

## Prayer for the Nations Guidelines

1. Pray for the region as you prepare to lead the church in praying for it.
2. Make a simple powerpoint. No more than 5 slides with 5 lines per slide and 5 words per line. Think about if it'll be readable from the back of the hall. Pictures are good.
3. Your PPT must be COMPLETELY Finished 10 days BEFORE you are to Lead the Prayer. This allows time to review it by the Ministry Leader and the Elders.
4. The Goal is INTERCESSION NOT INFORMATION. We don't need information from the Almanac about politics, geography, history. The aim of P4N isn't so much to learn about the country, as it is to get people praying for the country. We come before God with trust and gratitude, even in the face of tragic circumstances like famines, etc.
5. Focus on 2 Things: 1) How can we ask God to strengthen His Church among those people, 2) How can we pray for His Church there to reach the Lost among them.
6. We have found it IDEAL when those leading us begin with a simple introduction like, "Please join me as we pray for \_\_\_\_\_" Then, bow your head and pray through the information that is on the slides. (You can keep your eyes open if you wish.) This needs the leader to alert the Projectionist of this plan. So the Projectionist can change the slides at the right moment. We're not asking the congregation to pray aloud or in sections. This is to make seekers more comfortable.
7. This means as you pray you need to stick closely to the plan you have made and put on the slides. Very often, with such a diverse congregation, people will not understand the accent of the way key words are pronounced like the name of the country, people group, etc. So when they HEAR you speaking AND SEE the words on the screen they can best join you in praying with their hearts and minds too! (On more than one occasion in ZGC I have heard a passionate leader pray for a county and mention the name of the country several times and still don't know the name of the country we were praying for! Yes, I AM old!)
8. As part of the Leadership on the day you are serving, please BE THERE for the prayer/planning at 10 am that Sunday.
9. The TOTAL time for your presentation is FOUR Minutes – and it will pass QUICKLY!
10. Praise God for this opportunity to guide our church in praying for the nations! Thanks so much for your service to the Lord.

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