship Warfare<sup>62</sup>** – Raising the waterline of God’s manifest presence through worship, engaging with God, proclaiming His will and exercising His delegated authority through supplication. We enter His Presence with grateful hearts acknowledging our desperate need for and love of Him. In beholding Him, we rightfully praise His glorious majesty. He shares His heart and mind in that place of intimacy. He enables us to see through His eyes, having a higher perspective. Turning our faces toward God, beholding Him in adoration, causes us to reflect His glory. We become what we behold. He reveals to us the strategies of Heaven and empowers us to release His divine will on earth as His agents of transformation. *Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.*

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<sup>62</sup>Prayer and Worship Warfare information and resources are here <https://prayerstrategists.net/about/resources-by-strategy/worship-warfare/>

Psalm 100:1-2 This prayer strategy has expanded rapidly over the past ten years and often overlaps with the next prayer strategy, Prayer Presence. God inhabits the praises of His people; He is enthroned upon them. His Presence often manifests powerfully as we engage in worship in spirit and truth, changing the spiritual atmosphere and impacting people. Whether individually or corporately, worship is probably the most powerful element of spiritual warfare for the believer.

**Awaken the Dawn**<sup>63</sup> is a grassroots movement of night and day worship, prayer and missions. More than events, ATD is a nationwide family with the shared value of hosting the presence of God, leading to a third great awakening in America and the nations. What began as an effort on the National Mall has now grown to campuses, state capitals and elsewhere.

**Arts and Worship as Prophetic Prayer and Spiritual Warfare** expands this to include dance and movement, graphic arts, and all kinds of artistic expressions of communication from our hearts to God's. Outreaches to unreached peoples now often incorporate these expressions as a way of bridging communication. Forms of prayer themselves, they communicate in a powerful language far beyond words. The **Global Ethnodoxology Network (GEN)**<sup>64</sup> envisions a future in which communities of Jesus followers in every culture engage with God and the world through their own artistic expressions. They offer networking, training, and resources for the flourishing of biblical and culturally appropriate arts.

**The Bible and Orality** The Bible is foundational to the believer's life and practice; abundant Gospel sowing is foundational to every movement to Christ. Yet, over 1,600 languages are still without any Bible translation. **Pray for Zero**<sup>65</sup> is an initiative to change this; led by Solomon Lujan of The Seed Company, this initiative already is making huge strides toward their goal, mainly through prayer. No surprise, really, since The Seed Company was founded based on "extreme prayer."<sup>66</sup>

As we enter 2020 with expectancy, be encouraged by the incredible momentum surrounding Bible engagement through the **Year of the Bible 2020 campaign**, inviting millions around the world to make 2020 their year dedicated to lifting up God's Word, informing every aspect of life through a year of Bible revival <https://yearofthebible.com/>. So far, dozens of the largest missions, faith-based organizations and church denominations are affiliated and encouraging greater levels of Bible engagement in 2020 across their networks.

**International Orality Network**<sup>67</sup> is an affiliation of agencies and organizations working together with the common goal of making God's Word available to oral communicators in culturally-appropriate ways that enable church planting movements everywhere. ION is part of the Lausanne Movement and grew out of the Lausanne Committee for World Evangelism in 2004. It has grown to be a network of over 2,000 organizations.

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<sup>63</sup> Awaken the Dawn Movement's website <https://www.awakenthedawn.org/>

<sup>64</sup> GEN website <https://www.worldofworship.org/>

<sup>65</sup> Article describing the Pray for Zero initiative <https://www.ipcprayer.org/ipc-connections/item/9742-pray-for-the-1671-bibleless-peoples-the-seed-company-s-pray-for-zero-event.html>

<sup>66</sup> See Greg Pruett's book *Extreme Prayer: The Impossible Prayers God Promises to Answer*.

<sup>67</sup> International Orality Network's website <https://orality.net/>

- **Prayer Presence<sup>68</sup> – Houses of Prayer, 24/7 Boiler Rooms, SPEG’s, The Burn, etc.** establishing permanent lighthouses of continuous prayer and worship as a beachhead for the Kingdom of God. A movement of the Spirit in our time that is as ancient as it is modern, establishing centers of continuous prayer and worship has become a global multi-national and multi-cultural phenomenon. As young people desert the church and AIDS orphans in Africa, a new generation is learning to pray and obey like never before. From Communist China to Washington, D.C., from the ranks of the Salvation Army to anarchic German punks, the **24/7 International Prayer<sup>69</sup>** movement has been interceding day and night since 1999 in more than 50 countries. Almost simultaneously, in Kansas City, On May 7, 1999, the **International House of Prayer of Kansas City (IHOPKC)<sup>70</sup>** was founded by Mike Bickle and twenty full-time “intercessory missionaries,” who cried out to God in prayer with worship for thirteen hours each day. Four months later, on September 19, 1999, prayer and worship extended to the full 24/7 schedule. The International House of Prayer is an evangelical missions organization that is committed to praying for the release of the fullness of God’s power and purpose, as they actively win the lost, heal the sick, feed the poor, make disciples, and impact every sphere of society—family, education, government, economy, arts, media, religion, etc. Their vision is to work in relationship with the wider Body of Christ to engage in the Great Commission, as they seek to walk out the two great commandments to love God and people. Multitudes of houses of prayer have sprung up around the world inspired with this vision. IHOPKC added an All Nations Prayer Room in 2013 with worship being led in 9 languages - Spanish, Korean, Chinese, Russian, Arabic, Farsi, Portuguese, French, and German.- and web streamed to the nations. The dedicated steps to bridge prayer and mission movements brought about formal partnerships with Every Home for Christ and Youth With a Mission in 2016. **IHOPE**, based in Indianapolis, IN, provided worship-based prayer training for Bible translation workers in the Philippines to launch houses of prayer alongside their translation work. **Burn 24-7<sup>71</sup>** is a movement of burning hearts all across the globe returning back to their first love and then taking that love to the nations. Their core is communities unifying around the Presence of God for “burns” consisting of 12 to 100 hours of nonstop of worship and prayer at least once per month. And, these are only three of the manifold streams of houses of prayer and 24/7 prayer that God is birthing! As these houses of prayer are being birthed, God’s Presence is beginning to bring tangible changes in every sphere, personal and corporate.

**SPEG (Strategic Prayer Equipping Groups)** is an international family of affection and is committed to prayer, the presence of God, and loving Muslims. Its primary focus is ‘prayer for the Muslim world from inside the Muslim world’. **Groundworks** is an annual event open to multiple organizations, churches, and individuals. From SPEG has grown **Catalyst 365<sup>72</sup>** focusing in a similar way on developing prayer presence among the Buddhist world.

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<sup>68</sup> Prayer Presence information and resources <https://prayerstrategists.net/about/resources-by-strategy/houses-of-prayer-247-prayer-rooms/>

<sup>69</sup> 24-7 International Prayer website <https://www.24-7prayer.com/>

<sup>70</sup> IHOP-KC website celebrating 20 years [https://www.ihopkc.org/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMI\\_vu86PK65gIVhobACH2IIQvaEAAYASAAEgJF\\_D\\_BwE](https://www.ihopkc.org/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMI_vu86PK65gIVhobACH2IIQvaEAAYASAAEgJF_D_BwE)

<sup>71</sup> Burn 24-7 website <https://www.burn24-7.com/>

<sup>72</sup> Catalyst 365 website <https://365.catalystgathering.com/>

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- **Prayer Research – Spiritual Mapping**<sup>73</sup> -- Spirit-guided research into the supernatural underpinnings of reality to help produce more informed, effective intercession and outreach.

**Information Fuels Intercession** In 1978, Dr. Ralph Winter put his statistics into a pie chart titled “Penetrating the Last Frontiers.” The purpose of this chart was to clarify which people in the world had no chance of learning about Jesus from someone in their own people group. Joshua Project<sup>74</sup>, bringing definition to the unfinished task, has labored to catalog and profile the people groups which have least access to the Gospel. Joshua Project uses the terms “unreached” and “least-reached” to mean the same thing. The terms are used interchangeably on their website. An unreached or least-reached people is a people group among which there is no indigenous community of believing Christians with adequate numbers and resources to evangelize this people group.

The original Joshua Project editorial committee selected the criteria less than or equal to 2% Evangelical Christian and less than or equal to 5% Professing Christians. While these percentage figures are somewhat arbitrary, “we should not underestimate the significance of the small group of people who have a vision of a just and gentle world. The quality of a whole culture may be changed when two percent of its people have a new vision.” - Robert Bellah, Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton University, originally quote in *Psychology Today* in the 1970s, currently quoted in [Christianity Today Oct 2011: 42](#).

**Operation World**<sup>75</sup> was an early leader as well in researching and providing fuel for specific, focused prayer and it continues to provide wonderful resources in this area, including website, applications, and even weekly prayer guides.

Following the AD2000 & Beyond Movement and its related prayer and outreach campaigns, great strides were taken to focus prayer and efforts on these identified gaps. Yet, research has shown that there remains about one fourth of the world with little access to the Gospel, in part because of population growth. Still, even among the unreached groups, some progress is being made. Yet, it was realized that many groups, even significantly large groups still have not had significant progress.

The Ethnê Movement had an Information Strategies working group. Over the years, the **Global Community of Mission Information Workers (CMIW)**<sup>76</sup> developed. This community is helping to better research, collate, align, understand, and disseminate their information so that it can fuel intercession and mission more effectively.

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<sup>73</sup> Learn more about Prayer Research here <https://prayerstrategists.net/about/resources-by-strategy/p-prepare/prayer-research/>

<sup>74</sup> Website at [www.joshuaproject.net](http://www.joshuaproject.net) database and profiles, resources and links on unreached peoples and Frontier Peoples.

<sup>75</sup> *Praying for the World*, created through the partnership of *Operation World* and the Lausanne Movement, is a free weekly prayer guide to inspire and inform the whole church to pray for the whole world. Visit [www.lausanne.org/pray](http://www.lausanne.org/pray) to start any week.

<sup>76</sup> Global Community of Mission Information Workers website [www.globalcmiw.org](http://www.globalcmiw.org).

**Frontier People Groups**<sup>77</sup> (FPGs) are Unreached People Groups with 0.1% or fewer Christians of any kind, and no evidence of a self-sustaining gospel movement. On March 21, 2018, someone who had been studying the new idea of *Frontier People Groups* (FPGs) mentioned to a few prayer leaders the surprising discovery that half the population of all FPGs lives in just 31 people groups with populations of ten million or more.

***The Thirty-One Largest Frontier People Groups Guide*** “Thirty-one is a good number for a prayer guide,” someone observed. Prayer led to quick consensus, then further prayer and sustained collaboration in developing such a prayer guide. Forty days later, to the day, volunteers had integrated feedback from a variety of prayer and mission leaders and sent to the printer the first edition of a prayer guide called *The Thirty-One Largest Frontier People Groups*, sometimes just referred to as “The 31”.<sup>78</sup> Global interest was immediate and long before this first edition was back from the printer, volunteers were busily translating it into a half-dozen or more languages. In subsequent months, a major revision and expansion were completed to form the prayer guide which has circulated now to tens of thousands of believers around the world and continues to be shared and used to guide prayer.

**Year of the Frontier**<sup>79</sup> grew from this emergence of Frontier People Groups, to focus praying for the largest 400 such groups day-by-day, beginning with the thirty-one largest in May 2019 through May 2020. *Global Prayer Digest*, the Joshua Project, the Ethnê Movement, and others are mobilizing many networks around the world to join in this effort. GO2020/Global Outreach Day has incorporated this into their mobilization so that they aim to encourage 100 million believers to pray and reach out to 1 billion neighbors and to the nations.

**Taking a Deeper Look** at the fields where we seek to labor can yield a greater passion for the people to whom we are sent, greater insights to the best ways to reach out, other partners with whom to join hands in the work, and revelation of God’s timing and strategies for that time and place. Understanding the history of a people and place through research contributes to that “deeper look” and so does putting our feet on the land among them. Perhaps this is what Jesus meant when he told His disciples to “lift up their eyes and look at the fields”. Many today are using this spiritual research to guide their prayer and outreach; it goes well with prayer walking, prayer journeys and procession (which I’ll mention shortly). Tools to help in this include timelines, maps, and calendars to help the prayer team visualize areas needing special attention in prayer. See **Fellowship of Prayer Strategists’ page on Prayer Research**<sup>80</sup> to understand more.

- **Prayer as Member Health**<sup>81</sup> – This subject would include personal restoration and transformation ministries, healing and deliverance ministries, prayer and conflict resolution, confession, forgiveness & repentance for individuals, teams and the growing Body of Christ accesses all the benefits offered by God for the abundant life He promised. Gratefully, a **Global**

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<sup>77</sup> *Mission Frontiers* issue on the remaining peoples who have no chance to hear about Jesus

<http://www.missionfrontiers.org/issue/archive/the-frontier-peoples-still-waiting-to-hear-about-jesus>

<sup>78</sup> *The Thirty-One Largest Frontier People Groups* <https://go31.org/>

<sup>79</sup> See *Mission Frontiers Magazine*’s article <https://www.missionfrontiers.org/issue/article/year-of-the-frontier1>

<sup>80</sup> FPS Prayer Research information <https://prayerstrategists.net/about/resources-by-strategy/p-prepare/prayer-research/>

<sup>81</sup> Prayer as Member Health information and resources <https://prayerstrategists.net/about/resources-by-strategy/prayer-for-member-health/>



**Member Care Network**<sup>82</sup> exists to resource, equip and connect internationally all Christian practitioners of member care at any level. It is a professional community in which mutual learning, training and sharing can take place. It is committed to developing the member care profession by setting high standards, advancing the kingdom of God and glorifying His name. Prayer is an integral part of attaining and maintaining wholeness and health. There are many organizations which offer assistance in various parts of mental, emotional, and spiritual wholeness, many of whom rely upon prayer as a strategy to do so. We cannot pray for the unreached without also praying for the laborers among these groups where spiritual warfare, physical and mental challenges abound. These workers need a strong, dynamic prayer life to sustain their health and well-being in these environments.

One newer ministry offered by the **Pasadena International House of Prayer** is called **“Hydrate”**<sup>83</sup>. It is offered to their mission partners once a month during which their prophetic prayer team spends an hour or more praying over their partner mission team as the Holy Spirit guides them. One of their partners told me, “The two most essential resources for our mission team are our bi-weekly prayer and worship times as a team and our monthly Hydrate call.” Many churches and other groups are offering this kind of pastoral care to missionaries particularly those working in restricted access nations on a regular basis.

You may remember me mentioning that at global gatherings the Ethnê prayer team offers prayer ministry of a similar nature to participants as a refreshing for them before sessions, during breaks and after sessions conclude. Feedback is always extremely positive from the participants after receiving such spiritual care.

**Crisis debrief** is another much-needed form of ministry to those experiencing trauma as part of their service on the mission field particularly among very unreached groups. **Le Rucher Ministries**<sup>84</sup> is among those who trains and offers this type of crisis care for missionaries and others. Prayer is a strong part of the process of healing.

- **Prayer as Representational Repentance & Reconciliation**<sup>85</sup> -- Healing wounds of the past happens through identifying with historical sins, thus weakening strongholds through the release of forgiveness. As the world falls apart, God wants to direct us in prayerful action, and is waiting for us to act. God helps us see how we can be part of releasing breakthroughs by recognizing offenses hindering the God’s blessing. We stand in the gaps to confess and repent of historical sins. History repeats itself unless we find ways to listen to it, locate where it is happening, and find healing and forgiveness for its consequences. Examples abound in scripture: Nehemiah, Moses, Ezra, Daniel, David and others.

*“When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven. <sup>5</sup> Then I said: “Lord, the God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and keep his commandments, <sup>6</sup> let your ear be attentive and your eyes open to hear the prayer your servant is*

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<sup>82</sup> Global Member Care Network website <http://gmcn.globalmembercare.com/>

<sup>83</sup> PIHOP’s Hydrate information <https://www.pihop.com/hydrate>

<sup>84</sup> Le Rucher Ministries website <https://lerucher.org/>

<sup>85</sup> Prayer as Representational Repentance and Reconciliation information and resources <https://prayerstrategists.net/about/resources-by-strategy/identificational-repentance-and-reconciliation/>

*praying before you day and night for your servants, the people of Israel. I confess the sins we Israelites, including myself and my father's family, have committed against you.<sup>7</sup> We have acted very wickedly toward you. We have not obeyed the commands, decrees and laws you gave your servant Moses.*" Nehemiah 1:4-7 NIV

Jesus Himself in Matthew 23:29 accused the Jews of sins their forefathers committed and spoke of the judgment of those sins falling on them. The blood of Jesus has paid the price for all our sin once for all but accessing and applying its power falls to those who take responsibility for the guilt and ask for forgiveness based on His completed work at the cross. Strategic prayer known as "representational confession" makes reconciliation and renewal possible for families, churches, communities, tribes and nations. **Prayer is a foundational key to removing barriers to the Gospel that exist because of unhealed offenses.**

Denominational and other "walls" in the Body of Christ are coming tumbling down and a greater functional unity appears to be developing more and more since 2010. Much work has been done over the years in dealing with national repentance between nations and people groups but undoubtedly much more is needed at both the micro and macro levels.

**The International Reconciliation Coalition**<sup>86</sup> was founded by John Dawson (author of two best-selling books, *Taking Our Cities for God* and *Healing America's Wounds*) in 1990. The IRC is a network of individuals, churches and organizations committed to dealing with conflict using Biblical means – Confession, Repentance, Reconciliation and Restitution. The Coalition is a fellowship of between 800-1000 Pastors, Leaders and Intercessors comprising a worldwide network of like-minded, culturally diverse, praying servants from all streams within God's church. It exists to provide: Advocacy, Research, Networking, Training and a variety of Prayer, Intercession and Reconciliation Initiatives and Consultations.

This and other groups and teams work to see barriers to the Gospel and to the coming of the Kingdom of God removed through prayer and spiritual warfare expressed in representational repentance. We believe movement to Christ and transformation would be greatly accelerated as prayer and mission movements collaborate to better facilitate reconciliation and healing of historical wounds that still remain as major barriers to the Gospel and to the Kingdom of God coming fully.

- **Prayer & Crisis Response**<sup>87</sup> -- Prayer strategists embedded in crisis response teams help focus on and identify spiritual dynamics and appropriate responses in prayer, communicating updates and receiving encouragements from the wider prayer shield teams. **"The Kairos Moment is Now" video**<sup>88</sup> expresses urgency that the Church prepare for what Matthew 24 seems to indicate will be the conditions for the End Times Harvest—wars and rumors of wars, plagues, famines, earthquakes and upheaval. It is perhaps because of these upheavals that people become open and hungry for a message of Hope in Jesus Christ. Much can be done through prayer to undergird crisis response efforts which would conserve the harvest of souls God brings at such times. Read

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<sup>86</sup> IRC website <https://reconciled1.com/international-reconciliation-coalition-overview/>

<sup>87</sup> Prayer and Crisis Response information and resources <https://prayerstrategists.net/about/resources-by-strategy/crisis-response/>

<sup>88</sup> "The Kairos Moment is Now" <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F10apDwF4B0>

this testimony from Sean Malone of CRI (Crisis Response International<sup>89</sup>) as an example of the way prayer can be integrated into crisis response:

“Now more than ever, at the CRI Base, it is our heart that God would encounter us in power, that prevailing prayer would never cease and that many will be sent out to all the nations of the earth. It is our heart that when crisis strikes, we would raise up a Moravian watch, 24/7 as our teams are deployed in the field.

Hurricane Katrina Response brought prayer, desperation, and impartation were the catalysts for nine months of signs wonders and miracles breaking out among us. Notice the tongues of fire over Anna's head and the vessel symbolic of the outpouring we were experiencing. We named Anna representing prayer and "Anna daily in the temple". These pictures were taken in the upper room above the church in New Orleans.

God poured His Spirit mightily during our response to Katrina. We saw hundreds healed, saved, and delivered. I believe that an even greater glory is coming, and outrageous demonstrations of His power and mercy are going to break out on all we do, just like how the Spirit came again in ACTS 4!

*“Empower us, as your servants, to speak the word of God freely and courageously. Stretch out your hand of power through us to heal, and to move in signs and wonders by the name of your holy Son, Jesus!” At that moment the earth shook beneath them, causing the building they were in to tremble. Each one of them was filled with the Holy Spirit, and they proclaimed the word of God with unrestrained boldness.*

*All the believers were one in mind and heart. Selfishness was not a part of their community, for they shared everything they had with one another. The apostles gave powerful testimonies about the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great measures of grace rested upon them all. Some who owned houses or land sold them and brought the proceeds before the apostles to distribute to those without. Not a single person among them was needy.” Acts 4: 29-35*

There is such a divine stirring in this new season! I know the CRI Base is to be a resource and a sending center. Prayer and missions will mingle together, and the Spirit's power will thrust us out. We are so excited about the new thing He is doing and about the many who are coming in 2020 to join the work.

As we continue to train and mobilize to crises around the world, run our mission schools, and reach out to our local community in Virginia, we also feel the Lord is expanding our reach into the nations with other short-term, Kingdom-building ministry trips. Meanwhile, we just sent the 20th relief team to Puerto Rico, as our work continues in the Bahamas. I cannot help think of the Moravians and the first missionaries being sent to the Caribbean. Great and effective doors are opening in 2020.”

Crisis response and prayer is certainly an area that has much left to be developed. An ideal might be for the response team to have embedded prayer strategists who pay attention to the spiritual

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<sup>89</sup> Other groups and organizations are involved in crisis response but greater collaboration between the prayer movements and crisis response efforts would be helpful. Crisis Response International's website <https://criout.com/>.

dynamics of the situation, communicate outward to the PIT Crew and intercessory team requests and strategies and receive from them insights and prayers as the response is ongoing.

- **Prayer in Suffering<sup>90</sup>** -- Suffering is an inevitable part of following Christ and a dynamic walk with God sustains us through it and testifies to the power of God at work in our lives. *“I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace. In this world, you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” John 16:33* Whether the suffering is a result of sin in the world, our own foolishness, Satan opposing us, or Satan using others and/or circumstances to persecute and discourage us, prayer is our lifeline which keeps us anchored to Christ in the middle of it all. Revelation 12:11-12 tells us, *“Our people defeated Satan because of the blood of the Lamb and the message of God. They were willing to give up their lives. The heavens should rejoice, together with everyone who lives there. But pity the earth and the sea, because the devil was thrown down to the earth. He knows his time is short, and he is very angry.”* Knowing we are not alone as we battle gives us strength—He never leaves nor forsakes us, and there are other sisters and brothers suffering as well. As we are comforted, we are able to comfort others. This is an hour when the saints of God must abide in that place of intimacy with Our Father who continually gives us everything we need for life and godliness in order not only to survive, but to thrive as we fulfill His purposes, give Him glory through it all and see the final greatest harvest gathered in. Mission workers, and even those laboring in intercession for front-line laborers, will face increasing opposition of all sorts from our enemy; this requires believers to be equipped to stand and having done all to stand. Intimacy with Father God and Lord Jesus through the Holy Spirit keeps us moving forward.

## A – ADVANCE OF HIS KINGDOM FOR HIS GLORY

- **Prayer/Power Evangelism<sup>91</sup>** -- Intelligently strategized and focused, prayer functions as a direct force for winning people to Christ. Signs and wonders follow the proclamation of the Word of God often after prayer for people. The whole Church can model the whole gospel to the whole community through prayer and prayerful evangelism. Luke 10 reveals Jesus’ strategy which incorporated asking God to encounter the person of peace through signs and wonders. Numerous testimonies exist of God beginning people movements to Christ through obeying His instructions to pray for others<sup>92</sup>. Birthed in intimacy with God, walked out in instant, joyful obedience to Him, prayer evangelism releases the power of the Holy Spirit to transform lives and communities as His kingdom comes through His will being done.

Is there actual proof that prayer makes a difference in the fruitfulness of evangelistic efforts? An experiment was done several years ago by a church in Phoenix, Arizona; they randomly selected 160 names from their local phone book and divided the group in half. Half the names were prayed for regularly and the other half were not. After 90 days, they called all the homes offering to come by to pray for them. Of the 80 homes they did not pray for, only one person invited them to come. Of the 80 they prayed for, 69 invited someone to come by and 45 invited

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<sup>90</sup> FPS page on Prayer and Suffering <https://prayerstrategists.net/about/resources-by-strategy/r-restore/prayer-suffering/>

<sup>91</sup> FPS page on Prayer Power Evangelism for information, resources and bibliography  
<https://prayerstrategists.net/about/resources-by-strategy/prayer-evangelism/>

<sup>92</sup> Read this powerful testimony from Curtis Sergeant about one instance of this in China  
<https://prayerstrategists.files.wordpress.com/2016/05/prayerwalkingevangstoryv1-docx.pdf>

them into their home.<sup>93</sup> Numerous testimonies bear witness to God making a significant difference in fruitfulness through prayer.

More than this, church planting movement researchers have indicated that extraordinary prayer is foundational to all church planting movements and signs and wonders are a common feature found in most movements. Mark 16:20<sup>94</sup> would seem to indicate this is a normal feature of Kingdom living.

As much as we might assent to this in principle, how much are we as believers actually practicing offering to pray for those we meet day by day, prepared to share the gospel if they are responsive? Colin Millar of Igniting Prayer Action<sup>95</sup> encourages believers to ask one simple question of everyone they encounter through the day, “If there was one thing I could pray for you personally right now, what would that be?” He reports that he seldom has anyone refuse prayer and he frequently ends up leading those he prays for to faith in Christ Jesus as a result. In thinking of prayer for the unreached, prayer power evangelism is probably one of the least used and most powerful tools available in the believer’s arsenal.

Researchers contend that only 1 in 100 believers regularly pray for and reach out to those around them that do not follow Jesus. This is a dismal statistic which **Global Outreach Day, also known as GO2020**<sup>96</sup>, is seeking to change! And, globally, whole denominations, organizations, networks, and partnerships are joining hands to make that a reality in 2020 by mobilizing 100 million believers around the world, including children and youth, to pray for and share the gospel with 1 billion neighbors and the nations, with an aim to make that an ongoing lifestyle. A strong prayer task force led by John Robb of International Prayer Council is mobilizing the global prayer networks and believers around the world to undergird this effort with massive outpouring of prayer. **Year of the Upper Room**<sup>97</sup> A series of nine forty-day seasons of prayer and fasting will proceed one after the other throughout the year focusing on praying for 5-10 neighbors who do not yet follow Jesus and a series of coordinated themes to guide the prayer. Each day will feature a specific Frontier People Group for prayer and a region of the world to enable prayer not only for the neighbors but also to the ends of the earth. The first prayer guide begins January 1, 2020.<sup>98</sup>

One mission group called **MoveIn**<sup>99</sup> has adopted focused prayer and onsite presence as their primary strategy to reaching formerly unreached people groups. Their strategy is simple: 1. Connect with them; 2. Find a neighborhood; 3. Mobilize a team; 4. Find a unit to live in; 5. Pray weekly; and, 6. Plug in. Our contact reported moving into a neighborhood of over 80,000 Muslims in a megacity. He, his wife and small children found a unit in the complex and took up residence. They were instructed to do nothing out of the ordinary except daily prayer for six months. The problem was, before the six months were even out, without any overt effort on their

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<sup>93</sup> Doug Kamstra, *The Praying Church Idea Book*

<sup>94</sup> “Then the disciples left and preached everywhere. The Lord was with them, and the miracles they worked proved that their message was true.” Mark 16:20

<sup>95</sup> Igniting Prayer Action website <https://www.ignitingprayeraction.org/home>

<sup>96</sup> Global Outreach Day/Go2020 website <http://www.go2020.world/home>

<sup>97</sup> Year of the Upper Room first 40-day prayer guide <https://tinyurl.com/2020JanPray>

<sup>98</sup> First 40-day prayer guide for GO2020 partners <http://www.go2020.world/sites/default/files/resources/2019-12/FINAL%202020%20Year%20of%20the%20Upper%20Room.pdf>

<sup>99</sup> MoveIn Global website <https://movein.global/>



part, neighbors came to them, asking about Jesus, asking for prayer. As they shared their home, life and the love of the Lord, many began to follow Jesus. A small movement to Christ began to grow. May God multiply many other groups and teams who do likewise!

- **Prayer as Spiritual Warfare**<sup>100</sup> – Through prayer we take authority over spiritual powers and strongholds hindering the advance of God’s kingdom. Believers live in warzones but our warfare is not against flesh and blood but principalities, powers, spiritual forces of wickedness and rulers of this present darkness. We need corresponding spiritual weapons that enable us to be victorious in this intangible battle. The Bible clearly enumerates our spiritual armor and gives many examples of the waging of this spiritual warfare. Jesus, as He sent out the seventy-two disciples two by two, warned them that He sent them out as lambs among wolves. Our battle IS prayer and prayer maintains the victory Jesus bought at great cost. In obeying His command to go into all the world, we battle forces of darkness that stand against the successful accomplishment of this mission. There are weapons of the ages and weapons of the hour that we must learn to wield. But, praise God, He always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ Jesus! As we learn to listen to Him and do as He instructs us, we can see fruitful harvest remaining for His glory to the ends of the earth!

This area is probably one of the most written upon topics, but perhaps one of the most challenging and divisive. We cannot afford to ignore the enemy who is intent upon killing, stealing and destroying, that is sure. One of the more recent emphases has been on the concept of “Bridal Intercession”—that is, cultivating our focus on and love for the Lord Jesus Christ and praying from the position at His side as His Bride. A number of books are available which detail this much more and one of these is *Bridal Intercession: Authority in Prayer Through Intimacy With Jesus* by [Gary Wiens](#) and Mike Bickle.

This is closely related to prayer as worship warfare since God inhabits the praises of His people and it is through worship that we draw near to Him. The prayer presence strategy is closely related as well for the same reasons. Operating in our God-given authority after approaching Him in intimacy, listening to His heart and instructions, and praying forth His purposes is certainly one of the keys to seeing significant strongholds resisting the advance of the gospel among the unreached removed and broken apart.

**10 Days**<sup>101</sup> John 17 unity of the Body of Christ likely is the major key to seeing the Bride of Christ wield the keys of authority He releases to us; and, it is the key to the revelation we need to battle in sync with His heart and plans. The 10 Days vision being released through Jonathan Fritz and others seems to be a Holy-Spirit inspired revelation of how to come into the place of commanded blessing—John 17 unity—through setting aside our routine and coming aside to see the Lord during the 10 Days of Awe every year between the biblical Feast of Trumpets and the Day of Atonement. It is a time for cities to stop everything to welcome the King of Glory together in prayer, fasting and mourning—mourning over our sin, mourning for the lost and unreached, and yearning for the fulfillment of His promises and the return of our Bridegroom. One could say it is the Upper Room meet Ninevah. A part of this vision is also the One New

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<sup>100</sup> FPS page on Prayer as Spiritual Warfare for information, resources and bibliography  
<https://prayerstrategists.net/about/resources-by-strategy/spiritual-warfare/>

<sup>101</sup> 10 Days website <https://www.10days.net/>

Man<sup>102</sup>, seeing the Jews grafted back into the Body of Christ and reconciled with their Gentile sisters and brothers from every tongue, tribe and nation—now therefore neither Jew nor Greek, male nor female, but truly one in Christ. Just as the spring feasts foreshadow the first coming of Jesus Christ, so the second set of three fall feasts foreshadow his second coming, according to scripture. It is appropriate that we as His Bride as being made ready, our longing for Him is increasing, and our cries are, “Even so, Come Lord Jesus!” Through these seasons, God is preparing that wedding banquet to welcome us home at long last, with no one missing, no seats empty, every person, man, woman and child having the opportunity to hear in a way they can understand and respond. Love Revolution<sup>103</sup> led by Gaylord Enns is a fundamental part of growing into the fullness God has for His Body—loving Him unreservedly and loving one another with His unfailing overcoming love. The unreached, it is said in scripture, will recognize our message is true because of how we love one another and even our enemies. In 2020, God has given Jonathan the goal of seeing 120 cities (at least five churches in each city) stopping everything to seek Him together, with 120,000 believers participating.

- **Prayer Walking & Procession<sup>104</sup>** – We move prayer out of the church/home and into the community with praise marches, prayer expeditions, prayer journeys, and prayerwalking, praying onsite with insight, bearing the Presence of Christ among the communities we bear on our hearts before His Throne. As believers, we carry the presence of the Holy Spirit much as the ark of the covenant carried God’s Presence in the Old Testament. As the idol Dagon fell down before the ark of God, even so spiritual darkness yields to His presence in us. As we step into some of the darkest corners of the world, we invite God’s intervention among peoples not yet touched by His Light. We bring worship where He is not yet worshiped. We see through His eyes and allow His heart of compassion to flow through us to those around. We receive fresh revelation about the spiritual underpinnings of reality and why darkness lingers where it does in order to address and remove the barriers to the gospel. We waft the fragrance of Christ and become like showcase windows displaying His goodness and grace to a desperate and dying world. We encounter the people of peace God whose hearts God has prepared to receive salvation and bridge the good news into their world.

Since the AD2000 and Beyond Movement in the 1990’s, this has been a strategy becoming more widely accepted and employed, though not always to the extent that it might be. Jesus was exhorting His disciples to “lift up their eyes to the field”; might He have been encouraging them to walk among and actually look at those to whom Jesus was sending them? Disciple-making movements or church planting movements are commonly using this as a part of their overall strategy to great effect.

**Marches for Jesus<sup>105</sup>** which were birthed by Graham Kendrick and Steve Hawthorne in the 1990’s are being revived in many quarters as well. Steve Hawthorne, in his article for *Mission Frontiers* called “The Story of His Glory”<sup>106</sup> refers briefly to this idea of the procession of the

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<sup>102</sup> Reconnecting Ministries led by Grant and Hali Berry with other ministries serves this One New Man vision <https://reconnectingministries.org/>

<sup>103</sup> Love Revolution website <https://www.loverevolutionnow.org/>

<sup>104</sup> FPS Prayer Walking and Procession website with information, resource and bibliography <https://prayerstrategists.net/about/resources-by-strategy/prayer-walking/>

<sup>105</sup> March for Jesus website with more details about current ways to engage <https://themarchforjesus.org/>

<sup>106</sup> “The Story of His Glory” by Steve Hawthorne in May-June 1993 issue of *Mission Frontiers* <https://www.missionfrontiers.org/issue/article/the-story-of-his-glory>

nations bringing the glory of the nations as worship before the Throne of God. All these lesser processions of worship of the Lord Jesus Christ prophetically foreshadow that ultimate worship procession of the nations in heaven one day. They're like dress rehearsals. And they are part of the process of bringing glory to God among every tongue, tribe and nation.

- **Prayer as Strategy**<sup>107</sup> -- Envisioning the God-sized reality from His heart and co-laboring to pray it into being under His direction. We have already mentioned this concept earlier, but we do not want to miss mentioning a couple of other examples that we are seeing as prayer movements and missions movements collaborate.

**Regional, National and District Prayer Strategists**<sup>108</sup> – Building on the idea of prayer strategists is the idea of building relational networks of such facilitators with gifts and strategies like Nehemiah who can be vision-bearers, mobilize others to whom they cast vision, and equip and facilitate the growth of relational networks for communication and support. The Bible speaks of each being given a “measure of faith”—the original language for measure is the same word as for the orbit of a planet. By intimately walking with God and understanding our personal assignments, we can connect with one another in the Body of Christ so that the entire Body of built up as every joint supplies. MANI (Movement of African National Initiatives ) <http://maniafrica.com/mani-an-overview/> has developed their continental “**Strategic Prayer Network**” currently led by Pastor Austen Ukachi and Pastor Mike Emmanuel which holds monthly Zoom prayer calls and annual gatherings for training, updates and encouragement.

One of the prayer strategies God gave to Jonathan Fritz several years ago was what later was named the **Inherit the Nations Project**<sup>109</sup>. From December 20, 2014-March 2015 a prototype emerged after observing the incredible fruitfulness that came from intentional collaboration between a community of prayer joining hands with a strategic field team among a specific unreached people groups for a year commitment. Sixty-six prayer communities paired with field teams, agreeing to pray specifically as the field teams would communicate with them week by week, and the prayer teams agreed to pray at least one hour per week together specifically, journaling what they were praying and what they heard from the Lord as they prayed to share with their field team. Of the more than twenty pairings that fulfilled these specifications, almost all had seen amazing breakthroughs within the first few months of the pairing! As George Otis, Jr. has said, “Specificity fuels fervency and fervency yields results,” based on the scriptures in James 5:16b<sup>110</sup>. Prayer teams were two or three or more agreeing for His Kingdom to come and His will to be done in specific unreached people groups; field teams were gathering and conserving the fruit that God was giving in response to that believing prayer. In our opinion, this is one of the most powerful ways we have seen prayer and missions working together! Several church planting movements have grown from this kind of collaborative strategy over the last few years!

- **Prayer & Fasting for Breakthroughs**<sup>111</sup> -- Setting aside good things voluntarily to prioritize the best things for His glory and the sake of His kingdom. Fasting quiets the appetite by choosing to

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<sup>107</sup> FPS page on Prayer as Strategy <https://prayerstrategists.net/about/resources-by-strategy/prayer-as-strategy/>

<sup>108</sup> See Appendix 2 for a partial list of mission associations by region.

<sup>109</sup> Inherit the Nations project is still ongoing and more information is available here [www.inheritthenations.net](http://www.inheritthenations.net) .

<sup>110</sup> James 5:16b “The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.”

<sup>111</sup> FPS page on Prayer and Fasting for Breakthroughs is here <https://prayerstrategists.net/about/resources-by-strategy/fasting/>

hunger and thirst for God alone. We can experience a deeper, more passionate, persistent and intimate prayer life through the spiritual discipline of fasting under the direction of the Holy Spirit. Our faith is unchained as we restrict our appetites in order to experience the power of bold prayer and even bolder faith. Fasting is one way to humble ourselves under God's mighty hand that He may exalt us in due time—guiding our requests so that we pray in harmony with His good, pleasing and perfect will, thus guaranteeing God's best answers will follow in His perfect time.

Leaders like Bill Bright with Campus Crusade and others began raising awareness of the power of prayer with fasting several decades back. Since Lou Engle launched **The Call**<sup>112</sup> in 1999 which grew into The Send<sup>113</sup> in 2019, prayer and fasting has been highlighted and expanded greatly, not only by this ministry, but through many others as well. On Feb 23, 2019 at **The Send**<sup>114</sup> in Orlando, FL, masses gathered for a new era of missions and evangelism and tens of thousands of people gave their 'Yes' to adopt the mission fields of the earth, from universities to neighborhoods to the nations. What was sparked in Orlando continues in Brazil, Argentina and Kansas City. **Ekbalo**<sup>115</sup> focuses on praying for laborers to be thrust out into the harvest fields. And, this March 1 through February 9, 2020, Lou Engle has called for a **40-day JESUS FAST**,<sup>116</sup> "We are calling a global 40-day Jesus Fast for a worldwide manifestation of Jesus the Evangelist." Before Jesus ever performed a miracle, before He ever preached the gospel, the Spirit of God drove Him into the wilderness to fast. He came out of that fast in the power of the Holy Spirit. The JESUS FAST is another joining hands with the GO2020/Global Outreach Day to see believers praying, fasting, and reaching out both to their neighbors and to the nations, the ends of the earth with least access to the Gospel.

**The Year of the Upper Room**<sup>117</sup> will carry forward beginning January 1, 2020 throughout the year covering the global efforts of GO2020 with a series of nine 40-day segments of prayer and fasting. Each day will follow simple themes and related scriptures to guide prayers for Frontier People Groups and specific regions of the world.

## Y – YEARN FOR THE NOW-BUT-NOT-YET KINGDOM TO COME FULLY

God's purposes for His Body are to grow up into the full measure of the stature of Jesus Christ, Our Head, Our Bridegroom. Jesus is coming back for a Bride equally yoked with Himself. We are being groomed to rule and reign with Him, alongside one another. Cultivating our love for Jesus and for the Body of Christ is part of that preparation. Seeing the full harvest brought in, that the Lamb who was slain might receive the full reward of His sufferings, is part of our role while we remain.

- **Prayer Yearning for Maturity** -- Pressing forward to grow into the full measure of the stature of Jesus Christ, growing in purity and holiness, happens in prayer, by prayer and as a fruit of

<sup>112</sup> Announcement from Lou Engle about the transition from The Call <https://www.thecallannouncement.com/>

<sup>113</sup> The Send 2020 website <https://thesend.org/>

<sup>114</sup> The Send 2020 website <https://thesend.org/>

<sup>115</sup> PrayEkbalo website <https://louengle.com/prayekballo/>

<sup>116</sup> Learn more about the <https://thejesusfast.global/>

<sup>117</sup> The first of a series of nine forty-day prayer guides is already available on the GO2020 website:

<http://www.go2020.world/sites/default/files/resources/2019-12/FINAL%202020%20Year%20of%20the%20Upper%20Room.pdf>

prayer. Our prayer networks were hearing over the last year that God was doing new things. The Bible calls us to grow up, to forget what is behind and press forward, to occupy fully until He returns as we watch and wait with patience and perseverance. This hour is not one to settle back into “the way we’ve always done things” but to lay aside every weight and the sin which so easily entangles us and to run with endurance the race He’s setting before us. His heart is that none should perish and as we delight ourselves in Him, our hearts beat with that same longing.

- **Prayer Yearning for the Full Harvest** -- Praying specifically toward movements among the least-reached people groups and places is a result of our union and communion with Him. We cannot be satisfied to simply believe on Jesus, we must actively follow Him. In following Him, we find He sends us to go make disciples of all nations, teaching them to observe everything He commanded. Discipling comes in community as we together practice the “one anothers” of Scripture. Gathering in communities of believers results in God transforming them through Kingdom living. Prayer and mission are inseparably interwoven. As we draw near to God, He transforms us, His unfailing love flows through us, and out of that intimacy results abundant fruitfulness for His glory and for the extension of His Kingdom.

**Prayer Yearning for Our Bridegroom** – Abiding in that place of intimacy, in conversational relationship with Our Beloved, results in continually looking for and hastening the return of Our Lord, keeping our first love burning brightly. We pray for the fulfillment of His promises and we long for His return. In all these things, God is preparing a Bride equally yoked with the Bridegroom, without spot or wrinkle, awake and ready to take her place at His side.

7. God is taking us back to the “no compromise” call - harkening back to Keith Green days and the Jesus Movement - the call for the historical Church to match the passion, obedience and willingness to pay a high cost to follow Jesus, as we are seeing in emerging church planting movements. As we see prayer movements and mission movements converging to a greater and greater degree, we recognize that God works to uncover greater understanding, deepen practice and increase the effectiveness of our prayer. **Questions that Remain:**

- What really does constitute effectual prayer?
- Can the “quality” and “quantity” of prayer be measured? If so, how?
- What is God doing in the denominational tracks of prayer and mission through AOG, Foursquare, Southern Baptist, etc.?
- How can we work toward an even more integrated flow of prayer movements and mission movements?
- The Body seems to be growing well in understanding and moving toward individual intimacy and listening prayer; how can we better grow in corporate intimacy and listening? God will speak to the corporate Body what He cannot speak to any one individual.
- How much of the prayer strategy needs to be “orchestrated” and how much should just be organic and unmeasured growth?



- How can we research to understand where the Gospel is and where it is not is challenging the peoples, especially as the frontiers for missions are continually shifting and peoples are on the move? How do we pray to plow ground in the gaps and how do we focus our prayers in the most strategic manner for the sake of the Kingdom?
  - How can we better integrate the generations and flow together in our assignments in the Body of Christ?
  - How can we best make use of the technological advances available for the sake of the Gospel and prayer without compromising security issues?
  - How do we best develop and sustain a seamless web of relationship and communication as a diverse global Body that can facilitate our being both nimble and discerning?
  - So much is available in English but availability drops significantly in other languages. Many wonderful resources are being developed now by the Body of Christ in other languages. How can we develop a global translation and distribution system whereby more of the Body has access to these materials and to ongoing communication in general?
  - In this hour globally, events seem to be moving at an ever-accelerating pace, even as the challenge to verify information and weed out false information increases. How do we effectively triage news and information and communicate it in a timely manner, honoring security issues and verifying its validity?
  - What other new understandings will God guide us into, in order to consummate His plans for the ages and bring in the fullness of His Kingdom?
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## Appendix 1

### Prayer Resources

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The prayer resources linked below are either downloadable PDFs or available for purchase for a nominal price. To be included on this page, a prayer resource must generally be (a) focused on an unreached people group or collection of unreached people groups, (b) give specific prayer points tied to information about the unreached, and (c) be accessible via the web (either to download or order). If your prayer guide isn't on the list, send me a link for it ([justin@beyond.org](mailto:justin@beyond.org)) and I'll happily add it - I'll try to update within 24 hours. I'm also including twitter feeds which are specifically for prayer campaigns (e.g. not prayer resources, not prayer advocates); these are preceded by the "@" symbol and linked to the Twitter account.

### General Materials

Pray for the World. Shortened, simplified version of Operation World, easier to carry/translate.  
Operation World. Definitive daily guide to praying for the world.

Global Prayer Digest. A monthly prayer guide for unreached peoples.  
Generic prayer guide for a UPG. This is a template guide for any UPG.  
Etnopedia have prayer profiles of people groups that can be used to inform prayer.  
Prayercast.com: videos that encourage prayer.  
Scripture Prayers to pray over peoples  
An insider's guide to praying for the world. Covers 52 weeks, 1st person travel perspective.  
Joshua Project has:  
• prayer calendars.  
• prayer cards in eight languages  
• UPG of the Day via email or phone apps, available in four languages.  
• UPG of the Day can also be placed on websites as a widget:  
<http://joshuaproject.net/pray/unreachedoftheday/widget>

### **Key Networks/Mobilizers**

Estafast: sign up to pray and fast for the Muslim world.  
30 Days Prayer Network for the Muslim World.  
End Bible Poverty Prayer Campaign.  
@Win1040 is a Twitter-based network mobilizing prayer for the 10/40 Window.

### **Organizational prayer tools**

Mission to the World 2014 Prayer Calendar.  
SIM Daily Prayer.  
Light the Window.

### **Topics**

Prayer Campaign: Pray4Isis.com  
7 Days of Prayer Starters for People with No Access to the Gospel.  
Kids prayer guide for 30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World.  
Welcoming the Stranger: 30 Days of Prayer for Internationals.  
Voice for the Voiceless: gender based injustice prayer guide  
How to pray for missionaries (Eddie Arthur)  
Prayer for the Exploited (IMB)

### **Limited Time Prayer Campaigns**

Pray for ISIS  
Prayer guide for the Hajj Pilgrimage in September 2015

### **Regions**

PrayerCast - videos for praying for specific nations  
@PrayforEurope - twitter, "Bring Europe to Life"  
@SEEPPrayer - Praying through the headlines for Southeast Europe  
@PrayEurope - "Pray for revival for Europe and Russia"  
@apeopleloved - prayer for southeast Asian Muslims.  
Pray North Africa. @praynorthafrica.  
Central Asian peoples. Central Asia #1. @pray4ca.  
Peoples of the Buddhist World. Massive, resourceful book.

A Billion Wait: a Prayer Guide for the Buddhist World.  
Peoples on the Move: introducing the nomads of the world.  
Praying through the Arabian Peninsula.  
European Peoples. IMB Prayer Guide.  
South Asia. IMB Prayer Calendar. pray4ev.org (praying for every village), prayer guides.  
Southeast Asia. IMB Prayer Calendar.  
East Asia. IMB Prayer Calendar.

## **Countries**

Bangladesh. Pray for Every Village prayer guides by province. @PrayBangladesh.  
Bhutan. Pray for Every Village prayer guides by province.  
Brunei. Online Prayer Journey.  
Burma. PrayForBurma.  
Cambodia. OMF. Peoples of Cambodia (PDF).  
China. China 30-days. OMF: China Stories, China's Cities, Minorities of China, Taiwan's Working Class. PrayforChina.com. Operation China: all the peoples of China (Amazon, \$).  
France. PrayForFrance.  
Iran. PrayIranNow (40 days of prayer and fasting), 30 Days of Prayer or Iran.  
India. Pray for Every Village prayer guides by province.  
Indonesia. @ipray4indonesia. Prayingforindonesia.com. Unreached Peoples of Sumatra (Indonesia, Amazon, \$). East Indonesia Prayer Calendar. Advent Calendar for Sumatra.  
Laos. I Love Laos.  
Libya. @pray4libya, pray4libya.net  
Malaysia. Online prayer journey.  
Maldives. pray4maldives.org. Pray for Every Village prayer guides by province.  
Myanmar. InfoMekong. Prayforburma.org.  
Nepal. Pray for Every Village prayer guides by province.  
Nigeria. Pray4Nigeria.org.  
North Korea. OMF.  
Pakistan. Pray for Every Village prayer guides by province.  
Vietnam. ReachingVietnam. OMF.  
Russia. PrayForRussia.net. SEND Prayer guide.  
Saudi Arabia. pray4saudi.com. lovesaudis.com. incenseforsaudi.com. @pray4saudi.  
Somalia. Prayer profile. PrayforSomalia.org.  
Sri Lanka. @interceding4sl. Pray for Every Village prayer guides by province.  
Sudan. Annual October prayer campaign. Prayer Profile 1. Sudan Prayer Network.  
Syria. TheSyrianCircle.com.  
Tajikistan. 52-week prayer guide.  
Taiwan. OMF: Taiwan Tinder, Ten Seconds to Taiwan.  
Thailand. 9 Blessings. Muslims of Thailand. @pray4isaan.  
Tunisia. pray4tunisia.com, @pray4tunisia  
Turkey. Prayer Guide via Dr. Andrew Jackson, \$6.99 (halfway down page)  
Yemen. Pray4yemen.com  
Prayer Guides for Specific Cities  
USA. New York, USA. Ethnycity: The languages and peoples of New York City.  
USA. Ethnic Embrace: the diaspora in America (\$).  
China. 15 Spiritually needy cities of Northwest China.  
Istanbul, Turkey. IMB.

Delhi, India. Delhi Prayer Guide.

## Clusters

Out of ~106 unreached clusters below, ~41 are not “prayed for” (they lack a prayer campaign, guide, or initiative). Many of the following resources are print guides available for purchase, but the prices are usually nominal (~\$1). If no guides are indicated for a specific cluster, I don’t know of a prayer guide for that cluster yet. If there is one, please let me know. If there’s not, why not create one?

Aceh of Sumatra. In MBS prayer profile book. OMF. APeopleLoved.com.

Afar.

Aimaq. Aimaq.

Altaic

Arab World, generic

Arab, Arabian

Arab, Hassaniya

Arab, Levant. Levantines in Turkey.

Arab, Libyan. @pray4libya, pray4libya.net.

Arab, Maghreb. Tunisians.

Arab, Shuwa

Arab, Sudan. Annual October prayer campaign. Prayer Profile 1. Sudan Prayer Network.

Arab, Yemeni. Peoples of Yemen.

Assamese

Atlantic-Wolof

Azerbaijani. AzerbaijaniPartnership.org. Pioneers. IMB: Azeri of Iran (HTML). GoPeople.org.

Bali-Sasak. Indonesia Prayer Profiles book.

Baloch. 2-page profile.

Banjar of Kalimantan. In Indonesia Prayer Profiles book. APeopleLoved.com.

Bantu, Swahili

Bantu, Cameroonian. Esimbi.

Bedouin, Arabian

Bedouin, Saharan

Beja. Beja Prayer Network, email for details

Bengali

Berber-Kabyle

Berber-Riff. Riff of Northern Morocco.

Berber-Saharan

Berber-Shawiya

Berber-Shilha

Bhil

Bhojpur-Maithili

Bhutanese. Prayercast.

Bihari

Bouyei. Bouyei. Bouyei-2.

Bugis-Makassar of Sulawesi. APeopleLoved.com/bugis. APeopleLoved.com/makassar.

Bungku-Bajau

Burmese. Burmese.

Caucasus. Circassians.

Cham. Western Cham.

Chinese-Hui. Dungan. OMF. IMB. @pray4hui.  
 Filipino, Muslim.  
 Fulani / Fulbe. Prayer letter: fulaniprayer@gmail.com. PPFF: booyataa@gmail.com (send email introducing yourself, telling who you are and your interests in the Fula, and you will be added to the list).  
 Gond  
 Gorontalo of Sulawesi  
 Guera-Naba of Chad  
 Gujarati  
 Hausa  
 Hindi. Rajput.  
 Hui. @PrayforHui. IMB.  
 Japanese. Japan (OMF, \$).  
 Jat  
 Jews  
 Kaili-Tomini of Sulawesi  
 Kannada  
 Kanuri-Saharan  
 Kashmiri  
 Kazakh. Kazakhs. Kazakhs (HTML).  
 Kurd. Kurds (PDF). TheKurds.net downloadable. Urbana profile. 7 Days of Prayer (HTML).  
 Kyrgyz. Kyrgyz.  
 Lampung of Sumatra. APeopleLoved.com.  
 Lao  
 Li  
 Luri-Bakhtiari  
 Madura of Java. Madurese. APeopleLoved.com.  
 Malay. Malay. Muslims of Thailand. Riau Malay. MBS Prayer Guide Book. APeopleLoved.com.  
 Pattani Malay. Malays of Malaysia. Malays of Brunei.  
 Malayali  
 Maldivian  
 Malinke  
 Malinke-Bambara  
 Malinke-Jula  
 Manchu  
 Marathi-Konkani  
 Melayu of Sumatra  
 Miao / Hmong  
 Minangkabau-Rejang of Sumatra. APeopleLoved.com.  
 Mon-Khmer  
 Mongolian  
 Musi of Sumatra  
 Nepali-Pahari  
 Nosu  
 Nubian  
 Nuristan  
 Ogan of Sumatra. APeopleLoved.com.  
 Oriya



Ouaddai-Fur  
Parsee.  
Pasemah of Sumatra  
Pashtun. Two networks. Contact [justinlong@gmail.com](mailto:justinlong@gmail.com) for introduction.  
Persian. Iran 30 Prayer Guide.  
Punjabi  
Rajasthan  
Shan. Shan. Shan-2.  
Sikhs. Sikhs of India (not exactly a people group).  
Sindhi  
Somali. Prayer profile. [PrayforSomalia.org](http://PrayforSomalia.org).  
Songhai  
Soninke  
Sunda-Betawi of Java. [APeopleLoved.com/betawi](http://APeopleLoved.com/betawi). [APeopleLoved.com/sunda](http://APeopleLoved.com/sunda)  
Susu  
Tai. Tai Lu Prayer Calendar with Explanations.  
Tai Dam  
Tai-Kadai. Dong. Tai Yuan. Black Tai.  
Tajik. Tajiks.  
Talysh  
Telugu  
Thai. 9 Blessings.  
Tibetan. Amdo (OMF). Amdo (Daybreak, \$). Amdo-2. Amdo Prayer Calendar (Calendar). Khan  
Tibetan. Nisu (\$). Kham Tibetan (OMF).  
Tuareg  
Tukangbesi of Sulawesi  
Turks. Turks. Meskhetian. [itnprayer@googlegroups.com](mailto:itnprayer@googlegroups.com) for regular prayer items. See also Turkey  
above.  
Turkmen  
Ural-Siberian  
Urdu Muslim. Ansari.  
Uyghur  
Uzbek. Uzbeks.  
West China / Lolo  
Yao-Mien. Lost Jade.  
Zhuang. Zhuang. Zhuang-2.  
Diaspora in Europe. Immigrants & Refugees.

## Appendix 2

### Examples of Global Mission Networks

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The **Lausanne Movement** grew out of the 1974 International Congress on World Evangelization (ICOWE) and promotes active worldwide evangelism. The **Lausanne Covenant** provides the theological basis for collaborative work in the area of mission and evangelism. The Cape Town Commitment defines the **movement's** goals.

**Call2All:** In early August they were in Holland as part of the Amsterdam 2000 World Conference of Evangelists sponsored by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. A little over 10,000 evangelists were present, representing many nations of the world. Steve and Mark were part of a working group that had been selected from around the world. Six hundred had gathered around small tables to discuss one question, “What would it take to complete the Great Commission?” Day after day they dealt with how to solve the greatest challenges we face in missions.

On the third day of the gathering they looked at a list of 252 untargeted, unreached people groups. These were large ethnic groups that had never been engaged with the Gospel in all of church history. The leaders present were asked to “adopt” one or more groups. The first 140 groups were adopted quickly by various organizations represented in the room. But the second half of the list – the most difficult to reach – were not being adopted. The room had grown silent and no one was moving. This is when Dr. Douglass leaned over and asked Mark the question, “Why don’t our two organizations, Campus Crusade for Christ and YWAM, adopt the rest?” Mark tells us what happened next:

“With my mind spinning, thinking about what this might mean, I agreed. This is when a whole new adventure began and my life in missions would be forever changed. Shortly after Amsterdam, Steve and I began to meet with a select group of leaders who we would work together with in reaching the targeted people groups. We called ourselves “Table 71”, the table number we sat at on that important day in Amsterdam.

Another key piece began two years later when Dr. Bill Bright began the Global Pastors Network. He envisioned the pastors of the world coming together, working on finishing the Great Commission. Through a series of unexpected events I became the president of the Global Pastors Network in January 2007. As I assumed this new role it became clear that the vision of GPN needed to be expanded. We needed not only the religious leaders to work together in strategic unity; we had to call Christian leaders from all spheres of society to join in this major task. This gave birth to call2all in May 2007.

It was in early 2007 that I had a major encounter with the Lord. In a 6 hour time of personal shaking and sovereign illumination, God made the vision for call2all very clear. At one point in this encounter, the Lord spoke the following, ‘The time has come for the Son of God to be glorified’. This is out of John 17:1, the unity chapter. The assignment from heaven for the call2all Movement was clear: we were to help the global body of Christ come into strategic unity with heaven to reveal Jesus on the earth, leading to the completion of the Great Commission.”

Thus, the first call2all Congress was held in January, 2008, designed to strengthen the partnership among Christian leaders to finish the task Jesus gave us. The vision began catching fire among leaders all around the world. The call2all Movement together with its partners has brought together 28,000 leaders representing more than 1,400 organizations.

**Ethnê Movement** The Ethne vision is: "peoples joining together to glorify God among all peoples." The purpose of Ethne is to energize continuing initiatives among the "one-fourth world" or 27% of the world which has almost no access to the Gospel, by: (1) celebrating Great Commission progress amongst the least-reached peoples, (2) assessing current opportunities and resources, and (3) accelerating movements to Christ amongst all peoples. Ethne is the Greek word Jesus used for "nation" - a word which means tribe, ethnic group or people. Our world today has about 7.67 billion individuals living in over 230 geo-political nations but divided into 17,094 ethne, or people groups by country. Of those ethne, approximately 7,165 people groups remain least-reached. Ethne is built on the momentum of the [AD2000 and Beyond Movement](#) and the 2001 Great Commission Roundtable meeting and the Singapore '02 meeting. It is the official Unreached People Group network or "intersection" for three global Christian movements: the [Lausanne Congress on World Evangelization](#), the [World Evangelical Alliance](#) Mission Commission and [Transform World](#).

**TransformWorld** Transform World Connections exists to serve communities of servant-catalysts engaged in God's mission of transformation by catalyzing and connecting them together in consultation with people and communication resources, to equip the body in motivating the whole Church to bless the nations through prayer and collaborative action to see all nations redeemed, restored, and transformed, as cultures increasingly reflect the value system of the Kingdom of God.

**GACX or Global Alliance for Church Multiplication** GACX is a worldwide alliance of like-minded churches and mission organizations committed to help start at least five million multiplying biblical churches and faith communities by the end of 2020.

**Global Church Planting Network GCPN is a voluntary association** of those committed to the Great Commission of Jesus Christ. The association has no employees but is registered in the United Kingdom (charity #1084646). The association is not a funding agency but seeks to link people of shared vision to work and pray to help one another accelerate church planting in their nation or region.

**Vision 5:9** a global mission network focused on **ministry among unreached Muslim peoples**. Their goal is to see churches among all unreached Muslim peoples by the year 2025. Members of this diverse leadership team reflect the diversity of the network as a whole, which includes more than 170 ministry organizations around the world. Their comments emphasize the **importance of honor and equality** in the mission movement as *"the old sending countries learn to be one among many, and the new sending countries gain courage and self-confidence."*

**Finish the Task** In some of his last words on Earth, Jesus instructed his followers: *"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."* Matt. 28:19 (NIV) This task became known as the Great Commission, and it is a call handed not just to those earliest disciples, but to every follower of Jesus. Much progress has been made since the task

was assigned – in fact, we are living in exciting times where our generation has the potential to be the first to see every tribe, people, and tongue reached with the Good News of Jesus. However, there are challenges to overcome and barriers to break through together. Some people groups live in places where speaking the name of Jesus is forbidden. Others lack the ability to access the Bible in their language. Others still wait for local believers to cross cultural divides. Today there are hundreds of Unengaged, Unreached People Groups (UUPGs) of over 500 people who are beyond the reach of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, approximately 6 million people without access to the light of the Gospel. You, your church, or your organization can play a role in finishing the task assigned in the Great Commission, bringing the transformational hope of Jesus to the places that need it most.

**24:14 Coalition** is a community of movement leaders, churches, mission agencies and individuals that are all collaborating together on the Matthew 24:14 vision. As a community, we affirm the unique gifting and calling of every organization and seek to provide information, resources and coordination to facilitate more effective and strategic kingdom movement engagement. Together they hope to: Reach the Unreached; Implement CPM Strategies; Engage them by 2025; and, Work as Community.

## **Examples of Regional/National Mission Networks**

### **South Pacific/Southeast Asia**

SEALINK – Southeast Asia Unreached Peoples Network

Indonesia Unreached Peoples Network

Philippine Missions Association

### **Northeast Asia**

Korea Missions Association

### **South Asia**

India Missions Association

### **Africa**

MANI (Movement of African National Initiatives)

WENSA (World Evangelisation Network of South Africa)

NEMA (Nigeria Evangelical Missions Association)

### **Ibero-America**

COMIBAM Ibero-American Missions Network