

Crafted Prayers for Finding Local Prayer Partners

Lord God, we know that You have been at work here in open and hidden ways for a long time. Your Spirit is present and active, though we may not see it outwardly. We trust that You have people here from whom we can learn about prayer - though they may not even know You yet! Open our eyes to possibilities that You have in mind for us as we look for people with whom to pray.

Father God, You know what we most need in this season. You know that we are weak and in need of encouragement and partnership in prayer, and we believe that You either already have people here with whom we can partner in prayer, or You want to raise those people up.

Lord, where might we find You already at work in our context? What kind of people are already having their hearts stirred by You? Who are the people who genuinely seek You in prayer in this context, whether they be lost or already saved?

Father, would you bring us people from whom we can learn to pray. Local brothers and sisters from the same or a near-culture to our target people who love You above all else, and who love to approach Your throne with boldness. Would You connect us with people that not only love to pray, but are hungry to share Your love with others. Perhaps they are already sharing, perhaps they don't yet know how to share - but we ask for people that already have a hunger to walk with You and obey all Your commands.

Father, we're asking for faithful men and women who live beyond the outward appearance of righteousness, who genuinely walk with You and know Your ways. Would you connect us supernaturally with people who already walk in spiritual authority and who can teach us to pray in the local language, according to local culture, and who can help us to understand the struggles that believers already face or may face in our context.

Lord, what are we missing in prayer? Where are our blind spots in prayer in this place, among these people? What do we need to learn about prayer in this place? Who could help us learn? Father, what do we need to learn about true spiritual authority in this context? From whom could we learn?

Father, move us outward in our search for these people - remind us to keep our eyes open as we prayer walk, as we run errands, as we meet with people or study language, as we work or play. Show us creative ways to find these kinds of people and help us to be diligent in searching them out.

Father, how can we be more intentional about praying outside and praying outwardly? How can we grow in becoming known as people of prayer in this place? What do You want to work in our hearts as we seek to grow in prayer here? How can we be more intentional about looking for locals with whom we could pray?

Lastly, Lord, as we pray, and especially as we pray with others from this place and people, would You knit our hearts together in prayer. Use prayer to deepen our love for this people, this place, use prayer to bind our hearts to Your vision and to expand Your love in our hearts.

Father, what work do You most want to do in our hearts as we pray? What do You want to correct or change or shape? How can we cooperate with You in the process? How can we allow our love for this people and place to be deepened, even in the midst of culture stress, fear, anxiety, or frustration? How do we need to respond to You as You work to keep our hearts soft to Your working and through us?