

Praying through the Heart of the Year for the Soul of Our Nation

Prayer Initiative Implementation Guidelines

Here are some options and ideas for implementing this vital prayer initiative in your own prayer life, as well as in a church or prayer group setting:

- Distribute copies of the 4-page brochure that overviews the 20 indicators of spiritual awakening in the Church and in the Culture (downloadable in full-color or black-and-white format through the NPC Web site, www.prayer.ag.org).
- Distribute to your congregation or prayer group the prayer guides that focus on each of the indicators. (Note that the 20 indicators are designated to span the 20-week period between the National Day of Prayer and the Sunday after 9/11 observances, should you choose to follow the weekly pattern in praying for the various emphases.)
- Form a prayer team that will give specific attention to this prayer initiative throughout the 20-week period.
- Provide copies of *Praying for a Christ Awakening* (available at www.gospelpublishing.com) as a supplement to the prayer guides. (Note: In the book, as well as the online resources, the indicators for awakening alternate between the Church and Culture.)
- Print each week's indicator in the church bulletin, and encourage members to visit the NPC Web site and print copies of the prayer guides.
 - » Should you choose to follow an abbreviated format, rather than the full 20-week schedule, there are many ways to bring light to the prayer emphases. You might, for example, focus on the "Church" indicators one week and the "Culture" indicators another week. Or you could highlight five indicators on the last Sunday of each month.

- Form a small group during the prayer initiative period to discuss the indicators and signs of their fulfillment, as well as to pray regarding each indicator.
- Display the indicator of awakening (and the prayer points, if you choose) on the sanctuary or prayer room media screen each week (available on PowerPoint through the NPC Web site).
- Weave indicators of spiritual awakening, when possible, into sermons or teaching sessions.
- Place copies of the prayer initiative brochure and prayer guides in the church sanctuary or prayer room.
- Include each week's prayer guide in the church bulletin.
- Participate in this year's Cry Out America courthouse gatherings on the final weekend of this special prayer initiative (see the NPC Web site for details).
- Focus on the National Day of Prayer emphases each week relating to seven centers of power: Government, Military, Media, Business, Education, Church and Family. These emphases are listed in the prayer guides as well as on the PowerPoint presentations. (The National Day of Prayer Web site also provides more information regarding these specific points of prayer: www.nationaldayofprayer.com/outreach/7x7)

