

Prayer

— MARCH —

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 / Video

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: Prayer

This month, our prayer focus for Italy is on the theme of prayer itself. Pray believers in Italy become people of prayer, developing a high commitment to pray for more disciple-makers in this country. Pray also for a prayer movement over Italy by the global church.

John 15:1-5

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

Prayer Points for Italy

- God, we ask that believers in Italy would abide in You daily.
- God, we ask that believers in Italy would remain in Your word.
- God, we ask that You would bear much fruit in the lives of the believers in Italy.

1 Timothy 2:1-4

"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth."

Prayer Points for Italy

- God, we ask for believers in Italy to develop a commitment to pray for the leaders of their nation.
- God, we ask for believers in Italy to develop a commitment to pray for new disciples.
- God, we ask for believers in Italy to be committed to praying for opportunities to share the knowledge of the Truth.

Ephesians 6:18-20

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should."

Prayer Points for Italy

- God, we ask for the global church to engage in a committed prayer movement for the people of Italy to become disciples of Jesus.
- God, we ask You to give believers in Italy the words to say when they share Your Truth.
- God, we ask You to embolden believers in Italy to live fearlessly.

*15 Minutes- Intercession for Bosnia

Below are some insights on the current prayer activities in and for Italy. Please read the text out loud and then pause so participants can pray as God leads.

CULTURAL INSIGHT

24 Hour Prayer Events

At different times teams of believers in Italy have put on 24-hour prayer events lasting for one day or even up to 40 days. They are seeking to ignite a 24-7 prayer movement on behalf of the country.

Pray4Italy.com

This website is focused on raising up prayer for Bosnia from the wider global church.

Prayer Walking Teams

Workers in Italy are inviting short term teams to come with the sole purpose of prayer walking through spiritually dark communities.

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, what is hindering Italian believers in their prayers?
- God, how can the global church be empowered to pray for Italy?
- God, how can I deepen my prayers for the world?

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.

5Minutes- 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.