



PRAYER AT
THE HEART

A MOVEMENT OF HOPE

County/City Representatives

COUNTY/CITY LEADER AND/OR TEAM OVERVIEW

PROJECT 2026

Passover (Easter) – Pentecost

***One Million Christians
Praying For
One Million Conversions***



Thank you for your interest in serving as a **County/City Mobilizer**. This guide is written with Project 2026 in view but remember: events and campaigns like Project 2026 are tactical and short-term. Around every tactical exercise, there must be a **long-term strategy** that continues to drive the vision. The ultimate goal is a strategy that sustains prayer and evangelism, leading to revival in the church and a great awakening in the culture.

Pick out what you can do immediately but keep the larger vision in focus.

Overview

From Passover (Easter), Sunday, April 6, to Pentecost, May 24, 2026, we will mobilize one million people to pray for 50 days, believing for one million people to come to Christ.

At the county level, this means:

- Enlisting churches and pastors in various denominations.
- Encouraging every congregation to mobilize members to pray and witness.
- Connecting parachurch ministries, marketplace leaders, and prayer networks.
- Utilizing prayer by neighbors for neighbors, and prayer in the marketplace.

As a **COUNTY/CITY REPRESENTATIVE**, contact the STATE or REGIONAL representative team and establish an open line of communication with them. If you are the lone county/city representative, **help recruit others** to that function. Ideally, each county needs 3-5 recruiters working together. That number will increase, of necessity, in counties with large population centers. Remember, this must be a team effort.

Month-by-Month Timeline: County/City Mobilizers

CAUTION: These are suggestions, options on your buffet. The process here is not top-down, but bottom-up. Share these ideas, these ministry and component options, and allow them to be ‘owned’ by various leaders in your county and city. The Holy Spirit will orchestrate what is best for your county/city.

1. **Make sure you are registered** on the PATH website as County/City Representative.
2. One model would be **a recruiter in every city/town in the county**.

3. FYI: The average county has a population of just over 100K (110k) and slightly more than one church per thousand – 110 churches.¹ There are more churches in the South, and fewer in the West. There are often 10 bergs or more per county.
4. Do a **statistical assessment** of your county. Know your county population, and the population of the cities/town in it; the number of congregations, even the number of significant ministries. Don't ignore the college population if you have one.
5. You may need **specialists who work with various denominational or ethnic streams** and as noted, in each city/town in the county. Most denominations have district or sectional leaders. The Baptists often have an associational office. Getting these leaders on board will not add to your effort, it will multiply it.
6. In counties that are essentially metroplexes, you will need to **identify multiple representatives**.
7. You want to make as many congregations and ministries in the county/city aware of the *Evangelism As Blessing* effort as possible. **Call on pastors personally**. Contact denominational leaders, associations of churches. **Offer vision-casting sessions** to introduce the idea and promote participation.
8. **The goal in each county should be not less than 10 collaborating congregations**. Of course, in metro areas this number will be higher.

January 1

As A County/City Representative/Mobilizer:

1. Organize a county or city-wide vision casting meeting for county leaders. Review resources and communicate the vision.
2. Help your state representative meet the goal of 20,000 praying believers across you state (that's the national average – you're state goal, if more populated, would be higher.²
3. In smaller counties, set a minimal goal of 500 people praying from a minimum of 10 collaborating congregations. Be as aggressive in your goal setting as you dare.
4. Connect with intercessors, pastors, congregational leaders, parachurch ministries, and marketplace leaders.
5. Make sure you have reviewed and are familiar with all the resource materials.

¹ The number of churches across the nation is estimated to be between 325,000 and 350,000. Roughly, that translates to about one church per thousand, an average of 110 per county. In the South, that number may be double or even triplet due to the number of single-cell, family-like congregations that number less than 50. In the West, it may be one church per 2500. To determine the exact number of churches that you need to mobilize use this simple formula: One congregation per 14,000 residents. In a county of 100,000 ($100/14=7.14$), you need 7-8 congregations – that's all. We recommend a minimal goal of 10 collaborating congregations. Notice, we are setting the bar slightly higher than the minimal.

² To determine the exact number, divide the county population by 350 – and that will give you your conversion goal, as well as the number of believers you need to mobilize if each one sees one person come to Christ. As a reference, the average county has a population of about 100,000. Thus, $100,000/350 = 285$. That's your minimum goal. In a city/county of 1 million. The math is $1 \text{ million}/350 = 2,850$.

6. Identify and train ambassadors who will serve and bless community leaders.
7. Allow the State Representative Team to assist with the coordination of ambassadors who will work beyond the bounds of the county or local community contacting State Representatives and Senators, Congression Members and US Senators, the Governor and State leaders. We don't want them overrun – but we do want them 'blessed.'

Mobilization Goals:

1. Mobilize **500 praying Christians per county** (minimum).
2. Engage at least **10 congregations** in each county.
3. Encourage each congregation to mobilize a specific number of members into prayer-evangelism.
4. Use national goals as a benchmark to help your State Representative reach: 20,000 people praying across your state, for 20,000 to be saved on average. To calculate the exact goal, divide the county population by 350¹⁰ for your specific conversion goal.
5. Ultimately, the goal is to help us reach one million across the nation.

January 10–31

1. Begin weekly county-level prayer calls (if not already in place).
2. Join the national *Prayer at the Heart* nightly prayer call for America.
 - a. This one-hour call will be hosted by P. Douglas Small and Reagan Wilbanks, along with featured guests inviting the nation to pray.
 - b. The first call will be the official launch of “*Prayer at the Heart* – Project 2026 - One Million Christians Praying for One Million Souls to be Saved” campaign. We will release the broadcast information as soon as possible.
3. The state-wide calls continue, and form the Prayer Wall, connecting each state in prayer for one-hour weekly.
 - a. Call 518-318-7117 to join the call.
 - b. Visit <https://prayerattheheart.org/project-2026/usa-prayer-wall/> to see the latest schedule prayer call time for your state.

February

Your leadership team is in place and includes the following positions:

1. **Project 2026 Coordinator**, who works with the pastor and team leaders.
2. **Evangelism as Blessing Coordinator**, with a goal to recruit as many people as possible in the congregation and train them to pray for the lost.

3. **Ambassador Coordinator**, identifying 2-3 people in the congregation to be certified by *Project Pray University*, and commissioned by the congregation. Those identified will also work in collaboration with the city/county representative or ambassador coordinator.
4. **Operation Andrew Coordinator**, who partners congregational members into teams of three for prayer and mutual support of loved ones they want to see come to Christ.
5. **Follow-up Team**.
6. **Youth Coordinator**, who engages youth in the Project 2026 effort.
7. **Prayer Leader**, offering prayer support by leading a weekly prayer meeting, specifically focused on Project 2026. They also encourage congregational members to join the weekly state-wide prayer call (518-318-7117).

Begin your *Evangelism as Blessing* training:

1. Prepare by downloading 24 short daily readings. Each daily section can be read in 15-minutes or less. Visit <https://prayerattheheart.org/project-2026/evangelism-as-blessing/> for more information.
 2. Begin the training with a kick-off session, and then four weekly training sessions following the kick-off.
 3. Prayer Evangelism training materials, a Leader's Guide and Participant's Guide are available in a downloadable format.
 4. Plan for a 90-minute training session in each church or at a central location.
 5. Invite the entire congregation to be a part of this training. It will be life-changing for many, and a refreshing approach to evangelism for all.
 - Have pastors mention this every Sunday
 - Continue to recruit people to be part of the *Evangelism as Blessing* training.
 6. Encourage pastor to begin the training with a kick-off session, or do this city or county wide, and then conduct four weekly training sessions following the kick-off.
 7. As noted, the leadership training materials are downloadable. They include a Leader-Participant guide and other tools.
 8. Encourage 90-minute training sessions.
 9. Make sure your youth are at the table. If necessary, design a break-out session for the youth, but at least, for some of the sessions, keep the older generation and the youth together.
 10. As you begin your *Evangelism As Blessing* training, you will announce to your congregation that you are participating in the Million Christians Praying for A Million Souls to be Saved.
 - Mention this every Sunday.
 - Continue to recruit to the Evangelism As Blessing training.
 11. Repeat the training in March if necessary.
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Action Items:

1. Have each congregation identify 2-3 people who will undergo certification to become Ambassadors.
 - They will reach out to community leaders, build bridges of goodwill and offer prayers of blessing.
 2. Host a weekly prayer team meeting to cover the project in prayer.
 3. Join the weekly call that connects people across your state in praying for revival and spiritual awakening.
 4. Plan a kick-off event for your congregation to pray for the project on or before Palm Sunday.
 - Pray specifically that God will give the congregation a harvest of new converts and renewed believers.
 5. Connect with the County/City Representative to identify ways to collaborate with other congregations.
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March

1. Continue to promote the project and gain the support of the congregation.
2. Conduct refresher ***Evangelism as Blessing*** training as needed.
3. Make sure your **Ambassadors** have completed their online certification.
 - Award them with certificates publicly and commission them.
4. Develop a list of community leaders, political and non-political, who the ambassadors will visit to build bridges and offer prayers of blessing.
 - Consider sending a gift with them, a token love and affection, and of the support of the Christian community.
 - Make sure they understand the priestly nature of their role – as conciliatory, with the goal of blessing, and reconciliation.
5. Have each church draw a circle around their location. Have them be as aggressive as they dare – a one mile, or five-mile radius. If other participating churches are in their radius, encourage them to cooperate.
6. Notice how much of the city is covered by these evangelism circles!
 - Consider sending prayer ambassadors to every business, every school, every public space, in that radius.
 - You are now beginning to not only pastor a congregation, but a slice of the city, the community and not simply its members. You must do this together – as pastors and congregations.
 - The ambassadors are agents of goodwill and of your desire to be a church that serves the community and not simply its members. This is missional.
7. Call on the congregation to make a commitment to the 50-day prayer effort for the lost. Make the church a house of prayer for the nations! Revive your emphasis on evangelism.

8. Do not wait until Easter. Begin at least by March 1, to create a core team, as large as necessary, but not less than 10-12, in the smallest congregation. Up to 40-50 in congregations of 500 or more.
 - These will be your forerunners and your program advocates.
 - The goal for each of them should be to recruit 3-5 other participants.
 - They may also be the core of your Operation Andrew prayer triads.
9. Step up the level of prayer and the intensity of your recruitment effort.
10. Have special prayer for the anticipated effort every Sunday, as a special feature of your Sunday morning service.
11. Promote Easter Sunday as the official kickoff and **first Invitation Sunday**.
 - Make it the first of two special invitation Sundays – Easter and Pentecost Sundays.
 - The second invitation Sunday will be the last day of the 50-day prayer campaign being Pentecost Sunday.

April – Palm Sunday

1. During your *Evangelism as Blessing* training, you will distribute **Operation Andrew** material to a core group of 10-12 **congregational leaders** in each church and allow them to, in turn, to distribute the material to others they recruit to the prayer effort. They will become the drivers of your effort.
2. On Palm Sunday, perhaps earlier, each congregation will distribute the Operation Andrew guide to the entire congregation and take time for them to list those they will pray for and invite to Easter services, and to the second invitation Sunday, Pentecost Sunday.
3. Promote Easter Sunday as the key launch of the 50-day campaign.
4. Determine how you will distribute the 50-day prayer guide.
5. Encourage every attendee to list unsaved family, family-like friends, coworkers and neighbors to pray for intentionally.
 - The Bible calls for us to pray for kings (those in political offices) and for influencers.
 - Ask congregational members to add one or more community leaders to their list.
 - Encourage your congregation to look for people who God puts in their path during their daily life (like the story of the Good Samaritan).
 - The number of people on each list will vary.
 - Ask attendees to carry the list with them daily and place it where it will be a reminder to pray and call out the names on the list to God.
 - Have each person categorize the list based on who they believe is most open, those somewhat open or most distant. While they should pray for all on their list, they should focus on those who they perceive to be most open.
6. Ask each congregational member to invite the people on their list categorized as “most open” to church for the Easter services.

7. Encourage congregations to prepare for visitors and follow-up with new believers.

Easter (Passover) Sunday – Launch Day

1. The 50-day prayer campaign begins.
2. Start with a Sunrise Service followed by a congregational breakfast to make the day special.
3. Encourage every believer to invite those on their Operation Andrew list categorized as “most open” to Easter services.
4. Begin sharing stories of answered prayer and salvations.
5. Encourage congregational members to **invite the most open of their friends on their Operation Andrew list**. Encourage them to be an Andrew – he brought Peter to Jesus. Each Christian may be an influencer of some world-changer! Who knows the potential of a transformed human life? Use the Operation Andrew printable prayer guide.

Weeks 1–3

1. Keep congregations and small groups engaged with the daily Prayer Guide.
2. Encourage continued Ambassador visits, Operation Andrew triads, SALTY workplace groups, and neighborhood prayer.
3. Promote one or more public prayer rallies during this period.
4. Share testimonies widely through social media, newsletters, and statewide calls.
5. Encourage them to download their **daily prayer guide**. This is key to your success. Each day, believers are challenged to pray in missional ways. The personal prayer guide follows the trajectory of the 7-week, 50-day campaign, beginning on Easter Sunday, and concluding on Pentecost Sunday. These can be released day, by the congregation – by email or some other means. They can be printed as a weekly handout. They are available online as well. A limited supply of printed guides is available nationally.
6. You may want to **add your own information to the prayer guide** and make it more applicable to your congregation and community. You are free to print your own copies using the downloadable pdf.

Sunday After Easter

1. We attempted to avoid creating too much clutter around your Easter Sunday event. But now it is time to roll up our sleeves and take the project seriously.
2. You distributed the prayer guide and now, for seven days, the people have been reading a daily evangelism-mission challenge. Each day, a different state is

featured, as is a UPG living in the USA. The global harvest is all around us. We are a nation of more the 500 languages.

3. Today, you need to take time to distribute the **Operation Andrew** material to the entire congregation. Have them to take time to list the names of family, family-like friends, work associates, neighbors, and a community leader or influencer. **THIS IS VITAL TO YOUR SUCCESS.** As them to choose 3-5 from their list and **lay those names on the altar.** You might **encourage them to bring pictures.** You might have these names on a cross, at the foot of a cross or spread across the altar.
 4. For these names, you will pray every week as you gather. They will remain before you as a reminder of our evangelism obligation and of God's love for the lost. Don't rush this weekly moment. Allow the Holy Spirit to break the heart of the congregation for the lost.
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2nd Sunday After Easter

1. Last Sunday, names were laid on the altar. This Sunday, additional names may be laid on the altar. In fact, that might continue until Pentecost Sunday, the 50th day of the prayer emphasis.
 - This Sunday, each participating member will be asked to find two other people with whom they can partner in prayer during the remainder of the 50-day prayer campaign.
 - The Operation Andrew coordinator call assist in building these teams, and if possible, they need a list of the partners.
 - The teams are usually paired, men with men, and women with women, or three couples in a partnership.
 - These teams are encouraged to meet weekly, in person if possible, by Zoom or at least by phone, and pray for one another, and for one another's list of loved ones.
 - You may augment the partnerships with an afterglow, however, you do not want to make this effort a side-bar affair. You want, as much as possible, to mainstream this evangelism effort and involve every member.
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3rd Sunday After Easter

1. Your **Ambassador Teams** should have finished their certification and been commissioned by the congregational elders or leaders.
 - They have a list of community leaders who they will systematically visit over the next four weeks.
 - They are collaborating with the city/county representatives to avoid overlap, and with the regional/state representatives, with regard to state

- assemblymen, the governor, and US congressional members.
- The goal for the ambassadors, in the full 50-day period or seven weeks, is 15-20 appointments per team. If that goal is too aggressive, set a more reasonable goal and narrow your list.
- The ambassador ministry is not limited to the 50-days, but it will make a greater impact if launched in the 50-days, and then continued with quarterly visits to community leaders, continuing to build bridges.
- 2. Your **weekly prayer meeting** to undergird the effort is continuing and hopefully gaining strength.
- 3. You are encouraging congregational participants to join the **state-wide, once-a-week call** for the lost.
- 4. You **continue to pray weekly**, Sunday after Sunday, for the names and pictures that have been placed on the altar.
- 5. As you receive reports from Ambassador teams and their connections and reception by city and community leaders, you are sharing them with the congregation. You are praying, as Paul commanded, for those in authority and with community influence.
- 6. You want to **encourage your Operation Andrew teams to meet soon, face-to-face**, for a time of prayer and strategy as they combine their list of people for whom they are praying. Have them again, prioritize, as a group, five-to-ten who they perceive to be most open to the gospel. They want to engage, as much as possible, as a team.

4th Sunday – Three Sundays to Pentecost

1. Now we are in the homestretch.
2. Prayer should be continuing with fervency – both the local prayer effort and the state-wide weekly call. You may have put in place a weekly county-wide prayer call.
3. The **Operation Andrew team members**, and that should include all the congregational members if possible, and certainly half, will now reach out for the first time with a personal contact to their most open family members and friends.
 - The ‘reach-out’ can be a card, or better yet, a text or an email.
 - “Haven’t talked for a while, you have been on my mind. How are you doing? Are you up for a cup of coffee or a quick lunch sometime in the next few days?”
 - This is a personal reach out. It may be to one person, or two or three.
 - Each Operation Andrew triad is aware of the reach-outs each other is doing and they are praying and sharing results.
4. The **Ambassador Teams** are continuing their visits.
5. The church leaders are revisiting and emphasizing the ***Evangelism As***

Blessing model throughout the 50 days.

5th Sunday – Only Two More Sundays to Pentecost

1. **Pentecost Sunday** is the 2nd Invitation Sunday. You are now 21 days away from that climatic Sunday.
2. **Operation Andrew** is in full swing – That is hopefully a majority of your adult congregation. You are now experimenting with what it means to truly be a missional congregation.
 - Members have sent their **initial contact** – a text, an email, a note, and hopefully they have had a positive connection. A positive connection is important, that's why you want each person to start with a list of 3-5 of their most open contacts. You are praying that at least one will respond positively to the gospel.
 - Now, you want to **accelerate the relationship**. Encourage a dinner meeting, or something more personal. For girls, it may be shopping outing, or tea at a favorite spot. For guys it might be fishing or hunting, or just another face to face event, this time, less hurried. For couples, it may be a barbecue, a joint affair each inviting two to three other couples – still building bridges.
 - You are **not ready to share the gospel** until you listen to their story – and your response to that is still not sharing the gospel – it is affirming. Letting them know you have heard them and that you care.
 - At the most, you may **offer to pray for them**.
 - **Do it casually**. Do it in a way that does not embarrass them but truly lets them know that God loves them and so do you.
 - Moving too quickly – may terminate the relationship. You have a fragile bridge. Truth is heavy. Make sure your bridge is capable of carrying the heavy truth you, at some point, need to deliver.
 - Your **language is that of 'blessing** – and when you pray for them it is to invoke God's blessing on their life, for them to know His love and experience His grace.
 - You are working with your short list of what you perceive to be the most open hearts out your family of friends. Don't rule out others on the list – pray for them as well. And **follow the promptings of your heart**. Also, don't rule out the political person for whom you are praying or the community influencer. Most of all, don't forget that God orders our steps. He may, like the Good Samaritan, place someone in your path with whom you have no history.
 - If in these weeks, people are led to the Lord, celebrate their

conversion.

- Allow the relationships to unwrap at a natural pace. Some will go faster than others – don't rush, and don't miss open-heart moments.
- 3. The **Ambassador Teams** are continuing their visits with community leaders.
- 4. The **Youth Evangelism track** is unwrapping simultaneously.
 - The youth teams may collaborate.
 - Youth gatherings focused on evangelism, and inviting friends on the short-list are often effective.
- 5. The **ungirding prayer effort is continuing**.
 - You may consider special nights of prayer – with men.
 - Or with youth! Or women! Or couples. However, the Lord might lead.
 - Each Sunday, you are praying for those who have been laid on the altar – and the number of those names and pictures might be growing week by week.
- 6. The **Follow-up plan** should be ready – along with the materials you will use.

The 6th Sunday – This Is the Final Week

1. You are now **operating on all cylinders**.
2. The **Ambassador teams** are finishing their visits.
 - Have them double-back and issue invitations to those they have visited to attend church on Pentecost Sunday.
3. Your prayer effort has been noble – but it is not over.
 - **Open the church for prayer – all week**, if possible, every day.
 - If that is impossible – open the doors for prayer during the weekend before Pentecost Sunday.
 - Don't plan a prayer service per se. **Just open the doors and let people come** – early in the morning, on their way to work; at noon – let them gather as they fast lunch in prayer for their friends; on the way home from work.
 - Let them come at the time most convenient to them, and stay as long as they desire, and pray.
 - Hope that some will lie prostrate before God, weeping over souls.
 - Put soft music on. And lights – but dim, not dark.
 - Scroll the names of loved ones laid on the altar on the screen – or prayer cues, scriptures, etc.
 - Use banners as prayer themes – for the family, for revival, for souls, for drug addictions, for schools, for the needy (Project Pray Publications has banners just for such an occasion.)

- If appropriate, gather those who are present in the early morning, at noon, or in the evening for a circle of prayer. **Don't do a formal presentation.**
 - All day long, hope for people to come and pray, to sit in the sanctuary and weep for the lost.
 - Some, on your list, may surprise you – they may be more open to coming to the church to pray, than in coming for a formal service. Keep your options open. Allow the Holy Spirit to work creatively.
 - **Advertise. "This church open for prayer,"** with the times listed. Few churches are open on weekdays that welcome people to simply come and pray.
 - If possible, **schedule members of your prayer team** to be present at various hours when the church is open for prayer – that protects the facility and provides guidance for anyone with questions.
4. **Operation Andrew** – This is the week, if appropriate as led by the Spirit, to share your conversion story with those for whom you have been praying.
- To invite them to know the full measure of God's blessing on their life by openly declaring their desire to God to know him.
 - During the week prior to Pentecost Sunday, you will make your most valiant effort to share God's love with your family of friends – and invite them to this special day.
 - Rely heavily on the *Evangelism As Blessing* training material.

Pentecost Sunday – Invitation Day

1. Plan a special service for Pentecost Sunday – this is your climatic INVITATION Sunday.
 - Pray that God will give you a **creative plan for Pentecost Sunday** – music, drama, a grand welcome for guests, a creative invitation to know the love of God.
 - Don't be surprised if regular attenders want to make a fresh commitment – an estimated 10 percent of those who attend evangelical churches regularly, have never made a definitive commitment to follow Christ.
 - **All those for whom you have been praying are now to be invited** to the special service.
 - **Make sure your effort is quality** – both the music and the message, as well as a balanced invitation to know Christ.
 - **Include a prayer of blessing** – for everyone, but especially for those who are guests, for whom you have been praying.
2. This is **the climatic Sunday** for your Operation Andrew effort.
 - You want members to invite those friends who were on their short-list and

- sit with them, if possible.
 - Your prayer is that they will respond to the gospel in some way or the gospel message will give the believers who invited them, an open door for them to share Christ.
 - Have community leaders come as honored guests.
 - Make sure everyone is welcomed royally.
 - Each Operation Andrew triad will welcome the guests of members of their team.
 - Plan a guest reception.
 - Don't let Pentecost Sunday be the last day of your evangelism effort.
3. Allow **the youth** to do special invitation for their friends, and perhaps a separate event. Include them in the primary service with music or a drama. Or even a testimony.
 4. This would be a good Sunday to **have various members briefly share their conversion story**. Chances are, most in the congregation have never heard one another's salvation story.
 5. You may have some visitors who have not been in church for a long season. A hard, long push for coming forward at the end of the service may not be wise. Opening the altar to those who are ready to respond is a good idea. Make sure you have altar workers ready to pray with those who respond. And make sure their friends join them at the altar.
 6. As some pray at the altar, **encourage small groups of prayer** to form in the congregation. That puts your honored visitors in a circle of prayer with the friends who invited them. They may make a decision to follow Christ at that point.
 7. Encourage each member to **take their friends to lunch** – and in that relaxed atmosphere where they can ask additional questions, some might make a commitment to Christ.
 8. Pentecost was the birthday of the church – the church on mission. If you have faithfully executed the plan, you have aroused a sense of mission in your people and you want to cultivate that going forward.
 9. The 3000 saved at Pentecost were not saved in the Upper Room, but in the streets as a result of the overflow of the 120. **Look for the impact of overflow** as a result of your effort. Fifteen nations were impacted on that Pentecost Sunday of Acts 2. Ask God for the nations.
 10. **Continue the effort of evangelism**. Have your members keep visiting their list and praying for open hearts. Looking for opportunities to pray the prayer of blessing.

Post-Campaign Follow-Up

- Ensure every new believer is connected with a local congregation for discipleship.
- Gather testimonies and submit county reports to the state leadership team.
- Transition from the tactical campaign to a **long-term prayer-evangelism strategy** in your county.

County–City Leadership Team Tasks

Purpose

To work with other prayer champions to serve a city- or county-wide prayer and renewal effort, with spiritual awakening in view. To serve faithfully in the designated area, alongside other leaders, all demonstrating a servant's heart—eager to invite God's presence into the local region, and to mobilize systematic public prayer with corresponding evangelism and renewal efforts.

Component Elements of the Leadership Team

Publicity

1. Open avenues for promoting awareness of the *Prayer at the Heart* effort and other national or regional prayer events and resources within the county, including distribution of digital resources.
2. Work with the national and state leadership teams to develop publicity strategies.
3. Connect with denominational offices and parachurch ministries to assist in promoting both the national and local efforts.
4. Familiarize yourself with web-based support materials—printable documents, videos, prayer guides, and resources produced by partner ministries.
5. Release press announcements through PSA channels, local television, and radio to ensure broad community awareness.
6. Connect with local ministerial associations, especially pastoral prayer groups, to ensure awareness and solicit their support.
7. Locate county representatives of state and national prayer organizations with a similar focus on awakening (e.g., National Prayer Committee, National Day of Prayer, SYATP, Aglow, Moms in Prayer, Global Day of Prayer, March for Jesus, Intercessors for America, Transform USA, Promise Keepers, and various denominational/state prayer networks).

Local Church / Pastoral Involvement

1. Engage congregations across your county—spanning every community, denomination, and ethnicity.
 2. Host a pastors' envisioning event to encourage involvement. Aim to meet with ministerial associations or networks of praying pastors.
 - *Note: Sociological tipping point = 17.5%. Pioneers (3–5%) and early adopters (12–15%) pave the way for broad engagement. Identify and equip these early leaders first.*
 3. Build a diverse coalition of churches representing your county's geography, denominations, and ethnicities.
 4. Encourage pastors to call their people to repentance, renewal, and participation in county-wide prayer and evangelism events.
 5. Study available resources and equip pastors and prayer leaders to use them effectively.
 6. Promote participation throughout the Passover to Pentecost effort, especially the distribution and use of the **50-Day Prayer Guide**.
 7. Use Easter Sunday as the kickoff event. Cobrand and distribute the downloadable daily guide (April 5 – May 24), adding local updates.
 8. Encourage congregations to join others across the nation during the 21 days of prayer in January.
 9. Promote *Evangelism as Blessing* training in February.
 10. Encourage public, humble prayer efforts aimed at renewal and awakening.
 11. Call pastors together for a county-wide vision and planning meeting.
 12. Use Easter and Pentecost as anchor Sundays, encouraging congregations to open their doors for prayer during Pentecost weekend.
 13. Work toward broad grassroots buy-in for renewal.
 14. Don't stop until your community experiences revival and spiritual awakening.
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Prayer Rallies / Program Coordination

1. Use the Project 2026 website for resource links and rally ideas. Host at least one community-wide prayer gathering between Passover and Pentecost.
2. ROOFTOP PRAYER – Gather leaders at a vantage point to pray for the city, asking God to reveal those He is already drawing.
3. PUBLIC PRAYER – **“Pray Everywhere.”** In addition to prayer walks and drives, organize public prayer gatherings (A guide is offered for the public prayer events to provide suggestions). Keep them humble, earnest, and Christ-centered.

4. LOOK WHAT GOD IS DOING – Host a celebration event after Pentecost (before July 4) to share testimonies of what God has done.

Supporting Efforts

1. OPERATION ANDREW – Mobilize triads praying for lost friends and neighbors. Set faith goals—pray for 10% of your city, county, or state to come to Christ.
2. PRAYER AMBASSADORS – Trained believers who represent the church and visit community leaders, offering prayer and blessing.
3. PRAYER AND CRISIS SUPPORT LINE – Recruit local volunteers to staff the national hotline. Training and resources are provided.
4. Keep the movement grassroots—reflect your community’s unique concerns and diversity.
5. Recover and share your community’s spiritual history and current needs, highlighting God’s promises for revival.
 - Your identity as a people, your Christian community heritage. Be aware of your contemporary situation – the state of your current moral or spiritual crisis, locally. And make others aware of the Biblical elements – the hope for a nation that reckons with God. And the concern for one that does not do so!
6. Plan in Three Phases:
 - **Preparation** – 21 Days of Prayer, Evangelism as Blessing training, Ambassador certification, Operation Andrew, align resources.
 - **The 50-Day Process**
 - Distribute the 50-Day Prayer Guide
 - Plan Your Two Invitation Sundays, Easter and Pentecost.
 - Choose the Resources You will Use and Develop a Timeline.
 - Partner with collaborating congregations – create a movement.
 - Encourage on-going prayer.
 - Introduce the Bless Every Home app – neighbor praying.
 - Encourage SALTY Marketplace Groups – workplace prayer.
 - Mobilize Your Operation Andrew teams.
 - Commission Your Ambassador Teams.
 - **Follow-Up** – Make Sure You Have a Discipleship Option for new believers. (Alpha Course, disciple-making materials), sustain the prayer movement beyond the 50 days, and host a celebration concluding the event.

NOTE: Plan well and announce your plans yet be flexible – allowing for “God-moments!” in which he might break in and break our hearts for our communities and the nation.

Develop a timeline for elements of the event, but be open to spontaneous Spirit-moments. Such times are the sparks that can ignite a Great Awakening!

7. Build a leadership team that reflects the Christian community's diversity without being driven by political correctness. Authentic leaders, pastors and laymen, political and community leaders should participate – but all who do so should share a heart for vital spiritual and moral renewal in the county.
 8. Recognize the significance of America's 250th birthday (2026). Our founders made an "appeal to heaven," desperately vulnerable before England's strength. They appealed, logically, reasonably, before heaven, to England for liberty. And miraculously, a nation was born. We now appeal to heaven to save this same nation.
 9. Plan public events carefully (permits, sound, seating, ushers, music, décor, etc.).
 10. Keep prayer rallies centered on prayer. Don't allow your gatherings to become preaching rallies – avoid sermons, including long prayers. Make these prayer services.
 11. Coach the "pray-ers" to pray, not to make political statements or declarations, to be sensitive to the event's multi-denominational nature and the deep division in the nation. Unify, don't divide. Encourage "brief 1-2 minute prayers from the heart!" Start the focus on *our* sins – the sins of believers and the church, not the community or the world. The city needs to hear us repenting "*for us*" and not "for them." Avoid sermonizing prayers.
 12. Establish a team of intercessors praying – quietly and without fanfare.
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Youth Prayer Effort / Participation

1. Involve youth pastors, Christian schools, SYATP, Youth for Christ, and campus ministries. Encourage them to plan a youth element for the effort.
 2. Consider unique youth events—e.g., a "Midnight Fire" rally or Midnight Prayer Ride to promote soul-searching prayer with a goal of personal repentance of young people.
 3. Organize prayer events at schools, youth hangouts, and churches to possibly enlarge the other prayer and unity efforts.
 4. Give youth visible roles in prayer rallies, rides, and walks.
 5. Encourage symbolic acts like cross-carrying.
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Para-Church Organization Involvement

1. Research the number of para-church organizations at work in your community. These organizations are not as easily located as churches, but they often work

across denominational lines. They may be very important partners in the mobilization process.

2. Work with denominational or associational offices for quick mobilization.
3. Para-church organizations often move more easily in and out of the workplace environment. And they can be great assistants in the grassroots mobilization process.
4. Research local parachurch leaders (e.g., NDP, March for Jesus, SYATP, Moms in Prayer, IFA, state prayer movements), who may be found more through relational channels. Some representatives of para-church organizations will not have an office or a phone listing. You will need to look for them through relational channels. Key partners for our process include the local representatives of such organizations as County/City National Day of Prayer Coordinator; March for Jesus Prayer Coordinator; SYATP; Moms-in-Prayer; Intercessors for America; and unique state prayer movements.
5. Host gatherings for pastors and parachurch leaders to promote unity and support.

Christian Business Leaders

1. Engage leaders across the **seven cultural mountains**:
 - Arts & Entertainment
 - Business / Economy
 - Government (County Commissioners, Mayors, Council, etc.)
 - Education
 - Faith
 - Family / Social Services
 - Media
 - Other breakouts include the judiciary, Police/Sheriff with Fire/Safety personnel, the retail/services Sector, Manufacturing, agriculture/farming, and medical. Who are the Christians in each of these sectors?
2. Gather representatives from each sector to envision what revival could look like in their field.
3. Empower the leaders in each sector to dream about renewal efforts throughout the city/county. For example, on Monday-Friday, what workplace-based prayer events could take place to encourage believers to be humble and yet bright witnesses of Christ? What could happen if teachers and lawyers, business leaders, and construction workers were pausing, if only for 5-10 minutes of unified prayer, on their jobsite. Inviting God “to come” to the marketplaces of the county!

4. Be creative! Allow sector leadership to develop in each venue. Emphasize the “goodness of God” that leads to repentance. Pray for a city/county-wide spiritual awakening. Develop ongoing prayer covenants embedded in the various sectors of the culture that connect Christians across denominational streams during the weekdays to entertain God, welcoming Him in the marketplace.
5. Promote workplace **SALTY** groups (*Supplicates, Anointed to pray and carry God’s presence, to Love and be light, Truthing – telling the truth of God’s word and being examples of truth, Yielding to the Holy Spirit*). Download the guide at: <https://prayerattheheart.org/project-2026/salty-groups/>.

Mobilizing Intercessors / People of Prayer

- Build a community-wide intercessor network committed to praying for unity and a Great Awakening.
- Make it safe for pastors and believers from all traditions to participate by discouraging proselytizing.
- Remember: every Great Awakening has started with united prayer that reached across various divides. And around the world, the great renewal efforts taking place are driven by unified prayer.
- Have intercessors in place by early July, focused on the success of the America Pray effort and on renewal. The intercessor team should not replace the work of members in the local congregation. Don’t allow the intercessors to be bogged down by a myriad of typical prayer requests, and yet, don’t be insensitive to the burdens of others.
- Develop prayer plans that include prayer chains, ongoing prayer efforts, and monthly days of prayer to begin to cover your community in 24/7 prayer.
- Organize prayer walks in the county seat and various other cities. Have debrief gatherings to share results and then upload reports to the social media site.
- Research your community—pray at historic and significant sites - places of pain and promise, places of darkness and light, places of bondage and liberty, seats of power – political and spiritual.
- Encourage intercessors to form small, efficient teams of 3-5 members each. Pass assignments through intercessory leaders in each city.
- Consider establishing a county-wide intercessor network and link with Intercessors for America (IFA).
- Identify the 100 most influential people in your county – people in positions of power and influential people by means of their wealth or status, the company they own or manage, the boards and committees on which they serve, and the people they employ and influence.

- Pray for them using the **BLESS prayer model**:
 - **B** – Blessing
 - **L** – Labor (work)
 - **E** – Emotional health
 - **S** – Social relationships
 - **S** – Salvation of the soul
- Create a brief profile on key community leaders – those in authority and those with influence (business owners, etc.). Develop prayer ambassador teams – men and women of peace. Send them out in teams of 3-5 people, made up of pastors and gracious believers from various churches. Go bearing gifts – a flower, a Bible, a Christian book, information on the city’s churches, and the Project 2026 effort. Give the gift of peace. Go blessing. Pray for them, asking for God’s blessing on them and for favor. With only ten teams making three visits per week for three weeks, you could touch almost 100 of the most influential people in your city-county.

Tip: Pray for believers and unbelievers, skeptics and believers. Bless. Smile. And look for divine surprises – the believer secretary next to the person of power, the nobody assistant to the millionaire, the doorkeeper, a spouse. Bless them as well. Teach your people to be Prayer Ambassadors.

Ethnic / Gender Diversity

1. Research your county’s demographics to discover the ethnic diversity, religious and denominational backgrounds.
2. Build a leadership team reflective of the county’s diversity (without being politically correct). In some counties, you may want to consider having a bilingual rally. In other cases, the ethnic diversity may be so pronounced that a team reflecting the various nations in your community would number a hundred or more – it is the spirit of diversity that we want to achieve. The church here should resemble the church around the throne in heaven.
3. Recruit ethnic leaders/pastors of influence as champions of Project 2026.
4. Involve collaborating pastors and business leaders from diverse backgrounds.
5. Look for business leaders in the community from various ethnic streams.
6. Model the biblical vision of a multi-ethnic Church united in repentance and prayer as a powerful witness to the community.

Suggestions

- **Meetings:** Host kickoff meetings with team leaders as soon as possible to discuss vision and organization. Leaders should then call the entire community to pray on the steps of the county courthouse, praying for the nation to have a Great Spiritual Awakening. Meet with key leaders at least once a week and ensure the team has the resources necessary to reach every community in the county
- **Communication:** Ensure the leadership team has fingers that reach into every community in the county – as much as possible. Use the resources of the website.
- **Prayer:** Pray constantly—individually, corporately, and publicly.
- **Local Vision:** Encourage creativity, guided by the Holy Spirit, for a vision of spiritual awakening in your individual community (multi-city, county-wide, multi-denominational renewal effort).
 - Each county is part of a national grassroots network that collaborates with the vision of a spiritual awakening.
 - And yet, the nexus of renewal always bubbles out of the heart of the individual – the Ezra (priestly leader) or Nehemiah (civic/marketplace leader) or a Joel (prophetic leader). With the guidelines in view, allow the Holy Spirit to assist in developing a local vision for your multi-city, county-wide, multi-denominational renewal effort.
- **Pass Out Resources:** Provide pastors and leaders with materials for repentance and renewal to encourage fresh vision and vitality focused on Great Awakening.
- **Build Supporting Networks:** Identify at least 10–25 collaborating congregations per county (nationwide, this equals 25,000+ churches!) who will call their constituents to be a part of the Million Souls – *Project 2026* initiative. At such a minimal goal, with 3142 counties in the nation that would represent the largest revival and renewal collaborative effort in modern American history.
- **Show Up:** Promote public rallies and prayer events.
- **Report:** Interview participants to get their response to revival in the nation. Send updates, testimonies, media coverage, and videos of your county's efforts to the State Leadership Team.
- **Use Web Resources:** Print and share available online tools and encourage the use of such materials. Visit <https://prayerattheheart.org/project-2026/> to access these free materials for download. For printed materials, these are available for purchase at www.ProjectPrayPublications.org.
- **Keep Renewal Going:** Sustain prayer and unity efforts after the campaign. The goal is not a single rally but a **Great Awakening** and revival that sweeps the nation.

Community-Leadership Team Overview

Purpose

To provide leadership dedicated to a pervasive prayer movement in the county and/or community. To recruit and encourage, to resource pastors and para-church leaders, to mobilize prayer in the county, in congregations, in neighborhoods, in the marketplace, focusing on the public pray gatherings, groups, and creating a movement.

Qualifications for Leaders:

1. A person of prayer and moral character – reputation matters - a team player
 2. A servant leader, evidencing humility.
 3. Evangelical in theology and missional in nature (The Lausanne declaration).
 4. Capable of collaborating across denominational, ethnic, and para-church lines to assure a broad and diverse prayer effort focused on repentance and community transformation by spiritual renewal.
 5. “Agenda-free” in terms of motive – except for the noble goal of a “Great Awakening!” in the nation.
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Constituency:

1. Each community effort is self-constituting. It consists of national, regional and local prayer organizations, prayer directors of para-church organizations, marketplace, congregational prayer leaders, and intercessors.
2. This diverse group will constitute a kind of “community prayer council.” A smaller leadership team may be needed to move the process forward.
3. The formal or informal leadership team should have the authority and trust of the larger group (Council) to have the relational authority to lead and envision the movement.
4. You may create a ‘community prayer cabinet’ composed of individuals who actually lead existing or expanding prayer efforts at the state, county, or community levels.
5. The following are areas that might be addressed by such a cabinet (whatever the name might be):
 - Local Church/Pastoral Involvement
 - Youth Prayer Effort/Participation

- Para-church Organizations Involvement
- Christian Business Leaders/Marketplace representatives
- Mobilizing Intercessors/People of Prayer
- Finance/Budget
- Ethnic/Gender Diversity
 - Some members of the team may double up on tasks. Some tasks, such as publicity, may require an entire team. Local church/pastoral involvement and ethnic/gender diversity may be accomplished only by finding flag carriers within each denominational/ethnic stream.

Activities:

1. To identify current prayer leaders in a given area, envision and cultivate a pervasive prayer movement in the local community by first synergizing existing prayer activities.
2. To nurture the idea of ongoing prayer and unity efforts in the community – establishing a rhythm of prayer.
3. To identify supporting organizations, collaborating congregations, and marketplace leaders that will call their constituents and followers to prayer.
4. To promote the various prayer efforts for the community sponsored by national prayer organizations, and do so together, through local ministries and congregations while also creating, as the Spirit leads, prayer moments and opportunities specific to the local community.
5. To work with various denominations, pastors, and parachurch leaders, to assure broad interdenominational support of prayer efforts.
6. To identify prayer resources for pastors and community organizations, especially those that call the Christian community to repentance and consecration as an example in a geographic area. To offer fresh vision and encourage spiritual vitality focused on the need for another Great Awakening.
7. To be aware of the web-based resource materials, print out samples for distribution to pastors and other leaders. Encourage the use of the materials wisely and broadly.
8. To serve as a local expression of a national grass-roots network working in collaboration with *the vision* of America Pray and that of the National Prayer Committee.
 - And yet, the nexus of renewal always bubbles out of the heart of the individual – the Ezra (pastoral leader) or Nehemiah (civic/vocational/professional/lay leader), or an Esther/Joel (prophetic/intercessory leader). Sensitivity to national prayer efforts and events is desired, understanding the value of national unity and of

simultaneous prayer. Yet, you also want to allow the Holy Spirit to lead your local team in developing a vision and strategy for your area.

9. To provide reports of your community efforts and participation in various prayer events to a growing network across the nation.
10. To maintain a connection with national prayer organizations through their representatives and the America Pray network to hear about developments in other areas and share your plans with others. Keep the lines of communication open.

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Collaborating Pastors/Ministry Leaders Guidelines

Purpose

To create a collaborative effort, across the scope of a city or county, to pray together during the 50-day period from Passover to Pentecost 2026, for revival in the church and spiritual awakening in the nation. To support the county-wide prayer efforts through congregational involvement in prayer and awakening unified efforts with a focus on prayer in and by the local church, multi-congregational events and personal member participation in various prayer-evangelism efforts.

The Project Pray 2026 initiative is a grass roots effort. The national office provides resources, but each congregation and community creates its own prayer and action strategy.

PROJECT 2026 is an outreach of the PROJECT PRAY, and PRAYER AT THE HEART, along with the WORLD SCHOOL OF PRAYER, and other partners.

Church/Ministry Participation Goals:

1. Participate, as possible in the initiative – “Project Pray – 2026, the Million Souls Campaign.” *Prayer Guides will be available on-line at the project pray website to facilitate united prayer across congregations, communities and the nation. resources!*
2. Place lostness before the congregation during the 50 days and stress prayer and evangelism. A simple but effective plan will be available online.
3. Gather as a congregation to pray regularly during the 50-day period, and as possible, with other congregations across the city.
4. Consider a collaborative city or county-wide evangelism event.
5. Consider men’s prayer events that emphasize grace-based holiness, humble but bold leadership in the city, in homes and workplaces, with a heart for the lost.
6. Participate in the 50-day prayer initiative by using the downloadable prayer-evangelism guide.
7. Participate in the nation-wide prayer efforts during these days – prayer walking, the global outreach day, and consider simply opening the church doors for prayer in the days leading up to Pentecost Sunday.
8. Participate and cooperate, as possible, with the county leadership team in planning and promoting the city and county-wide prayer efforts.

9. Collaborate with other pastors and Christian leaders in the region to promote prayer in the marketplace (work-based leaders), neighbor-based prayer efforts – through pastoral/ministry leadership prayer gatherings, joint services. Encourage extensive prayer-walking, prayer unity rallies, local church prayer meetings, small-group (prayer cell) connections and the like.
10. Utilize the resource materials available on-line to call your congregation/ministry to prayer – with a focus first on personal repentance and then on evangelism with transformation and Great Awakening impact in view.
11. Consider a Solemn/Sacred Assembly for your congregation, perhaps, even for the city.
12. Develop a strategy for a prayer meeting in every home in your congregation, between every couple nudging them to pray for their neighbors and consider a neighbor connection event in their home. *See on-line resources.*
13. Encourage work-place gatherings of small prayer cells that aim at inviting the presence of God, in an intentional way, into every conceivable workplace environment in the city – the church scattered being the church! *Use the on-line resources.*
14. To make your community a “prayed for” community, where an intentional process of prayer (the Great Commitment) is set in place – and out of that a focus on God’s caring love (the Great Commandment), and then sharing the good news (the Great Commission).

Process:

1. Each county is part of a national grass-roots network that is working in collaboration with the vision of PROJECT PRAY and other partner ministries.
2. Each county-coordinator is encouraged to recruit a team to assist in the purpose of resourcing pastors and Christian leaders, laity and para-church organizations and calling the Christian community to prayer and evangelism, to exemplary repentance and renewal and fresh vision and vitality focused on Great Awakening.
3. Work to identify supporting and collaborating congregations in the county that will call their constituents to prayer and renewal, and evangelism.
4. Work in and across denominational lines to assure maximum, but broad interdenominational support of the renewal efforts.
5. Develop a plan for comprehensive prayer walking – that blankets the area around your, and each member’s neighborhood, as well as schools and workplaces. The goal – cover the entire community with prayer-walking teams during the 50 days.
6. Utilize the simple plan for marketplace-based prayer cell groups embedded throughout the community, Christians from different streams, praying quietly and passionately, at or near their workplaces during each week of 50-day period for the lost around them.

7. Nurture the idea of on-going prayer and unity efforts in the community.

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