

Pioneer Prayer Groups Startup Guide June 25, 2019 – June 25, 2020

Introduction

Revival Plan was developed by Pastor Richard Constantinescu, an ordained SDA minister, and presented to the General Conference Revival and Reformation Committee on March 18, 2019 where it was favorably received. It is offered to divisions, unions, conferences, local churches, and/or individuals to freely use for what it is worth. Its objective is to start 1000 prayer groups per division (2-12 members per group) to pray from June 25, 2019 to June 25, 2020 for 30 minutes weekly for church members, leaders, and General Conference 2020.

Steps to Form a Pioneer Prayer Group

- 1. Realize the urgent need for revival and reformation and ask God's help (Rev. 3:14-22)
- 2. Identify potential group members from your friend list
- 3. Invite spiritual friends to visit www.RevivalPlan.com/pioneerprayer and register to join
- 4. Create a spreadsheet with names, phone numbers, and email addresses of your Pioneer Prayer Group
- 5. Decide on a 35 minute time slot that would work for everyone, perhaps Sabbath or Sunday
- 6. Decide the venue: in person, WhatsApp, or on the phone
- 7. Print or forward weekly prayer topics from the Testimonies at www.RevivalPlan.com/prayertopics
- 8. Follow SHORT Prayer Process* with prayer topics after a brief welcome. Less talk, more prayer!
- 9. Pray for at least 30 minutes weekly. Time of prayer and testimony can extend if all agree.
- 10. Invite other spiritual friends to start their own Pioneer Prayer Groups and share this Startup Guide

Prayer Process*

- Scripture (Claim Bible promises. John 15:7)
- Harmony (Agree with others. Matt. 18:19, 20)
- Order (Pray focused, SHORT, audible prayers, giving thanksgiving and praise. 1 Cor. 14:40)
- Righteousness (Claim Christ's blood and merits, confess unworthiness. 1 Pet. 1:19/1 Jn. 3:21)
- Total (Pray as a team—use plural personal pronouns, *we*, *us*, and *our* instead of, *I*, *me*, and *my*. Matt. 6:9-13)

Motivation for Pioneer Prayer Groups

- 1. When the message of truth was first proclaimed, how much we prayed. How often was the voice of intercession heard in the chamber, in the barn, in the orchard, or the grove. Frequently we spent hours in earnest prayer, two or three together claiming the promise; often the sound of weeping was heard and then the voice of thanksgiving and the song of praise. Now the day of God is nearer than when we first believed, and we should be more earnest, more zealous, and fervent than in those early days. Our perils are greater now than then. Souls are more hardened. We need now to be imbued with the spirit of Christ, and we should not rest until we receive it."
 - —Testimonies, vol. 5, p. 161.
- 2. A revival of true godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs. To seek this should be our first work.
 - —Review and Herald, March 22, 1887 cf. Matt. 6:33; Lk. 11:13.

- 3. Before the final visitation of God's judgments upon the earth, there will be, among the people of the Lord, such a revival of primitive godliness as has not been witnessed since apostolic times. The Spirit and power of God will be poured out upon his children.
 - —Great Controversy, p. 464 cf. Mal. 3:3-5.
- 4. In the place of those who have the light of truth allowing jealousy and evil surmisings to come in and weaken their love and union one with another, their united prayers should ascend to heaven for the Lord to arise, and put an end to the violence and abuse which are practiced in our world. More prayer and less talk is what God desires, and it would make his people a tower of strength.
 - —Review and Herald, June 15, 1897.
- 5. Take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

 —Matthew 21:34-36.
- 6. If, when evil cometh upon us, as the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we stand before this house, and in thy presence, (for thy name is in this house,) and cry unto thee in our affliction, then thou wilt hear and help.
 - —2 Chronicles 20:9.
- 7. He spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint.
 - —Luke 18:1.
- 8. If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.
 - —Matthew 18:19.
- 9. When he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone.
 - —Matthew 14:23.
- 10. In the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.
 - —Mark 1:35.
- 11. Only to those who wait humbly upon God, who watch for His guidance and grace, is the Spirit given. The power of God awaits their demand and reception. This promised blessing, claimed by faith, brings all other blessings in its train.
 - —Desire of Ages 672.
- 12. The divine power which is necessary for the growth and prosperity of the church, and which would bring all other blessings in its train, is lacking, though offered in its infinite plenitude.
 - —Testimonies, vol. 8, p. 21.
- 13. God will use ways and means by which it will be seen that he is taking the reins in his own hands.
 - —Special Testimonies, 6, p. 59 cf. Jer. 11:20.