

# Local Churches and Camps

— July —

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 - Local Churches and Camps

This month we are asking God to encourage the local church and leaders as they serve children, teens and families throughout the summer.

2 Thessalonians 1:3-4

*We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing. Therefore, among God's churches we boast about your perseverance and faith in all the persecutions and trials you are enduring.*

### Prayer Points for Italy

- God, we thank You for those who have come to know You in Italy.
- God, we ask You to grow their faith and increase the love they have for one another, for other groups of believers and for unreached people in Italy.
- God, we ask You to strengthen these believers in their faith and perseverance in the midst of any persecution they may face.

Matthew 19:14

*Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."*

### Prayer Points for Italy

- God, we ask You to bless the children who will be attending the summer camps in Italy.
- God, we pray parents would be open to send their children to these camps.
- God, we ask that through these camps, the next generation of local leaders will rise up throughout Italy.

Galatians 5:22-23

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.*

### Prayer Points for Italy

- God, we ask You to fill local Italian churches with the fruit of Your Spirit.

## \*15 Minutes- Intercession for Italy

Below are some insights on ways you can be praying for the local church and camps this summer.

### CULTURAL INSIGHT

#### Local Churches

In Italy the number of people who follow Jesus and seek to multiply disciples is very small, less than 2%.

- Ask God to fill these Italian brothers and sisters with deep love for one another.
- Ask God fill these churches with unity and hope.
- Ask God to encourage old leaders to multiply themselves.
- Ask God to raise up new leaders who have a vision for a multiplication movement.
- Ask God to guide the believers to engage those around them with Jesus' love and to make disciples.

## Camps

From north to south church communities will be putting on summer camps to encourage the youth of Christian families, to reach out to children from non-believing families, to encourage and support Christian families, to proclaim the gospel to immigrants and refugees, to train up disciple makers... Pray for the local believers who will be serving at the camps. Ask God to help these leaders grow in their faith, in their capacity to humbly lead those around them, and in their understanding of how to multiply disciple makers.

## 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, in what ways do You want to encourage Italian believers?
- God, how do You want to reveal Yourself to children of 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.)

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