

With **One** Voice⁺

Praying with urgency for Kentucky
Statewide Church Prayer Gathering - September 10, 2008

Prayer Service Guide

Suggested Order of Worship

Welcome

Scripture and Prayer - John 9:4

Message from Dr. Bill Mackey, Executive Director, Kentucky Baptist Convention

Congregational Music

Scripture and Prayer - Romans 3:23 & 6:23

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Scripture and Prayer - 1 Timothy 2:1-4

Congregational Music

Small group prayer time

Pray for Spiritual Renewal

Pray for Lost People by Name

Large group prayer time

Pray for Church Staff Members & Families

Notes on the Suggested Order of Worship

The Pastor or another selected person should guide the service. However, different people may be enlisted to read the suggested scripture passages, offer a brief explanation of the passage, and lead in prayer.

Welcome - Provide an introduction to the service and the fact that churches all over Kentucky are having special prayer services today, lifting our prayers for revival and spiritual awakening to God "With One Voice." Explain that this is the Season of Prayer for State Missions and state missions begins right here in this community. Challenge the congregation to pray for the lost by name and to pray for spiritual awakening starting here and now. Explain that we believe that if churches across Kentucky pray in this manner, we will see true revival across our state, enhancing everything that we are doing in state missions.

Scripture & Prayer - Read the theme scripture, John 9:4. Emphasize the lostness of people all around us and how this must compel us to pray with one voice, praying with urgency for the salvation of those without Christ.

Message from Dr. Bill Mackey - Dr. Mackey has prepared a brief video introduction to this service. Show this video to set the tone for the remainder of the prayer service.

Congregational Music - Select songs or hymns which cry out for revival and for believers to share the gospel.

Scripture & Prayer - Read Romans 3:23 & Romans 6:23. Explain that unless we absolutely believe that all have sinned and that those without Christ will go to hell, we may not be highly motivated to witness. Pray for God to stir our hearts with this truth.

Scripture & Prayer - Read Romans 8:26-27. Explain that we are here to pray for the lost to be saved, but perhaps we do not know what to pray for God to do in their lives to bring them to the point of readiness for the gospel. Lead in prayer giving thanks for the work of the Holy Spirit in aiding our prayers of intercession for the lost.

Scripture & Prayer - Read Romans 10:9-14. Explain that this passage promises salvation to every person who confesses Jesus as Lord and believes that God raised Him from the dead. But this passage also challenges us with the key question - How can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? Lead in prayer that each of us will take the message of salvation to a lost person this week.

Scripture & Prayer - Read 1 Timothy 2:1-4. Explain that this passage reminds us to pray for our leaders. During these final weeks before our November elections, we need to pray for our current leaders, for the election process, and for those who will serve as our leaders as the result of this election. Pray that our leaders will have their spiritual eyes opened, that they will seek God in every decision, and that those who are lost will be saved.

Small group prayer time. Ask participants to get in groups of 2-3 people, not more than four per group. Begin by praying for spiritual renewal in the church and community. Next, spend time praying for lost people by name.

Large group prayer time. Someone who is not a church staff member should lead this concluding time of prayer. Ask church staff members and their families to stand across the front of the church. Ask everyone in the congregation to come up and put a hand on one of these folks. Allow for a few minutes of simultaneous prayer (can be silent or out loud), then lead in prayer for the church staff and their families. Ask people to share hugs and words of encouragement to church staff before departing.