

# Prayer at the Heart

*To ignite a great awakening through a national movement of humble, unified,  
desperate prayer and action*

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## Biblical Basis for PATH

*“If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.” 2 Chronicles 7:14*

*Let your **light** shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16*

*He told them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to **send out** workers into his harvest field. <sup>3</sup> **Go!** Luke 10:2-3*

*“I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.” Luke 10:18*

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## Vision

### **We are asking God for:**

- 63 million people to make a first or recommitment to Jesus Christ.
- Prayer to be at the heart of every Christian, family, church, community and workplace.
- The needs of the poor and suffering to be taken care of and for a complete transformation of the nation in alignment with the Kingdom of God.
- Forgiveness to flow and love, joy and peace to reign.

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## Strategy

- **Unity** - A national movement of united Christians, of all denominations and backgrounds, praying and sharing God's love outside the four walls of the Church. **Unified with a single goal to glorify Jesus as we pray and share the gospel in word and deed.**
- In every state in 2022-24, every county 2023-25 and city 2023-26.
- PATH is eager to link arms with all tribes, tongues and ages (churches, ministries, First Nations, Gen X, Millennials etc.) to:
  1. Send Mission Teams across the state, county or city; and
  2. Gather for prayer, praise and testimony at a central point.

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## Progress

**2021** – PATH was launched in 2021 with:

- 2 national virtual prayer meetings, each viewed by >100,000 people;
- a national prayer guide downloaded by >250,000 in 24 hours; and
- thousands of Christians from all 50 states, journeyed across America and stopped to pray for individuals, towns and cities, and gathered at the geographic center of the nation – Lebanon, Kansas for prayer, thanksgiving and repentance. 12.5 million people viewed the central gathering on TV or social media!

**2022** – Every State - Started with thousands of Christians gathering at Brady, Texas, followed by South Carolina, Arkansas, Michigan, New Mexico, Wyoming, California, Colorado, Tennessee, Missouri, Wisconsin, North Dakota and Oregon.

**2023-26** – 14 more states will go in 2023 and the remaining 23 states will go in 2023/24, together with thousands of counties and cities to 2026.

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## Planning a Model Event in NE Ohio



**Cleveland** – 40 days of prayer, care and share, leading to central gathering 6/17/2023

**Ohio PATH initiative** – September/October 2023

**Geographic Mission Teams** - Churches and ministries that cover NE Ohio – these teams will mobilize Christians to prayer and action.

**Functional Mission Teams** - Ministries and/or people to lead specific initiatives such as: Prayer and Intercession, Children/Young Adults, the poor, orphans and widows etc. providing 'best practice,' encouragement and support for the Geographic Mission Teams.

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## Geographic Mission Teams - Mobilize the Church

Ask churches and ministries if we can link arms with them

### Lorain

House of Praise  
Beyond the Walls  
Oasis of Peace  
Elyria SDA  
Your Son Our Savior  
Champion Center Church

### Avon

Providence TBC  
Church of the North Coast  
Ascent  
Cathedral of Life

### Wickliffe

Fr. Damain Ference  
Church of the North Coast

### Akron

Love Akron, Kemp Boyd

### Cleveland

The Church COGIC  
Manna Church  
Calvary Chapel  
Refuge Community Church

### Brunswick

Fr. Bob Stec

### Aurora

Awakening Church

### Middleburg Heights

Grace Church

### Ohio City

St. Patricks Fr. Gurnick

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## A Vision and Calling for Christians

*For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10*

- What has God placed in your hands to bless others?
- What are your gifts, abilities and passions?
- Now is the time to give whatever you have to reveal Jesus' love and light in the darkness (Matthew 5:16) . As with the 5 loaves and 2 fish, nothing is too small – God will multiply and use it for His glory.
- Link arms with Christians from across the Church in line with Jesus' prayer – John 17:23



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Functional Mission Teams – Page 1  
Support and Best Practice for Geographic Mission Teams

Human Trafficking

Orphans and  
Widows

Children/Young Adults  
Rick Willis

First Nations  
Ruth Fouasnon

Prayer for the Sick  
Bethel Church

Brokenhearted  
Mark Tripodi

The Poor  
Sisters of Charity

Prisoners/Homeless  
Mike Swigger

Business Community  
Steve Conzaman

Addicts  
Mark Merlihan

Prayer and Intercession

Vontayne Smith

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## Functional Mission Teams – Page 2 Support and Best Practice for Geographic Mission Teams

Women in Crisis Pregnancies  
Cynthia Smallwood

Evangelism  
David Hill

Influencers  
Robert Kilo

Men's Ministry  
Jerry Stark/Joe Ferrini

Marriage & Families  
Dave Rossiter

Seniors  
Bill Goodrich TBC

Mental Health  
Donna McIntosh TBC

Outreach Material  
Mark Burd

Refugees & Immigrants  
Brian Upton

PR and Communication

TBC – To Be Confirmed

Prayer and Intercession  
Vontayne Smith

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Measurable Goals for each Functional Mission team between now and 05/27/23

Such as:

- Every foster child to be placed in a Christian home.
- Every homeless person offered prayer and accommodation.
- Every home offered prayer.
- Every addict offered prayer and counselling.
- Prayer and counselling offered to those suffering with mental health issues.

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## Progress/Plan NE Ohio and Ohio

### Developing partnership with:

Catholic churches/St Paul's Outreach

CoG

IPHC

AoG

PCG

African American and Latino Churches

Orthodox Church

Messianic Jews

Other denominations and non denominational churches and ministries

Converts and enquirers will be referred to churches running Alpha or a similar course

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### **Other Proposed Ministry Partners - TBC**

All America

Lou Engel Ministries

Louis Palau Association

Go Movement

Revive OH

Declare – Miami Valley Prayer Network

### **Additional Planning Items**

Business Community

Funding

PR and Promotion

Central Gathering

County Coordinators

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## Progress/Plan NE Ohio and Ohio

### Next Steps

- Grow the geographic mission teams – pastors invite pastors – all parts of the Church.
- Grow the functional mission teams.
- Raise a Budget – Phase 1 - \$200K to share the story.  
Phase 2 – TBD – depending on where we have the central gathering.
- Sign up – It's time for action!