
UPCOMING EVENT...



In 2010, The Global Leadership Summit, produced by Willow Creek Association, will reach 350 cities across 50 countries, challenging more than 120,000 leaders from 10,000+ churches! This has become more than a solitary event on the calendar! It is a perpetual movement of men and women whose relentless, global, mission is to develop authentic leaders for the sake of the local church and their communities.

The Global Leadership Summit is facilitated in Greater New York by our partner, The New York City Leadership Center, in partnership with the Host Churches of ten (10) satellite sites: the Bronx, Manhattan, Queens, Staten Island and Syosset, NY; Norwood, Ocean Grove, West Orange and Wyckoff, NJ; and Bethel, CT.

Go to www.willowcreek.com/summit for details about the speakers and to register. Watch an energetic video of the 2009 event as well as excerpts from the year's highest-rated sessions which featured Harvey Carey, Jessica Jackley and Tim Keller.

Please pray that the Lord will make a way for all those who would like to attend to raise the funds or receive a scholarship to pay their way there. Praise the Lord for reduced fares that are available for students and military people.



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Let's maintain a spirit of worship and prayer as we focus on Jesus, our Savior and King.

Fellowshipping With The Father by A.R. Bernard

The art of communication is not in our ability to speak but in our ability to hear. Our greatest asset in life is our ability to hear God's voice. Prayer is the voice of faith communicating with God.

It is born of a sense of need but with an assurance that the Lord of grace is willing and able to meet that need. It is an invitation into the presence of the almighty. Once we truly enter that presence, our needs become secondary and fellowship with Him becomes primary. We are filled with the awesomeness not only of His power on our behalf, but His tender love and concern for others.

Prayer therefore is fellowshipping with the Father, discovering His plans and purposes, not only for our lives but for the lives of others. It is becoming an instrument in His hands to bring His love and care to others. And at the end of our prayer, we leave His presence not only assured that our needs have been met but with a greater passion to meet the needs of others.

Prayer is truly a conversion from selfishness to selflessness.

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Designed for a 1-hour prayer time, or spend 5 minutes each for 30 minutes total. Continue to pray for those who have lost sons and daughters in the continuing strife in Iraq and Afghanistan.

I. Rejoice – (10 Minutes)

READ – 1 Samuel 3:9

REJOICE – for the Lord seeks and initiates communion with us.

REPENT – for not pausing to hear His voice or spend time with Him.

II. Revival in the Church - *Jesus, give us your tears for our cities.*

PERSONAL – Pray that Jesus would teach us how to pray according to His word. Pray that our prayers would be fervent, persistent and Spirit led.

REGIONAL – Pray for the pastors of Greater New York to have times of rest and renewal over the summer. Pray that they will have powerful times in the word and in prayer with the Lord and their families. Pray that they will be recharged and replenished and be able to minister powerfully out of the overflow from their times with Him.

NATIONAL – Pray for those who attended the Reload conference on June 12 in New York City. Reload is a national conference that is held in 20 cities, with the goal of empowering urban youth workers. Pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to speak mightily into the hearts of those who attended and that they will be empowered by the Spirit and obedient to God's leading in their lives so that the lives of thousands of youth will be transformed.

INTERNATIONAL – The Willow Creek Global Leadership Summit will reach 350 cities across 50 countries, challenging more than 120,000 leaders from 10,000 churches. In North America, the Summit will be held on August 5-6, however registration is well underway. Please pray that God would use the Leadership Summit to increase the leadership effectiveness for leaders so they can be agents of transformation.

III. Reconciliation - *Jesus, be our peace between races & churches.*

REGIONAL – Each Summer New Yorkers are greeted by Jews for Jesus missionaries seeking to introduce their fellow Jews to Messiah. Pray for their efforts to reach out in love to the Ultra-Orthodox Jews, Russian-speaking Jews, Unaffiliated Jews, college students and young adults. Pray for their follow-up efforts throughout the year as they call and visit with Jewish people they have met and for many to embrace Jesus as their savior.

NATIONAL – Members of the Southern Baptist Denomination met recently agreed they need to "address the spiritual wreckage left in our Southern Baptist churches by our own divorce rates and our silence about the same" and realize "how damaging Southern Baptist accommodation to the divorce culture is to our global witness for Christ." Praise God for their leadership in this area. Ask God to remind all churches to "proclaim the word of God on the permanence of marriage" and to view wedding vows "not simply as a token of a couple's romance but as a covenant before God, until death do them part."

INTERNATIONAL – Pray that the nations would align with Israel for peace in the Middle East. Pray for Godly wisdom for those leaders involved in the peace process. Pray that the people of Israel will know that true shalom will come from the Lord and not from man.

IV. Reformation in Society - *Jesus, be the protector of our cities.*

REGIONAL – A Florida teacher is suing the private, Christian school that fired her. School officials argue the teacher broke school policy to "maintain and communicate the values and purpose of the school." The teacher states that there was no written agreement in place. Pray that religious schools, churches and organizations would legally protect themselves from potential lawsuits with job descriptions that clearly state their expectations of employees and that potential employees and all employees in Christian organizations to model Christ-like behavior and values.

NATIONAL – Praise the Lord for the residents of Huntington, West Virginia who will be featured on a reality show in the Fall that will address America's issues with diet and exercise. Pray that their story will transform habits, lives and school menus across the nation as they learn to live more healthfully.

INTERNATIONAL – According to a recent documentary aired on PBS, humanity has endangered the dirt that recycles our water, gives us food, and provides us with shelter with destructive methods of agriculture, mining practices, and urban development. The effects: mass starvation, drought, and global warming. Pray for a transformation in farming practices in the U.S. and abroad to curb the use of harmful food production technologies and to promote organic farming and other forms of sustainable agriculture.

V. Reaching Outward - *Jesus, blessed is the King who comes!*

REGIONAL – Please pray for a church plant in Manhattan. Pray that God would continue to raise up leaders. Pray for God's favor and wisdom as they are in negotiations to secure a lease on a portion of the property to grow the church. Pray that God would draw many from the community to the church. Pray for effective outreach into the community.

NATIONAL – This summer, World Changers, which organizes youth service projects, will lead 23,000 students in 98 projects involving roof installation, drywall repair, painting, and ministry evangelism in 85 cities. Students registered for PowerPlant projects will learn church planting principles and evangelism skills in the morning, and then personally engage in ministry activities in the afternoon. Please pray that these projects would be life changing for students. Pray for a harvest of souls.

INTERNATIONAL – Please continue to pray for relief efforts of organizations like World Vision, Compassion, World Relief and others who continue to work tirelessly in Indonesia as a result of the devastation caused by the recent earthquakes. Please pray for wisdom, strength and perseverance in the rebuilding efforts. Through it all, pray that thousands will know of God's great love for them and receive the gift of His salvation.

VI. Reflect – Wait – Listen – Report

REFLECT – upon the Scriptures you have read and how that has guided your prayers.

REMAIN – in the presence of the Lord allowing His Spirit ample time to speak to you.

RECORD – what God says to you. **REPORT** – testify of answered prayer.

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