



CONCERTS OF PRAYER

History - In the mid 1700's, pastor and theologian Jonathan Edwards coined the term "concerts of prayer" to describe corporate gatherings of Christians for intercession and spiritual renewal. These meetings eventually became a spark for the First Great Awakening in the United States and much more. Throughout history, focused prayer efforts of this kind have led to extensive renewal and expansion of the Christian faith in the USA and around the globe.

Concerts of Prayer have often referred to large gatherings of believers from various occupations, denominations, institutions, ministries, generations, and social scales. The current emphasis at Park Place Church, however, is to:

1. Bring our congregation together to ask God to bless us with the *fullness* of Christ in our personal lives and in our midst; and
2. To equip us to participate in the *fulfillment* of God's global cause to reconcile to himself some from every people group, beginning in our own neighborhood.

Concerts of Prayer is an exciting and effective means of multiplying and uniting the pray-ers in our congregation. *Blending our hearts, minds, and voices in faith* helps us grow in Christ and become involved in God's activity of reconciling men, women, and young people to himself.

Concerts of Prayer are marked by *a spirit of celebration and anticipation* of all that God will do in response to his people coming together in prayer. Rejoicing in hope, we ask God to answer our prayers for spiritual renewal and to equip us to take part in the developing outreach.

The following page explains how to conduct a Concert of Prayer with a small group. It is our hope that small groups throughout the congregation will consider using this guide for a season of prayer from time-to-time during their meetings.

In addition, we encourage individuals to consider using the prayer guide suggestions during personal times of worship and prayer.

God delights to hear and to answer the prayers of his children.

*Let us intercede in harmony
that God may be glorified and that
we may experience all God has promised.*



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Welcome

HOW IT WORKS

1. Quickly organize into groups of about 6-8 persons.
2. Greet each other briefly, but let's focus on talking to God.
3. Use the attached **Prayer Guide** to help concentrate on God's agenda for his people, for the ministries of Park Place Church, for ministries supported by PPC, and for all peoples of the earth.
4. Everyone in the group read silently through the pages of the **Prayer Guide**.
 - When you feel led to pray about a particular issue listed on the **Guide** (or something related), **simply close your eyes and lead out in prayer**.
 - Everyone will join you in prayer.
 - After you have prayed, others may want to pray about the same concern.
 - When prayer ceases, read from the **Guide** again until another person begins to pray.
 - *...and so on.*

PRAYER SUGGESTIONS & REMINDERS

Green Heading (p. 1)– Awakening, Renewal, Fullness – As we follow Jesus, we become like him. Let's ask him to refresh and renew each one of us for the life and ministries to which he has called us.

Green Heading (p. 2) – Discipleship, Advancement, Fulfillment – Jesus is the blessing God promised to his people, and through them, to all peoples of the earth. Let's ask God to guide our efforts to make Christ known throughout our community, and globally through our mission's efforts.

Blue Heading (p. 3-4) – Park Place & Partner Ministries / Park Place Missionaries – Ask God to give us wisdom and vision to support ministries in our congregation and those we assist in our community, and around the globe.

**Take your sheet home and continue
to pray for personal spiritual growth and
the ministries and outreach of Park Place Church of God**

~ Thanks for Praying ~

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TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S
AWAKENING - RENEWAL - FULLNESS

Jesus Christ was formed in our likeness, that we might become like him through the process of spiritual formation, where our walk with Him cannot be shaken, where the testing of our faith will only make it stronger, to place us securely and permanently in a position of faith, a situation of blessing, and a condition of love and peace.

1. That the focus and number one priority in our lives is to faithfully follow Jesus as his disciples.
2. That we may be made complete with all the fullness of life and spiritual power that God intends.
3. That we might experience the joy of salvation as we follow and obey the Lord Jesus.
4. To learn how to love and trust God during the difficult days when we can't sense His presence.
5. That, like Jesus, we will love and forgive those who have wounded or betrayed us.
6. That we always put God first in our lives above all else including spouse, children, and work.
7. To understand that God owns all we have, and that we are earthly stewards of Kingdom resources.
8. To understand that God's agenda is to change our hearts and minds and not to simply release us from trials.
9. To grow in Christ and die to self even though it may cause us to suffer in this world.
10. That, like Jesus, we will become constantly mindful of what is real and eternal and what is not.
11. That the Lord would lead us to fully express God's love in our homes, our work, and our communities.
12. For God to help us stand for the truth and against lies, injustice, and unrighteousness in all situations.
13. That God will give us the determination and the power to accomplish what he has called us to do.
14. That we would be filled with victorious optimism in showing God's love for everyone.
15. That we bring love and peace into the division, anger, and hatred so rampant in our world today.
16. That God bring true Christian revival to us personally, to our church, to our nation and our world.
17. That God will stir us to be alert, active, and enthusiastic about helping others to know him.
18. That others see in us love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
19. That the Lord will strengthen our hearts, our minds, and our resolve to be fully committed to him.
20. That God would give us a clear vision of his Holiness and righteousness, that we may be like him.
21. That the spiritual forces of evil in this world will have no power over us and our families.
22. That we would re-awaken to the universal authority of Christ and follow him with courage and strength.
23. That our hearts would reflect the heart of God for everyone to know him in and through Jesus Christ.
24. That we would become transparent before God and each other in repentance and forgiveness.
25. To reject a spirit of fear and receive the spirit of power, love, and sound judgement God promised.

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TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S
DISCIPLESHIP - ADVANCEMENT - FULFILLMENT

"I have been given complete authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Jesus, Matthew 28:18-20

1. That we and the Church worldwide be unified in our passion to fulfill the Great Commission.
2. That God would give us new dreams and visions for our ministries in the church and to our community and the world.
3. For true Godly hunger among billions of Muslims, Chinese, Hindus, Buddhists, and secularists.
4. That the Church in every nation would seek renewal for a fresh, worldwide mission thrust.
5. That God would help us see what he is doing in our church and community and join him in that work.
6. That those we love and pray for may experience healing and redemption in their lives.
7. That God would fill his people with hearts of compassion to reach the earth's unreached peoples.
8. That we will allow God to show us how we can best share Christ in our community.
9. That Satan's hold on people and cultures be broken as they embrace Jesus as Lord and Savior.
10. For the thousands of International Students on our campuses to find Christ while studying here.
11. That God would call Christian students worldwide into church leadership for Christ and his kingdom.
12. That we repent of hoarding the Gospel and God's blessing and display love and justice worldwide.
13. That God would bring revival to our church and community as we seek to lift him up.
14. For us to help relieve terrorism, global hunger, oppression, injustice, regional wars, mass shootings.
15. That God would raise up visionary leaders for the ministries managed in & through PP Church.
16. For God to raise up disciples to help bring the gospel to 7,400 unreached people groups in the world.
17. For disciples to reach the 120+ unreached people groups locked away among America's urban poor.
18. For hundreds more of Christ's disciples to volunteer to go where doors are open for them to enter.
19. That in this age of technology we may make hi-tech connections for Christ and his Kingdom.
20. For persecuted Christians who are oppressed and brutalized because they love and obey the Lord.
21. That God would give each of us a vision to reach non-believing friends and neighbors for Christ.
22. For Christ's Church to raise up new missions' thrusts where communities of disciples already exist.
23. That God's Spirit call us to renew our commitment to Jesus to help revive the Church in America.
24. For Christ's world-wide purpose of love and justice to prevail in our hearts, church, and community.
25. For churches to be planted within every people group on our planet according to God's timetable.

CONCERTS OF PRAYER
SUPPORT FOR PARK PLACE CHURCH MINISTRIES
& PARTNERSHIP MINISTRIES

Park Place Church Ministries

Pastors

- Jonathan Grubbs, Lead Pastor
- Joshua Mifflin, Family Ministries Pastor
- Kirsten Streit-Hartng, Pastor of Community Development
- Mic Gilliam, Worship Pastor

Servant Leadership Board

- Janet Brewer, Chair
- Arthur Kelly, Vice-Chair
- Denise Kriebel, Treasurer
- Steve Hency, Secretary
- Sandra Overstreet, Member At Large
- Becca Palmer, Member At Large
- Julie Short, Member At Large
- Ryan Poole, Member At Large

Children's Center

- Our children and families in our Children's Center.
- The teachers and administrators (Director Elizabeth Weller).
- That this summer we can hire more teachers & aids to increase the number of classes in the Center.

Family Ministries (Children and Youth)

- Additional Spirit-led volunteers for preschool, kids, preteen, youth, and college ministries.
- Spiritual growth for our students as they learn what it means to follow Jesus and love our neighbors.
- Peace and healing of mind for our many students who wrestle with anxiety and depression.
- Wisdom and guidance for Pastor Josh and our Family Ministries leadership teams

Adult Ministries

- Adult Sunday School classes
- Developing and increasing our ministry with senior adults.

Finance & Building

- Stewardship and financial support of our church budget.
- Our custodial team and their efforts with building maintenance.

Park Place Community Center

- Continued connection and relationship building with our Park Place neighbors.
- God's blessing and guidance for all our tenants.
 - The Crossing Educational Center
 - Grace Horizon
 - Pediatric Therapy of Indiana
 - Damon Golden Photography
- Strength & perseverance for our pantry team lead by Moriah Fairer, Pantry Coordinator.
- The woman & children at Scholar House.

Community Ministries

- The Christian Center
- Operation Love Ministries
- Scholarships for Mission Work Camps
- Emergency Needs

Indiana and National Ministries

- Camp Challenge
- Silent Blessings Deaf Ministries
- Indiana Ministries of the Church of God
- Church of God Ministries

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INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES OF PARK PLACE CHURCH OF GOD

Please pray for the spiritual and physical health of our missionaries and for the family members they are often far away from. Pray also for funding for our missionaries, their churches, projects, and ministries they serve.

John and Gwen Johnson - Living Link Africa Regional Coordinators

1. For traveling mercies for major travel on a continent where it is always difficult and complicated.
2. Continued good health and that Gwen will remain healthy and that the cancer will not return.
3. That we will have a significant, positive impact on our four grandchildren.

Tim and Joy Coppess - Living Link Botswana

1. For our travel to support the pastor and members of Shakawe branch of the CHOG in Botswana.
2. For local leaders to follow-up and oversee all discipleship and leadership development activities.
3. For leaders to become Christ-like servants and for economic stability of church and community.

Larry and LeAnn Sellers - Living Link Cote d'Ivoire

1. For French speaking leaders here, in Rwanda & DRC to share what God has placed in their heart.
2. For the Executive Committee of CHOG in Côte d'Ivoire to have wisdom in leadership and ministries.
3. For God's guidance as we explore new opportunities in other French-speaking African countries.

Kelley and Rhonda Philips - Living Link Germany

1. For a healthy and productive home assignment, meetings with supporters, and times with family.
2. That *Pink Door* will flourish during our absence (Ministry to women escaping from human trafficking).
3. For the women and children in the care of *Pink Door*...for courage, strength, and motivation.

Daniel and Christy Kihm - Living Link Hungary

1. For CHOG Hungary to keep building a strong foundation of discipleship and church multiplication.
2. For the work of the Ukrainian and Russian CHOG congregations and those they serve.
3. For Hungarians affected by the pandemic, cancer, and the highest inflation rate in all of Europe.

Bernie and Akiko Barton - Living Link Japan

1. For the Futsukaichi Eiko Church and the Bartons as they are on home assignment June-August 2023.
2. For God's Spirit to bring revival and for the people of Japan to hear and obey God's call to ministry.
3. For the next generation of effective leadership in the Japanese Church of God to be raised up now.

Christians Broadcasting Hope serves God by leading indigenous ministry teams in 10 languages to produce evangelistic radio, internet, and other mass media programming around the world.

1. For staff and listeners in Arabic, Creole, English, French, Urdu, Portuguese, Hindi & Odia, Swahili.
2. For physical and spiritual needs of our CBH staff and their families in the USA and around the globe.
3. That indigenous teams develop their own unique broadcasts and the needed funding to air them.

Kima International School of Theology (KIST) is located in Western Kenya near the shores of Lake Victoria. It is the major theological training school of the Church of God on the continent of Africa.

1. For Rev. Patrick Mulayo and professors as they lead this large and important training institute in Kenya.
2. For the vital (off campus) Theological Education by Extension (TEE) with 258 students at 21 sites.
3. For shortages of food & water; for 47 full-time students from Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, and Rwanda.