

Engage Lost People

— May —

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 - Engage Lost People

This month we are asking God to give believers throughout Italy courage and wisdom as they engage with those around them who do not follow Jesus.

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.”

Prayer Points for Italy

- God, we ask that believers in Italy would love You with their whole heart, soul and strength.
- God, we ask that Your words would be constantly on their hearts.
- God, we ask that believers in Italy would talk about You with those who follow You and those who do not know You.
- God, we pray that believers in Italy would be a witness for You in all spheres of society. Fill them with your courage, boldness and wisdom.

Matthew 5:15-16

“Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”

Prayer Points for Italy

- God, we pray that believers in Italy would not hide Your light in them, but that they would let You shine in and through them.
- God, we pray that as believers in Italy do good deeds, that Your name would be glorified.

Psalms 105:1

“Give praise to the Lord, proclaim His name; make known among the nations what He has done.”

Prayer Points for Italy

- God, we praise Your name. We praise You for all You are doing in Italy.
- God, we ask You to use Your believers throughout Italy to make Your name known.

*15 Minutes- Intercession for Italy

Below are some insights on different ways believers in Italy are engaging those around them who do not follow Jesus. Please read the text out loud and then pause so participants can pray as God leads.

CULTURAL INSIGHT

Disciple Making Network

Throughout the country, disciple-makers are committing to spending time walking through their communities and meeting new people. During these prayer walks, they are asking God to give them simple words of Truth that they could share with those they meet.

Local Churches

Throughout the week, local churches invite nationals to join them, to come and hear the Word of God and connect with local believers.

Humanitarian Organizations

Throughout the country, followers of Jesus are able to engage new people through different types of projects. Some of these include: language classes, pro-life seminars, Christmas boxes, seminars in community mental and physical health, etc.

New Ways

Would you please pray for Spirit lead creativity in finding new ways to engage the lost in meaningful spiritual conversations?

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 feel about those in Italy who are far from You?
- God, are there specific ways You want to reveal Jesus to those in Italy who do not know You?
- God, are there specific ways You want to encourage Your witnesses in Italy?

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.*