

Multiplication

— December —

We long to see God raise up disciples in Italy who multiply; making disciples who make disciples.

~Below you will find a suggested amount of time for each segment of your meeting, but don't feel bound by these suggestions. Allow the Holy Spirit to lead your prayer time together.

10 Minutes- Mix and Mingle

Use this time to catch up and get settled before your time of prayer.

10 Minutes- Praise

Before taking time to intercede, praise God for who He is and how He has recently shown Himself to you.

Speak His names out loud (God, You are Savior, You are King, etc.), and His character (God, Your love is unconditional, You are always present).

Praise God for the ways He has been working in and through You. (God, thank You for providing for my family, Thank You for giving me patience yesterday, etc.)

10 Minutes- Personal Surrender and Confession

Personal Surrender

Before interceding on behalf of the people of Italy, surrender the worries of your life that may distract you during this prayer time. Take a moment to write down on a piece of paper any concerns that are on your mind. Is it your finances? Is it a relationship? Jot that down. Then in your heart, give these concerns over to the Lord.

Confession

Ask the Holy Spirit to convict you of any disbelief or sin that you have been giving in to. Take a moment in your heart to confess these to the Lord and receive His grace and forgiveness.

*15 Minutes- Prayer through the Word

Theme - Multiplication

This month we are asking God to multiply disciples, churches and leaders throughout the country in every region.

Genesis 26:4

"I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and will give them all these lands, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed." (Spoken to Abraham, repeated to Isaac.)

Prayer Points for Italy

- God, we ask You to continue to fulfill Your promise to Abraham and Isaac - throughout the nation of Italy.
- God, we ask You to draw all Italians to Yourself, that many will trust and follow You, Jesus.
- God, we ask You to bless the people and land of Italy.

Acts 9:31

"Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace and was strengthened. Living in the fear of the Lord and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers."

Prayer Points for Italy

- God, we ask You to strengthen the believers in Italy.
- God, we ask You to fill them with fear of You and to encourage them by Your Spirit.
- God, we ask You to increase their numbers!

Acts 12:24

"But the word of God continued to spread and flourish."

Prayer Points for Italy

- God, we ask that Your Word would continue to spread and flourish throughout Italy.

2 Timothy 2:2

"And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others."

Prayer Points for Italy

- God, we ask You to raise up Italians who would share Your truth in the presence of many witnesses.
- God, we ask that reliable people would hear Your Word and teach it to others who will share it with others.

*15 Minutes- Intercession for Italy

Below are some insights on spiritual strongholds and barriers that may be preventing multiplication throughout Italy. Please read the text out loud and then pause so participants can pray as God leads.

CULTURAL INSIGHT

Spirit of Indifference

- Throughout Italy there is a lack of trust and desire to talk about meaningful topics (especially among men). Theme of conversation can often be superficial.

Spirit of Privacy

Most people keep their beliefs about God and the ways they relate to Him very private. They do not like to talk about their faith as it might come across that they are pushing their beliefs on someone or trying to prove that they are more religious than others.

Spirit of Nationalism

Despite many Italians leaving the Catholic Church, many still practice part of the sacraments because it is a part of their cultural identity. It's the way they have always done things, and they don't want to be different from the rest of their community.

10 Minutes- Listening Prayer

On a blank piece of paper, ask the Lord the following questions. Be still and listen. Write down any words or thoughts that come to mind.

- God, how do You want to multiply disciples across Italy and beyond?
- God, in what ways can Your Church spread throughout Italy?
- God, how would You like me to share my faith this week? Who are You leading me to disciple?

After jotting down these thoughts, share them with a partner or your group. Now spend time praying to God for the things He has put on your heart.

5 Minutes- Closing

We want to hear from you. Take a moment to debrief your prayer time. Are there themes, thoughts or passages that God has laid on your heart for the people of Italy? Take a moment to write these down as a group and give them to your small group facilitator. (Small group facilitator- please email these to your contact person in Italy.)

**NOTE: To use this guide for 30 minutes of prayer versus 60, focus your time on the two, 15 minute sections.*