

Lydia Prayer Guide

Becoming Women of Prayer



This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.

1 John 5:14-15

The Incredible Power of a Woman's Prayer Meeting



Acts 16:11-15 -- *From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day on to Neapolis. From there we traveled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days. On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. One of those listening was **a woman named Lydia**, a dealer in purple cloth from the city of Thyatira, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. **When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. "If you consider me a believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my house."** And she persuaded us.*

Lydia Prayer Groups

On the Apostle Paul's second missionary journey in Acts 16:11-15, we read that he was **led by the Holy Spirit**, not to Asia or Bithynia, but to a **small group of women** in Philippi. ***They were meeting weekly by the riverside for prayer!*** **Out of this group came a woman named Lydia who opened her heart and her home to the gospel.** From this small beginning, the Christian church in Europe was birthed.

Our vision for the Lydia Prayer Groups came from this model. **Small groups of praying women** have been meeting in Budapest, Hungary and various places in the United States during the past few years. **Out of these prayer times, a desire has grown to share with women around the world the joy of knowing Jesus Christ personally and the excitement of living daily in the fullness of His Holy Spirit.**

We would like to invite you to come and meet with us and see what God may want to do again as women meet to pray and seek Him.



You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Acts 1:8

Standing in the Gap

The main focus of the Lydia Prayer Ministry is to *stand in the gap* and pray for revival beginning in our own hearts and then asking for Jesus to come and touch His people once again.

He is the Revival!

Revival is when we come to the realization that Jesus Himself is the only One who is able to meet the deepest needs of our lives, and we stop looking elsewhere.

-Jeanine Brabon-OMS Missionary to Colombia

Join us in prayer for our Jerusalem, our Judea, our Samaria, and the ends of the world.

Ezekiel 22:30 -- *I looked for someone among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy.*

We must mean business before praying the prayer of faith, and we must set ourselves to "see things through."

Ephesians 6:18 -- *And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.*

♥ Stand on The Word

Learn to repeat passages of scripture applicable to your particular situation.

♥ Resist Satan

I John 3:8 -- *He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.*



♥ **Pray for revival**

How to pray for revival.

1. Personal Revival

As we begin to seek God, we must first of all allow Jesus to transform us. Let us ask Him for the following things taken from Colossians 1:9-13:

- a. That we might be filled with a knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding.
 - b. That we might walk worthy of the Lord.
 - c. That we might fully please the Lord.
 - d. That we might be fruitful in every good work we do.
 - e. That we might increase in the knowledge of God.
 - f. That we might be strengthened with all might according to His glorious power and unto all patience, long-suffering with JOY.
2. Revival in our homes and families (Jerusalem)
Pray for our husbands to become Psalm 1 men, and pray for our children.
 3. Revival in our churches and community (Judea)
 4. Revival in our country (Samaria)
 5. Revival around the world

All hindrance to revival is sin. All sin in the believer, of whatever kind, mars the redemptive work of Christ.

-By My Spirit by Jonathan Goforth

PRAYING FOR OUR JERUSALEM

In Mark 1:29-31, Jesus was invited to the home of Peter and Andrew, and healing took place. Jesus longs today to be invited into our homes (single or married). He wants to touch and transform all of our family relationships just as He touched and healed Peter's mother-in-law in days long ago.

Revelation 3:20 -- *Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.*

As we pray for revival, let us lift up our family members by name. For those who are married, let us pray especially for our husbands and for our children.

Praying for Our Children
We must lift up our children daily in prayer.



Taken From *Petitions for Our Children*

By: Margaret Ho

- ♥ That they will accept Christ as Savior early in life.
II Timothy 3:15
- ♥ That they will truly love the Lord.
Mark 12:30, I Peter 1:8
- ♥ That they will be filled with the Holy Spirit.
Galatians 5:22-23
- ♥ That their lives will always bring glory to God.
Matthew 5:16
- ♥ That they will grow intellectually, physically, spiritually, and socially.
Luke 2:52

You may download a copy of *Petitions for Our Children* at www.tituswomensministry.org under the link “Resources”

Praying for Our Husbands
We must lift up our husbands daily in prayer.

Let us pray that our husbands would know Jesus and be full, led, empowered, and anointed by the Holy Spirit in their daily lives. (Luke 4:1, 14, 18)

INTERCEDE UNTIL HE COMES!

As we pray for Him to come in our own homes, we intercede for the ones God has entrusted to us, our immediate and extended family, and we stand in the gap for our Three Most Wanted until HE COMES!

WANTED

**My 3 Most
“Wanted”
Alive for Christ**

Pray every day for the people on this wanted poster, that they may live!!!!

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. -Romans 6:23



PRAYING FOR OUR JUDEA

It seems that we have lost Jesus in our neighborhoods, cities, and yes, our churches! We have beautiful buildings, wonderful programs, but how is the attendance in our prayer meetings? Are we just playing church? Have we become too comfortable?

As we pray for our Judea, let us ask the Lord for Psalm 1 men.

Psalm 1:1-3 -- *Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prosper.*

Pray for our husbands, sons, pastors, and leaders (in our homes, churches, government, nation, the world), to become Psalm 1 men -- men who do not walk, stand, or sit with evil but delight in the Word of God -- men who are like trees that are fruitful and prosperous for Him -- men after God's own heart.

PRAYING FOR OUR SAMARIA

Our country is in desperate need of revival.



II Chronicles 7:14 -- *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 will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.*

We carry a tremendous responsibility as believers of the Church of Jesus Christ to pray for our country.

(Divide your group to pray for certain states so that the whole country would be covered in prayer.)

As part of God's plan for revival in our country, we believe that God has lifted up conferences and retreats on the "holy heart" so that women will experience the incredible joy of knowing Jesus Christ personally and loving Him with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength through the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit. We would like to ask you to pray specifically for upcoming retreats and conferences including Come to the Fire. The following gives you a guide as to how to pray.

(For an up-to-date schedule of women's retreats on the holy heart, go to www.tituswomensministry.org under the link "Events.")

The essential key for an effective retreat is prayer!

- ♥ Pray each day for the retreat or conference.
- ♥ Pray for all aspects of the retreat or conference.
- ♥ Pray for each woman that registers.
- ♥ Pray for the leadership team.
- ♥ Pray for the speakers and musicians.
- ♥ Pray that every woman attending would personally know the transforming presence of Jesus Christ in her life before she leaves the retreat.



PRAYING FOR THE WORLD

Psalm 2:8 -- *Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession.*



- ♥ Pray for missionaries and their families around the world that God may use them in a powerful way for His purposes. (*Ask your church for a list of missionaries you can pray for by name.*)
- ♥ As you pray for revival around the world, divide your group to pray for certain countries and continents so that the whole world would be covered in prayer.
- ♥ Ask God to lay on your heart the country that you personally are to stand in the gap for and make a part of your inheritance.

The Knife of the Cross

Holy Spirit, apply the knife of the cross to every bit of the old life in me, wherever Thou canst see it; in the places where I do not know it, especially down deep into secret pride.

Pray the Lord to keep the knife of the cross applied to every part of your being, your cleverness of intellect, your self-confidence, your sympathies, your affections.

Let the knife be used by God all the time, not yesterday but today.

This means keeping the material which the enemy can fasten upon out of his way. The bullet-proof place of victory is only to be known through the knife of the cross being kept continually applied to the old creation day by day.

-Jessie Penn-Lewis-

Is God Calling you to Lead A Lydia Prayer Group?

- ♥ *Pray and wait on the Lord to speak to you.*
- ♥ *Ask Him to help you choose your prayer partners (3-6 is desirable).*
- ♥ *While you pray, become familiar with the Lydia Prayer Guide.*
- ♥ *As the Lord leads you to other women, share with them what it means to be a part of a Lydia Prayer Group.*
- ♥ *Give them some time to pray about it.*
- ♥ *Agree on a meeting place, preferably your home.*
- ♥ *At the first meeting with your group, read a passage of scripture, explain the heart of this ministry, and go over the prayer guide. Have enough guides for each lady to have one. Make it a special evening of commitment to pray for revival.*
- ♥ *Give them time to think and pray in order to commit.*
- ♥ *After your group is established, agree on a prayer focus for each woman. Let them choose to pray about a country or continent, etc.*
- ♥ *Always emphasize your main prayer concern, namely REVIVAL. Ask the Lord to come, visit, and change our homes, churches, nation, the whole world! We need to pray until He comes!*

The Power of Prayer

The following excerpts are the commitments of two other prayer fellowships that God used in the past to bring revival. The first example is the prayer commitment of the Punjab Prayer Union with Praying Hyde in Northern India.

The commitments made were the following:

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Punjab Prayer Union

Are you praying for quickening in your own life, in the life of your fellow workers, and in the Church?

Are you longing for greater power of the Holy Spirit in your own life and work, and are you convinced that you cannot go on without this power?

Will you pray that you may not be ashamed of Jesus?

Do you believe that prayer is the great means for securing this spiritual awakening?

Will you set apart time each day as soon after noon as possible to pray for this awakening and are you willing to pray until the awakening comes?

These goals came out of the life and ministry of Praying Hyde of India. After twelve years of difficult missionary service, an awakening came.

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The second example occurred in South India with Amy Carmichael. Their fellowship was called the Sisters of the Common Life and the commitments made were the following:

Sisters of the Common Life

Amy Carmichael

Born in the late 1860s, Amy became a missionary to India in her early adult life and devoted it to the saving of little girls from temple prostitution by establishing an orphanage. In the early 1900s, Amy realized she needed spiritual partners and began a search for sisters in Christ to come alongside with like-mindedness.

In the year 1916, Amy gathered seven women inspired by *The Imitation of Christ* by Thomas 'a Kempis who drew much of his inspiration from the other holy brothers in his own order, a lay group with no vows. The brothers strived to imitate the lives of Christ and the apostles and lived in a community that shared food and shelter. They were not to live apart from the world like monks. They worked as common men during the day, consequently their name: "Brothers of the Common Life."

"Thus today we launch the 'Sisters of the Common Life,'" stated Amy. The sisters constantly reminded themselves that "The Cross is the attraction" and that they had a creed of sorts.



***Commitments
for
Sisters of the Common Life***

"The Cross is the attraction." This was one of our words from the first. For "the symbol of the Christian church is not a burning bush, nor a dove, nor an open book, nor a halo round a submissive head, nor a crown of splendid honor. It is a Cross."

My Vow

Whatsoever Thou sayest unto me, by Thy grace I will do it.

My Constraint

Thy love, O Christ, my Lord.

My Confidence

Thou art able to keep that which I have committed unto Thee.

My Joy

To do Thy will, O God.

My Discipline

That which I would not choose, but which Thy love appoints.

My Prayer

Conform my will to thine.

My Motto

Love to live; live to love.

My Portion

The Lord is the portion of mine inheritance.

Teach us, good Lord, to serve Thee more faithfully; to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek the rest; to labor and not to ask for any reward, save that of knowing that we do Thy will, O Lord our God.

From Amy Carmichael's book, *Gold Cord*

Just as Jesus used these prayer fellowships in days gone by to bring revival, we believe God would like to lift up Lydia Prayer Groups today around the world to prepare hearts for the transforming presence of Jesus to come once again.

We invite you to become a part of the Lydia Prayer Ministry and meet regularly with other women and experience the incredible power of a woman's prayer meeting!

*When God wants to change human history,
He begins with an intercessor.*

-author unknown

The Flame of God

**"Oh the precious flame of God in the heart;
the flame of God that comes to burn out sin and
burn in holiness! I believe in a Savior who does
not only deal with the guilt and power of sin, but
takes away the love of sin, and puts in its place a
flame of passion for God, for charity, for
holiness, for Jesus, for souls, for the world."**

-Alan Redpath



*But just as he who called you is holy,
so be holy in all you do; for it is written:*

"Be holy, because I am holy."

I Peter 1:15-16 NIV

*Go up and down the streets of Jerusalem,
look around and consider, search through her
squares. If you can find but one person who
deals honestly and seeks the truth,
I will forgive this city.*

-Jeremiah 5:1

Thank you for being willing to be a part of the Lydia Prayer Ministry to stand in the gap with us and pray for revival so that Jesus can come and touch a world for Himself. Remember --

HE is the REVIVAL!



We would love to know about your Lydia Prayer Group. To register your group, go to www.tituswomensministry.org under the link “**Lydia Prayer**” or call our office at 859-858-4222.

Titus Women's Ministry is committed to pray and support you in any way we can.

Let us stand together in the gap for a world that is lost until -- HE COMES!

May the Lord bless you richly!

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Titus Women

Mission Statement

Titus Women's Ministry is a fellowship of Christian women who are committed to the purpose of spreading the message of the holy heart to women by means of teaching and modeling the incredible joy of knowing Jesus Christ personally and loving Him with ALL their heart, soul, mind and strength through the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit.



Come to *the* Fire

Come to the Fire is an interdenominational ministry helping women to become lovers of

Jesus and fulfill their quest for holy living. Each here they host a national women's conference on a holy heart that God has used to touch the lives of thousands of women. For more information, please go to www.cometothefire.org.

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