



Prayer Task Force Suggestion Sheet

We are excited about the innovative and excellent twenty-four hour Prayer Vigils that your Conference leadership will design. We are encouraged at what might be accomplished through this 3,144-hour God-honoring event (131 days x 24 hours)!

Even though we know that many of you are already at work in commissioning and/or designing your Prayer Vigil, we thought it might be helpful for us to offer a few basic ideas that could be used or could serve as a trigger for your thinking. Below are those ideas.

1. Many of you already have Prayer Teams who have demonstrated their creativity with previous Vigils and you plan to simply cast the vision of what might happen through this time of trusting and honoring God.
2. Some of you are considering having each District within your Annual Conference cover an assigned section of the 24-hours in the way that they choose.
3. Others of you may want to have a Conference-wide event earlier than the 24-hour time slot you are covering as a “kick off” event that could bring greater passion and energy for the time.
4. One Conference we heard about wants to have all of its congregations involved so they are dividing 24 into the number of congregations they have and then asking that number to cover each hour of the vigil. Thus, bringing greater ownership to the plan.
5. Another idea is to have a particular place where anyone could come during the 24-hours and join in praying. A designated leader would be present each of the 24-hours.

And the list could go on and on! In fact, we are looking forward to hearing from many of you as to how you plan to cover your assigned day! We are hoping to include some of your designs in our next general church press releases!

A final note of great importance! We are not attempting to have a “pass the baton” approach to each 24-hour prayer section. So, no one needs to be concerned about what time zone they are in. Forget the time zones and simply mark when your assigned day begins and when it ends. We are confident our God is not so technical that this might be disturbing to the Lord of the Church! We know that God looks upon the heart and not upon the outer appearances.

The peace, love and grace of our Savior be with you as we seek to join hearts and hands in this special time of intercessory prayer!

Advent Blessings,

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