

Pressing on Toward the Goal of Completeness in God's Sight

Grand Marais Prayer Initiative

Premise

Completeness in God's Sight Requires Continual/Earnest Prayer

- Love God
- Love Others
- Make Disciples

Guiding Principles

You Can't Build Spiritual Muscle Without Disciplined Exercise

Hebrews 5:14

For the Moment All Discipline Seems Painful, But Later It Yields the Peaceful Fruit of Righteousness To Those Trained By It

Hebrews 12:11

Each Christian is called to work out his/her own salvation with fear and trembling

Philippians 2:12-13

Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, [we are to] press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus

Philippians 3:13-14

We Are Not Sufficient in Ourselves for Anything Coming From Us

2 Corinthians 3:5

God Hears & Answers the Earnest Prayers of His People

1 Peter 3:12

Cultivate an Urgency in the Church for Prayer Through Its Committed/Disciplined Practice

Church Members Striving to be Complete in God's Sight

Prayer Partners Identified

Establish Accountabilities

Anonymous Corporate Accountability in the Church

Establish Monthly Prayer Focus

Monthly Evaluations Conducted

Accountability Between Churches, i.e., Two Church Involvement

CBC
GMEFC

Multiplicative Movement of Prayer & Prayers

Discipling/Mentoring Program Established

Striving As Churches to be Complete in Christ

Enlist Other Community Churches to Enlist in Initiative

Community Involvement

Striving As A Community to be Complete in Christ

Short Term

Mid-Term

Long Term

Mission

Vision

Participants Prepare Written Commitment to Spend Chosen Length of Time in Prayer Every Day
 Prayer Partners are Accountable for Demonstrating Adherence to Their Commitment
 Participants' Focus During Their Committed Prayer Time is Increased, i.e., the Frequency of Distractions During Prayer Time is Lessened
 Participants Become Increasingly Aware that God Answers Earnest Prayer
 Participants Feel a Heartfelt Desire to Spiritually Support Christian Outreach

Schedule/Duration

Short Term

Six Months

Ultimately Dependent Upon Results of Monthly Evaluations

Mid-Term

Church Must Show Achievement of Short Term Goals Before Moving On To Mid Term Program Components

Long Term

Church Must Show Achievement of Mid-Term Goals Before Moving On To Long Term Program Components

Meet Monthly

Online, Until Otherwise Deemed Prudent

Day? Third Week of Month

Time?

Report on Notable Personal Observations From Current Month's Prayer Topic; Time Limited to two minutes/person (Can Return to a Report if Time Allows)

Jointly Determined

Identify Monthly Prayer Topic Related to Christian Outreach

Specific Focus Each Month Rotates

Local
Regional
Global

Elements on Map Decided By Steering Committee

Prayer "Map" Distributed To Participants Week Following Monthly Meeting, But Before Start of Month

Participants Responsible for Choosing Their Specific Areas Of Prayer From Among Elements Listed

Program Elements

Written Commitment

Time Commitment Is Each Person's Decision

Must Be Time Set Apart

Time Spent per Day

Daily Time Must Be Recorded

Time

Focus That Day

Personal Observation

Keep Prayer Journal

Inspired Moments, If Any

Answered Prayers

Personal Accountability

Small Group

Large Group

Prayer-Sharpener Enhancements

Fasting

Bible Study

Mentoring

Books

Sermons

Articles

Resources

Pastoral Teaching/Coaching
Conferences/Training