

LOVING LAS VEGAS PRAYER ACTION TEAM

Great Commission Prayer Strategy (Matt. 28:18-20)

Prayer begins with the individual (personal), flows through the church (corporate), and targets the community (kingdom).

1. Renew a personal passion to pray unceasingly. (1 Thess. 5:17)
2. Reclaim the church as a house of prayer with a passion for lost people. (Matt. 21:13)
3. Link believers in focused prayer for evangelism and spiritual awakening. (Matt. 28:18-20; 2 Chron. 7:14)

Contextualize: Loving Las Vegas

STRATEGIC GOALS

Objective: The Prayer Team will seek to mobilize and integrate Great Commission prayer across Southern Nevada to impact and transform Las Vegas with the gospel message.

Strategic Goals:

1. To guide believers of Las Vegas to renew a personal passion to pray unceasingly.
 - Motivate and educate believers to grow in intimacy and faithfulness to God.
 - Call all believers to dedicated, intentional prayer and fasting.
2. To guide Las Vegas congregations to reclaim the church as a house of prayer with a passion for the lost.
 - Establish or enhance an intercessory prayer ministry for every Loving Las Vegas pastor/staff.
 - Establish or enhance a corporate prayer ministry in every Loving Las Vegas congregation.
3. To unite and mobilize all believers of Las Vegas in focused prayer for evangelism and spiritual awakening.
 - Establish intercessory prayer networks that will pray for every neighborhood in Las Vegas.
 - Mobilize volunteers in prayer activities to impact and transform Las Vegas with the gospel message.

STRATEGY AND CONCEPT

Part I

(Explanation of the Team's overall sub-strategy approach)

Concept: Loving Las Vegas will seek to mobilize and integrate Great Commission prayer across Southern Nevada through training, modeling, and mobilization. Various prayer networks, resource materials, and ministry activities will be utilized. Therefore, the individual, the church, and the community experience transformation with the gospel message.

Process:

- A. Prayer Networks – It is essential that the current streams of prayer networks be contacted and informed of Loving Las Vegas' desire to act as a catalyst in mobilizing the believers to pray for the transformation of Las Vegas and Southern Nevada.
- Identify and enlist essential prayer leaders to serve as Zone Prayer Coordinators. These coordinators would assist in all aspects of strategy planning and implementation.
 - Regional Prayer Networks – LLV will seek to establish regional prayer networks when and where networks do not currently exist. The objective is to link believers from all over Southern Nevada to mobilize in prayer.
 - Additional Prayer Networks – LLV will seek to link with additional prayer networks throughout Nevada, North America, and the world.
 - Internet Prayer Network – LLV will seek to create a page on the LLV website to receive and distribute prayer request.
- B. Prayer Resource Materials – Ongoing education and discipleship is a vital component for the continual growth for any believer. Therefore, LLV will continually discover and review all available books, videos, and other resources available to encourage believers and churches to mobilize in prayer. In addition, LLV will provide sample materials to all participating LLV congregations.
- *Disciple's Prayer Life* – This classic, in-depth study will lead a person to develop intimacy with God and effectiveness in their prayer life. The reader will examine biblical examples and apply biblical prayer principles that will guide a relationship with God to grow fresher every day.
 - *Experiencing God* –
 - *How to have a Dynamic Church Prayer Ministry* – Practical ways to develop a prayer ministry in the local church.
 - *In His Steps* –
 - *Informed Intercession* – How to discover the spiritual strongholds in your community.
 - *Intercessory Prayer* – An in-depth study on the original Greek meanings of intercession and how to apply it in a practical way to individual and corporate prayer.
 - *Taking Prayer to the Streets* – A twelve-week, small group study to lead individuals to mature in personal faithfulness in prayer, learn the activity of prayer journeying, and developing a Great Commission prayer ministry in the local church.

- *Transformations* – A video testimonial of four cities around the world that experienced transformation through united prayer.
- C. Prayer Mobilization – As the prayer network matures and more people are involved in intentional prayer for Las Vegas, an army of prayer warriors will be ready to mobilize to conduct prayer journeys, intercede for strategic initiatives, and integrate prayer into all aspects of transforming Southern Nevada.
 - Lighthouses of Prayer – Lighthouses of Prayer include believers united together for the purpose of intentionally praying, caring, and sharing the gospel with those in their neighborhood. The threefold mission is to pray-care-share with five neighbors on each side and ten across the street.
 - Prayer Journeys – A Prayer Journey is an intentional coordinated effort to pray for and share Jesus with every person in a chosen geographical area or cultural community.
 - Intercessory Prayer Ministries – Intercessory prayer ministries for both the local church and the pastoral staff will be sought to be established in every LLV church.

Part II

(How each Strategic Goal will be accomplished)

Goal One Concept: To guide believers of Las Vegas to renew a personal passion to pray unceasingly by motivating and educating believers to grow in intimacy and faithfulness to God; and by calling all believers to dedicated, intentional prayer and fasting. LLV will implement this goal through education and training. (INDIVIDUAL)

Process:

- A. Education – LLV will provide packets of prayer resource material to every LLV participating congregation. Refer to Part I, B. for examples.
- B. Training – T.W. Hunt Prayer Conference, November 2-3, 2000. A training event designed to guide each individual to a deeper relationship with God in prayer.

Goal Two Concept: To guide Las Vegas congregations to reclaim the church as a house of prayer with a passion for the lost by establishing or enhancing intercessory prayer ministries for every Loving Las Vegas pastor/staff; and by establishing or enhancing corporate prayer ministries in every Loving Las Vegas congregation. LLV will implement this goal through training, designated days of prayer and fasting, and modeling. (CORPORATE)

Process:

- A. Training – Lighthouses of Prayer Training Seminars – LLV will provide six regional seminars to train and prepare local churches to conduct Lighthouses of Prayer.
- B. Training – Prayer Journeys – LLV will provide seminars to train and prepare local church prayer teams to conduct prayer journeys in their neighborhoods.
- C. Training – Great Commission Prayer Conference, February 26-28, 2001. A major training event involving numerous facilitators and topics to further develop and enhance the prayer ministries in all LLV congregations.
- D. Designated Days of Prayer and Fasting – Days designated to call all churches to intense corporate prayer for revival, lost people, missions, and key kingdom issues.
- E. Intercessory Prayer Ministries – With the distribution of prayer resource materials and the provided training opportunities, LLV will encourage the development of Intercessory Prayer Ministries for both the local church and the pastoral staff in every congregation in Southern Nevada.
- F. Prayer Gatherings – A call to all believers and churches, citywide (and statewide), to unite corporately to pray for the transformation of our communities. Special events will be planned to call all believers to unite in one location for intense and urgent prayer for sweeping revival and widespread evangelism.
- G. Modeling – LLV will model and celebrate God's hand upon the intercessory prayer for our neighborhoods by communicating locally and regionally answers to prayer. These praise stories and answers to prayer will communicate to all prayer networks and churches to both encourage and inform all believers on what God is doing in our midst. A newsletter publication, an Internet website, and a prayer chain are channels to be used to spread the good news of answered prayers.

Goal Three Concept: To unite and mobilize the believers of Las Vegas in focused prayer for evangelism and spiritual awakening by establishing intercessory prayer networks that will pray for every neighborhood in Las Vegas; and mobilize volunteers in prayer activities to impact and transform Las Vegas with the gospel message. LLV will implement this goal through various forms of prayer networks, Lighthouses of Prayer, and other forms of prayer ministries/activities. (KINGDOM)

Process:

- A. Campus Prayer Journey – Adults unite to pray a hedge of protection around the schools of our communities. On Tuesday evening before “See You At The Pole”, adults gather at their local school campuses and pray. Our purpose is to pray for the salvation, the safety, and the spiritual growth of the students, teachers, and staff.
- B. Lighthouses of Prayer in every neighborhood. Local churches will be encouraged to enlist and equip homes to serve as Lighthouses of Prayer for every neighborhood in Southern Nevada.
- C. March for Jesus - All LLV prayer teams will be encouraged to unite in prayer and participate in the March for Jesus event.
- D. National Day of Prayer - LLV will initiate and promote a citywide gathering in a designated location for the National Day of Prayer.
- E. Prayer Journey activities to undergird every LLV evangelistic event. (Requires partnership with Evangelism Action Team.) Teams from the local churches will be enlisted to participate in scheduled citywide prayer journeys.
- F. Prayer Networks
 - Regional Prayer Networks – LLV will seek to establish regional prayer networks when and where networks do not currently exist. The objective is to link believers from all over Southern Nevada to mobilize in prayer.
 - Additional Prayer Networks – LLV will seek to link with additional prayer networks throughout Nevada, North America, and the world.
 - Internet Prayer Network – LLV will seek to create a page on the LLV website to receive and distribute prayer request.
- G. See You At The Pole – SYATP is a nation-wide opportunity for all Christian students to gather at the flagpole of the school to pray. LLV will support and encourage this national campaign.

Timeline

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Timeline:

- A. Education – Distribution of prayer resource material by September 1, 2000.
- B. Training – T.W. Hunt Prayer Conference, November 2-3, 2000.

Goal Two Concept: To guide Las Vegas congregations to reclaim the church as a house of prayer with a passion for the lost by establishing or enhancing intercessory prayer ministries for every Loving Las Vegas pastor/staff; and by establishing or enhancing corporate prayer ministries in every Loving Las Vegas congregation. LLV will implement this goal through training, designated days of prayer and fasting, and modeling. (CORPORATE)

Timeline:

- A. Training – Lighthouses of Prayer Seminars
 - June 20, 2000 2:00pm Location:
 - June 20, 2000 7:00pm Location:
 - July 20, 2000 2:00pm Location:
 - July 20, 2000 7:00pm Location:
 - August 22, 2000 2:00pm Location:
 - August 22, 2000 7:00pm Location:
- B. Training – Prayer Journeys
 - Seminars offered at “On Target” September 21-23, 2000
- C. Training – Great Commission Prayer Conference, February 26-28, 2001
- D. Designated Days of Prayer and Fasting
 - March 8, 2000
 - May 3, 2000
 - August 30, 2000
 - November 1, 2000
 - March 7, 2001
 - May 2, 2001
 - August 8, 2001
 - November 7, 2001
- E. Prayer Gatherings
 - Statewide Prayer Gathering, March 25, 2000, LV, hosted by Harvest Rock Church
 - Statewide Prayer Summit, April 24-25, 2000, Tonopah, hosted by Nevada Baptist Convention
 - LLV Prayer Gathering during “On Target”, September 21-23, 2000
 - LLV Prayer Festival, January 1, 2001. 01/01/01 at 1:01pm
 - LLV Prayer Gathering, Spring 2001
 - LLV Prayer Gathering, Fall 2001

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Timeline:

- A. Campus Prayer Journey
 - September 12, 2000
 - September 11, 2001
- B. March For Jesus
 - June 10, 2000
 - June 9, 2001
- C. National Day of Prayer
 - May 4, 2000
 - May 3, 2001
- D. Prayer Journeys exercised during each LLV evangelistic event.
Dates determined by LLV Evangelistic Action Team.
- E. Prayer Networks
All Prayer Networks are to be established and active by September 1, 2000.
- F. See You At The Pole
 - September 13, 2000
 - September 12, 2001

Volunteers

Concept: Volunteers are needed for all aspects of training, modeling, and mobilizing.

Volunteers Needed:

- 2 – Ten hrs/wk to overlook strategy and conduct office administrative duties (mailouts, copies, telephone calls, etc.)
- 2 – Design publicity and promotion of all activities conducted by the LLV Prayer Action Team.
- 2 – Internet Experts – One person to administrate prayer requests and praise reports, a second person to update all publicity on the website.
- 12 – Two per Zone to assemble and distribute the packet of prayer resource materials to all participating LLV churches.
- 6 – Organize and host the T.W. Hunt Prayer Conference
- 8 – Lighthouses of Prayer regional seminars. Six hosts for each seminar and two training facilitators.
- 2 – Prayer Journey seminars. Two training facilitators.
- 30 – Hosts, organize, and prepare the Great Commission Prayer Conference.
- 50 – Prayer Gatherings and Festival
- 2 – Prayer Newsletter
- 1 – Prayer Chain
- Large unknown number – All prayer evangelism activities.

Media

- Prayer Newsletter published each month to share prayer requests and praises, as well as, promote all prayer activities.
- Bulletin Inserts and Advertisements
- 800 Prayer Line for LLV
- Internet page on the LLV website for prayer requests, networking, and publicity.

Other Support

North American Mission Board

Training and Materials:

- Lighthouses of Prayer – six regional training events and materials for all LLV churches.
- Prayer Journeying – seminars conducted during the “On Target” training event and materials for all LLV churches.
- Provide conference leaders and resources for the Great Commission Prayer Conference.
- Provide computer software for tracking prayer across LLV.
- Provide access and space for two articles related to prayer and LLV in the “On Mission” magazine, “OnSite” magazine, and other NAMB publications.
- Assistance in developing a prayer Internet page on the LLV website.
- Assistance in design and development of any prayer publicity materials.

LifeWay

Training and Materials:

- Provide training and materials during the T.W. Hunt prayer conference.
- Provide other prayer resource materials to LLV churches at a discounted rate, such as, books, videos, etc.
- Provide assistance with the design and printing of publicity materials at a discounted rate.

WMU

- Provide Language resources related to prayer.
- Provide LLV access to WMU’s monthly prayer letters to emphasize prayer needs.
- Sponsor a WMU prayer team to assist with training and mobilization of volunteers across LLV.

Nevada Baptist Convention

- Provide NBC representatives to assist with training and mobilization of Lighthouses of Prayer, Prayer Journeys, etc.
- Provide LLV access to NBC publications for LLV prayer emphasis.

Budget

- Packets of Prayer Resource materials @ \$100 per LLV church equals \$30,000 total
 - Lighthouse of Prayer training seminars @ \$500 per seminar equals \$3,000 total
Materials, refreshments, facilitator expenses
 - Publicity and Promotion @ \$10,000
Design, printing, and distribution
 - Great Commission Prayer Conference @ \$10,000
Leaders expenses, lodging, materials, food/refreshments
 - City-wide Prayer Gatherings/Festival @ \$20,000
 - Administrative expenses for volunteers @ \$2,000 per year at \$4,000 total
- Total Budget Request for Prayer Strategy: \$77,000**