



ANCONA

PRAYER WALKING GUIDE

WELCOME TO THE ITALIAN COASTAL CITY OF ANCONA. It is a city of over 100,000 people (around 350,000 in the metropolitan area), and is one of the major ports on the Adriatic Sea.

*Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move.
Nothing will be impossible for you.
Matthew 17:20*

As you spend your days here, please lift up the Anconetani (residents of Ancona), asking God to pour out His Spirit on them so they would truly know and experience Jesus, and so they would discover the joy of dwelling in Him.

*Ah, Lord God! It is you who have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you.
Jeremiah 32:17*

Ancona is currently a city full of people who belong to the enemy. The prayers you pray will serve to bind him, so that many Anconetani will be plundered from his house.

*But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house.
Mark 3:27*

4 WAYS TO PRAYER WALK

OBSERVATION

What you're seeing can prompt you to pray for the situations.

RESEARCH

Discover particular needs in the city.

REVELATION

What God prompts you to pray out of the blue.

SCRIPTURE

Bible passages and themes that come to mind as you walk.

BLESS PEOPLE WITH PRAYER

Body

Pray for their health and the health of their family/friends.

LABOR

Pray for their job or for them to get a job.

ECONOMY

Pray for their finances, that God would meet their needs.

SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS

Pray for their family, friends, co-workers, and neighbors.

SPIRITUAL RELATIONSHIPS

Pray for their relationship with Jesus and His followers.

5 PLACES TO PRAY OVER

GOVERNMENT CENTERS

City hall, Courthouse, Social Services

COMMERCIAL CENTERS

Shops, Supermarkets, Markets, Bars, Restaurants

EDUCATIONAL CENTERS

Schools, Universities

COMMUNITY CENTERS

Gyms, Dance Schools, Sports Facilities, Piazzas, Bars

SPIRITUAL CENTERS

Churches, Mosques, Temples, Meditation Centers

5 THINGS TO PRAY FOR

OPEN HEAVENS *Isaiah 63*

Pray that God would open the heavens and come down, pouring out the Holy Spirit to redeem.

OPEN HEARTS *Acts 16:14*

Pray that God would open the hearts of the people to hear, understand, and believe the Gospel message.

OPEN HOMES *Acts 10:30-48*

Pray that God would usher whole households into His kingdom.

OPEN HIGHWAYS *Isaiah 40:3-5*

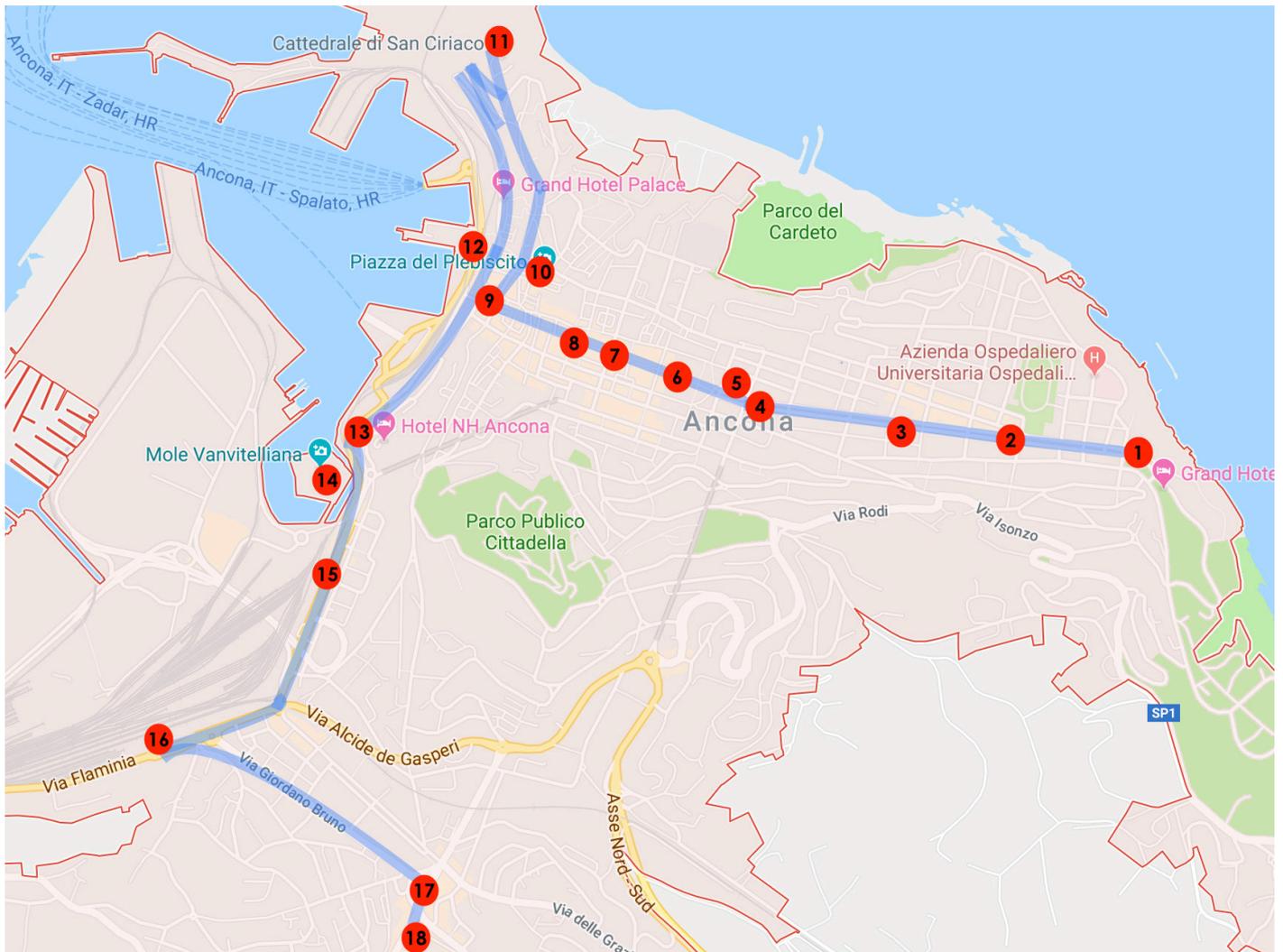
Pray that God would open pathways for the Gospel to reach the hearts of the people and that He would reveal these pathways to His church.

OPEN HANDS *Matthew 10:7-8*

Pray that God's church would act in faith with radical, immediate, costly obedience to proclaim the Gospel with words and deeds.

PRAYER WALK MAP

1. Il Monumento
2. Viale della Vittoria
3. Piazza Diaz
4. Symbol of Ancona
5. Il Comune
6. Piazza Cavour
7. Corso Garibaldi
8. Piazza Roma
9. Piazza del Reppublica
10. Piazza del Plebiscito
11. Il Duomo
12. Il Porto
13. Porta Pia
14. Il Lazzaretto
15. Gli Archi
16. La Stazione
17. Piazza Ugo Bassi
18. Piazza D'Armi





IL MONUMENTO

This monument is to honor those from Ancona who gave their lives in the First World War. It is a point of reference for the Anconetani as a gathering place, where they often come to sit on its steps and admire the Adriatic Sea or even enjoy a beautiful sunrise.

Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

John 12:24-25

Pray that those who follow Jesus in Ancona would die to themselves daily, putting aside their comfort, their fear, and their reputation to proclaim the Gospel and make disciples, so they would bear much fruit. Pray they would rejoice when they suffer dishonor for Jesus and they would continue to boldly proclaim that Jesus is the Christ. Pray that "il Monumento" would become a gathering place where people come together to worship God and to encourage one another in following Jesus.

VIALE DELLA VITTORIA

This pedestrian walkway runs from the Adriatic Sea by *Il Monumento* all the way to Piazza Cavour. It is a straight pathway shaded by many trees, and is one of the favorite places for Anconetani to do "laps." They walk up and down the *Viale* (as it is often called) for exercise, to enjoy the shade, or just to be seen.

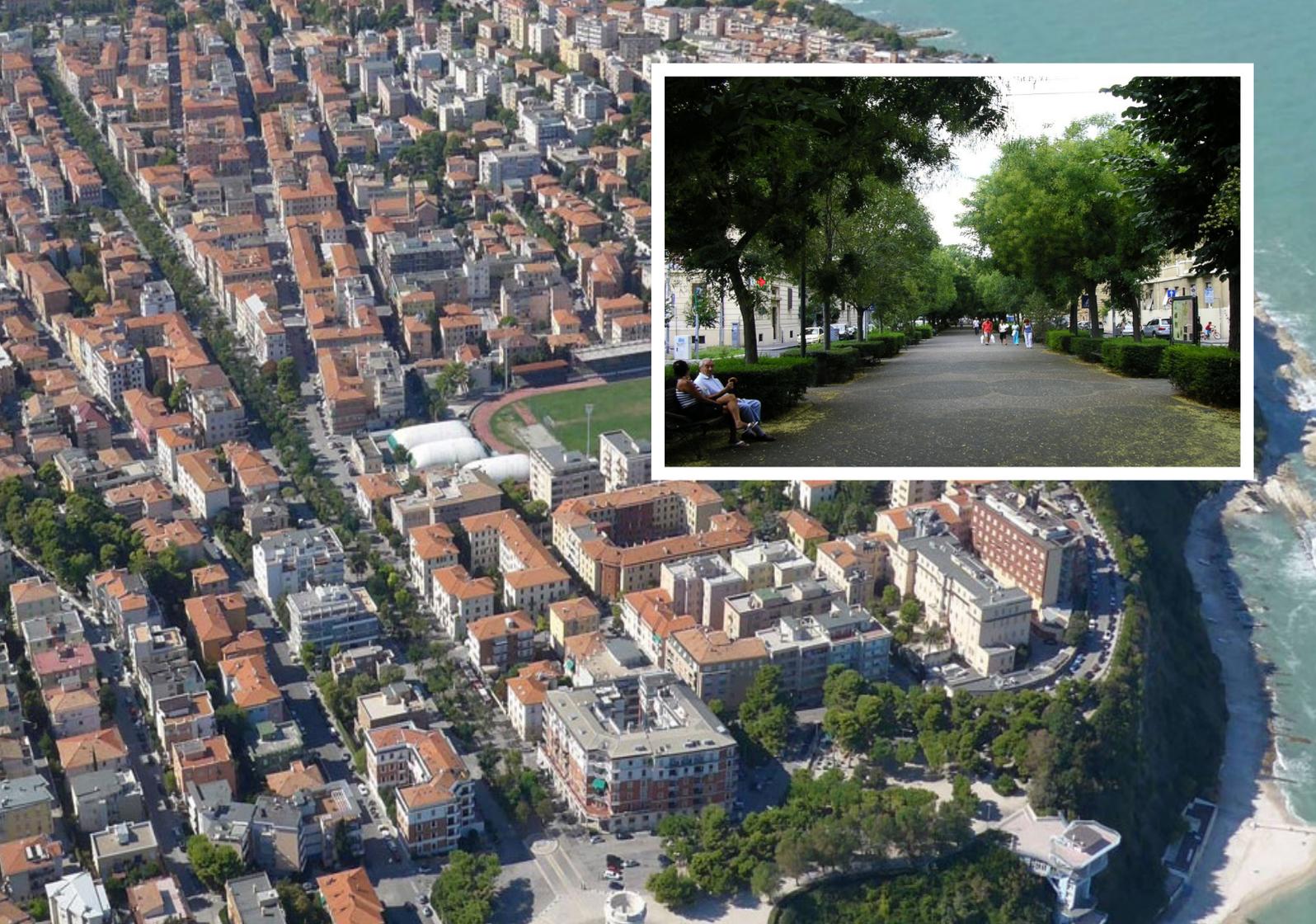
And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them.

Isaiah 42:16

With weeping they shall come, and with pleas for mercy I will lead them back, I will make them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble.

Jeremiah 31:9

Pray that God would make a straight path for the Anconetani to draw near to Him. Pray that He would remove every obstacle and every barrier that keeps them from knowing Jesus. Pray that He would turn the darkness into light for them, so they could experience the Light of the World, Jesus. Pray they would have repentant hearts and that they would seek God.





PIAZZA DIAZ

This public square is a favorite gathering place for both children and adults. They come here to play on the playground, play soccer, talk, or grab a coffee or gelato at the bar.

But Jesus called them to him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it."

Luke 18:16-17

Pray that the children of Ancona would be taught the truth about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit and the Bible. Pray that from an early age they would hunger for a relationship with Jesus. Pray that the spiritual apathy prevalent in the culture would not dissuade them from the truth, but rather would help them see the difference between religious tradition and a relationship with Jesus. Pray that God would do whatever it takes to help the adults discover a child-like faith in Jesus.

SYMBOL OF THE CITY OF ANCONA

One of the symbols of the city contains the phrase *Ancon Dorica Civitas Fidei*, which is Latin for “Doric Ancona, City of Faith.” The legend of the motto is that it refers to faith in a Greek goddess the founders of the city worshipped. God, however, can turn it into a city whose faith is in Jesus.

Yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

Galatians 2:16

Pray that God would redeem many people from this city, and that it truly would be a city of faith as the motto says. Pray the Anconetani would understand that salvation is by faith and not by works or the law or religious traditions. Pray that Ancona would be a city filled with the children of God who truly know Jesus and who serve Him out of love rather than out of a desire to earn their salvation.





IL COMUNE

Ancona has been inhabited for over 2,400 years. This building holds the office of the mayor and is where the city council makes decisions about how to better the city and take care of its people.

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

1 Timothy 2:1-4

Pray for the leaders of Ancona, that they would humble themselves before the Lord, and that they would lead the city in righteousness. Pray they would make decisions that truly benefit the Anconetani and not just themselves or their social network. Pray that the city would prosper in such a way that God would get the glory and the daily needs of the people would be met. Pray that all people, from the mayor to the homeless, would be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth.

PIAZZA CAVOUR

This public square is the central point of downtown Ancona. It is here that the Viale della Vittoria and Corso Garibaldi meet to make a 2 kilometer pedestrian walkway. Aside from being a gathering place for the Anconetani, Piazza Cavour is the main hub for the public bus system. In the center of the square you will find a statue in honor of one of the founding fathers of the Kingdom of Italy, the precursor to the current Italian Republic.

*The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the Gospel.
Mark 1:15*

*The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.
Matthew 13:44*

Pray the Anconetani would not put their faith in political systems, in self-help, or in false religions, but that they would put their faith in Jesus, the only one who can save. Pray they would repent and believe in the good news of Jesus' kingdom. Pray they would be filled with such joy at living with Jesus that they would be willing to give up everything to have Him.



CAMILLO BENSO
DI CAVOUR
LA PROVINCIA E LA CITTA
DI ANCONA



CORSO GARIBALDI

This pedestrian walkway leads from Piazza Cavour down to the port. It is lined with stores, bars, offices and banks. It's the commercial hub of downtown Ancona and is surrounded by the most historic parts of the city.

They are those who hear the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. But those that were sown on the good soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold.

Mark 4:18-20

Pray that the Anconetani would wrestle with the question, "What does it profit me if I gain the whole world but forfeit my soul?" Pray they would be able to see the deceitfulness of riches and the emptiness of materialism. Pray they would not store up treasures on earth, but would rather store up treasures in heaven. Pray they would hear the word of the Gospel, believe, and put it into practice, bearing much fruit.

PIAZZA ROMA

This public square is one of the principal gathering places for the Anconetani. It hosts many events, including an outdoor market all year round. Within the square resides *La Fontana dei Cavalli*, the Fountain of the Horses. The fountain is supposed to represent and honor two Greek gods.

The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.
Deuteronomy 6:4-5

And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.
John 17:3

Pray that Piazza Roma would become a gathering place where people worship the One True God. Pray that it would not be simply a space of commercial exchange, but rather a place where the Gospel is proclaimed and lives are transformed. Pray the Anconetani would believe there is no other god besides God, and that they would love him with all their heart, soul and might. Pray they would believe that God sent Jesus with the purpose of dying on the cross for their sin.





TEATRO DELLE MUSE

Opere

Recital e Balletti

Concerti

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The *Teatro delle Muse*, or Theater of the Muses, is the city's most known center for the arts, showcasing theater, dance, and music. Many concerts and shows are held here throughout the year.

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.
Psalm 40:3

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
Psalm 95:1-2

Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!
Psalm 105:1-2

Pray that many Anconetani would experience God, have a right fear of Him and put their trust in Jesus. Pray they would be filled with joy to the point of singing. Pray that new songs, works of art, theater productions and more would be produced to praise and thank God for the salvation they have in Jesus and to give Him all the glory. Pray they would be creative in proclaiming His deeds and all His wondrous works.

PIAZZA DEL PLEBISCITO

The name of this public square literally means the “public square of the people,” but it is commonly called *Piazza del Papa* (public square of the Pope), because of the statue at one end of the square. Piazza del Plebiscito is home of the downtown night life.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Romans 12:1-2

Pray that the believers in Ancona would present themselves to God as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable. Pray they would not conform to this world, but would instead renew their minds to obey God and serve His will. Pray the Anconetani would be convicted of how their life is just a breath, and that they would comprehend the vanity and emptiness of pursuing pleasure. Pray that Anconetani believers would be diligent and bold in proclaiming the Gospel in this square, and pray that Piazza del Papa would become a place where God is worshipped and glorified day and night.





IL DUOMO

Il Duomo (The Dome), located in the historic city center, is the oldest and most important Catholic church in Ancona. It is home to the Archbishop of Ancona and is the symbol of the Catholic faith for the whole city. Its strategic location on the highest point of the port was intentional so that all could see it from far away.

And he said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.' You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men."[...] thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do."

Mark 7:6-13

Pray the Anconetani would be able to discern the difference between religion and a relationship with Jesus. Pray they would see the emptiness and fruitlessness of following man-made traditions and rules. Pray their dissatisfaction with the Catholic Church would not turn them away from Jesus, but rather would cause them to draw near to Him to seek out truth. Pray they would experience Jesus in a powerful way that would set them free from the traditions and rituals that keep them enslaved and far from Jesus.

IL PORTO

The port is the lifeblood of the city. It is the launching point for fishermen, ferries, cruise ships, freighters and shipyards. It's the reason the Greeks chose to establish a city here, as it is one of only three major ports on the Adriatic Sea.

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

Micah 7:18-19

Praise God that He does not stay angry forever and that His love is steadfast. Praise God that He has compassion for the Anconetani and has promised to tread their iniquities under foot and cast their sins into the depths of the sea. Pray the Anconetani would understand these truths and believe them. Pray that they would turn to God in repentance and joy. Pray that a movement of disciples making disciples would take place like a ripple effect, expanding outward to all of Ancona, the rest of Italy, the Adriatic Sea region, and to the ends of the earth.





PORTA PIA

In the late 1700s, this gateway was the main land entrance to Ancona. Before it was built, the easiest way to enter the city was by sea. Since its construction, a road has been built alongside it to allow for easier access to the city. It is no longer used as an entrance to the city, but rather as part of a pedestrian walkway along the port.

Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.

Matthew 7:13-14

Pray that many in Ancona would seek out and find the narrow gate, Jesus. Pray they would not grow weary in following His ways. Pray that the Anconetani believers would be bold and courageous in seeking to save those who are on the wide and easy way to destruction. Pray the Anconetani would find the life that only Jesus can give.

IL LAZZARETTO

This structure, also called *Il Mole*, was originally built in 1743 to defend the city from both enemy forces and diseases that could arrive in the port via humans or merchandise. Since then it has been repurposed several times and is now mainly used as a museum, offices, and as a space for outdoor events.

Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord."

Ezekiel 37:4-6

Pray that God would confirm the Gospel message with signs and wonders, just as He did through the apostles. Pray the Anconetani believers would have the faith to lay hands on those who are sick, have diseases, or are demon-possessed, and that God would respond in power. Pray that God would pour out His Spirit on the Anconetani so they would live and know Him as their Lord.





GLI ARCHI

This area of Ancona is known as "The Arches" due to the arches that line one side of the street. This neighborhood is largely inhabited by those who work in the port, and it also happens to be one of the neighborhoods with a higher density of foreigners.

*And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him.
Matthew 4:19-20*

Pray that God would call the fishermen of Ancona just as he called out fishermen to become fishers of men in Scripture. Pray they would have the same reaction as Andrew, Peter, James and John to immediately drop everything and follow Him. Pray that the Lord would raise up many harvest workers from among the harvest to join in fishing for men in Ancona and beyond. Pray that not just Italians, but all nations that reside in Ancona would be reached and transformed by the Gospel message.

LA STAZIONE

The train station serves as the public transportation hub to connect with the rest of Italy and beyond. Trains and buses are constantly coming and going. The surrounding area is highly populated by foreigners due to the lower cost of housing and the greater pollution caused by the trains and buses.

While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

Acts 13:2-3

Pray that the Anconetani believers would be united in fasting, in prayer, and in a vision to go and make disciples of all nations. Pray that they would constantly seek the leading of the Holy Spirit and be quick to follow His promptings. Pray there would be such a community of Christ followers in Ancona that it would become a launching pad for harvest workers to be sent off into the harvest in Italy, in Europe, and around the world.

Stazione Ancona 





PIAZZA UGO BASSI

This public square serves as a second city center and as the second major bus hub for Ancona. Not only are there many shops and bars in this area, but there are also many international markets due to the dense immigrant population.

*And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word.
Acts 10:42-44*

Pray the Anconetani believers would boldly proclaim the Gospel to all people, testifying of Jesus as the one appointed by God to judge the living and the dead. Pray that the Anconetani would recognize their sinfulness and repent, seeking the forgiveness that is only found in Jesus. Pray the Holy Spirit would fall upon those who believe and that the Anconetani believers would be filled daily with the Holy Spirit to do the work which Jesus calls them to do.

PIAZZA D'ARMI

Historically, this public square was the site where the military would do exercises or station its vehicles. Today it hosts one of the city's biggest outdoor markets and is a gathering place for many of the immigrants in the area.

"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live."

Isaiah 55:1-3

Pray that the Anconetani would go to Jesus and drink deeply. Pray they would eat and drink of that which is of greatest value. Pray that all the world offers would only leave them dissatisfied. Pray they would find in Jesus all that truly satisfies. Pray they would hear God's voice calling them and they would experience the conviction of the Holy Spirit, so that they may live.



COMUNALE
D'Armi

buon
giorno

COAL

Piazza Firenze

CASA
CANTIERE
DI LAVORO

**LOOK, I TELL YOU, LIFT UP YOUR
EYES, AND SEE THAT THE FIELDS
ARE WHITE FOR HARVEST.**

JOHN 4:35

Team Expansion

