

GRAND MARAIS PRAYER INITIATIVE

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MISSION

Cultivate an urgency for unified prayer through its committed/disciplined practice.

VISION

Holy Spirit-led prayer movement makes disciples & transforms the community by radiating Christ-like character.

GREETINGS PRAY-ERS!

March 1st of this year marked the kick-off month for an organized effort to glorify God through the unified prayers of His servants in our community. We pray this newsletter will be the first of many to chronicle what the Holy Spirit is progressively unveiling to the Initiative's participants.

March 2021 Meeting

This month's joint meeting was an encouragement to those who took part. Some insights that were shared included the following:

Sanctity of Prayer Time

One participant spoke about a change in his approach to prayer, realizing the price that was paid by Jesus to allow us direct access to God demanded wholehearted reverence during his prayer time. He had been convicted by the Holy Spirit his approach did not always reflect the degree of respect such realization should have

prompted and repented of this failure.

Prayer Time Commitment

Another participant spoke about how his committed prayer time at the beginning of each day framed the remainder of the day; how God continually put him in proximity to the people for whom he was praying; and how he saw God working in their lives. In most part, pray-ers found they exceeded their prayer time commitments.

Prayerful Attitude

All participants in the meeting spoke about how their committed prayer time helped them strive to maintain a prayerful attitude throughout the day.

Prayer Map and Journaling Resources

Use of the prayer map was deemed helpful in focusing pray-ers prayers during their committed prayer time. In addition, the journal page and accountability log (provided on the Grand Marais Evangelical Free Church web page) were found beneficial in documenting participants' daily prayer experiences.

Suggestions

Need for Individuality

Meeting participants stressed the Initiative should welcome all pray-ers, allowing for individual circumstances that might make the full participation by some particularly challenging.

Encouraging Participation of Beginning Pray-ers

One participant suggested efforts be made to encourage the participation of beginning pray-ers who might otherwise feel unsure about being welcomed.

Integration With Existing Prayer Groups

One participant wondered how the mission and vision of the Initiative might be integrated with prayer groups currently operating in the community to add to the five loaves and two fish the Lord is being given to glorify His name.

Editor's Note: Efforts will be undertaken to address the above suggestions/ideas and will be reported in April's newsletter.

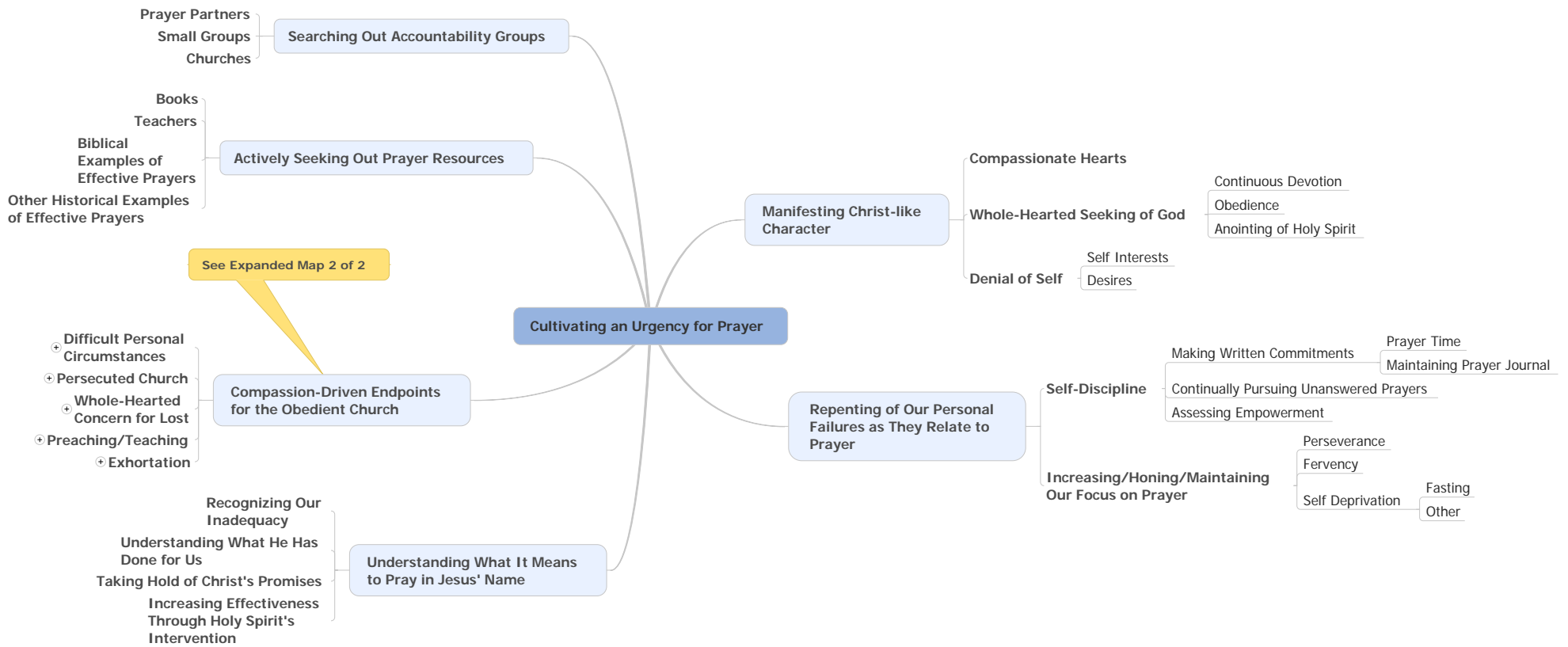
PRAYER MAP FOR APRIL 2021

The meeting participants agreed the March 2021 prayer map should remain in use for April. This decision was prompted by recognizing the Holy Spirit was active in moving each of the participants toward the map's central goal of cultivating an urgency for prayer; given this realization, the participants were encouraged to continue its use. The map for April is attached to this newsletter for your convenience.

WANT TO KNOW MORE? WANT TO ADD SOMETHING TO THIS NEWSLETTER? HAVE OTHER SUGGESTIONS?

Pray-ers are encouraged to contribute input that would provide for the outgrowth of Spirit-led prayer in the community. Email the editor a note at online@grandmaraisfree.church if you have something that should be shared to encourage others' growth in prayer!

Grand Marais Prayer Initiative: April 2021 Prayer Map (Map 1 of 2)



See Expanded Map 2 of 2

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