

Ideas for Bringing a Prayer Canopy to Your Community



- Gather at least 30 churches that will commit to praying over a 24-hour period, one day per month (two or three churches could share the same day if they are smaller or larger churches could take more than one day). For example, PBC may take the 2nd Thursday of every month, with each of those 24 hours covered in prayer (usually with 24-48 people).
- If you can't gather enough for a month, start with one day. Rotate churches across your region as you raise awareness – praying and worshipping for a full 24-hours.
- Join with other churches in your community that are already praying. Build relationships. A prayer canopy or a prayer furnace can only happen when the BODY comes together!
- Establish a local 24-7 prayer room.

24-7 Prayer

- Encourage church members to pray for their own congregation first. Then, they will pray through the local prayer guide developed for their community.
- Pray for a prayer coordinator to step up (in Brazoria County there are two women who share the leadership).
- Create a prayer guide help your intercessors pray the Word in unity.

Prayer Guide

- Develop a prayer guide to be sent out monthly or bi-monthly. This will be created using the specific prayer needs of the community. It is helpful to have strategic leaders in the community that contribute to this. Think of the 7 Mountains of Culture – religion, family, education, government, media, arts & entertainment, and business.
- Use the WORD! For each prayer need, include at least one scripture – for this is what moves mountains! The Word is living and active!
- Communicate well! Email prayer guides at the beginning of the month and even the week of. Suggest that churches have a point person to text 45 minutes to an hour prior to their prayer time.

Celebrate your victories! No matter how small your beginnings, it is God's heart that His Church is a House of Prayer.

Additional Resources:

1 Church 1 Day – how to cover your community with 24/7 prayer

Whatcom Story – the story that inspired the movement in Brazoria County, TX

24-7 Prayer – non-stop prayer movement, story told in Red Moon Rising

Burn 24-7 – how to host continuous prayer and worship – monthly, weekly or daily

Senteniel Group - documentaries all about revival birthed in prayer and unity

Dick Eastman's 12-Step Personal Prayer Plan – taken from The Hour That Changes the World