

# As He Sends Us

## INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER: **JUNE 8, 2013**

*“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.” —Ephesians 2:10*

The timing of our International Day of Prayer is no accident. June represents a time of transition and opportunity for three important reasons:

- The prior fiscal year has ended, and we are beginning a new year of reaching others for Christ.
- Camp meeting and event planning should now be completed. This allows us to pray for the events we have scheduled in detail.
- We will soon gather for our International Convention (in Orlando, Florida) for leadership elections, important training, and powerful inspiration.

Now is the time to look forward and seek God’s anointing on our efforts for the next year. God has called us. He knows where He is sending us. He has not only prepared the way, He has prepared us for the journey ahead. Let’s get ready to go where He will send us in the months ahead!

### *Vital Information*

As you prepare for the International Day of Prayer, keep these important facts in mind:

- Your camp chooses the location (with emphasis on adequate seating and a quiet room for spiritual effectiveness). Consider meal service if you plan a fellowship time afterward.
- Your camp chaplain moderates.
- Your camp will choose the starting time.
- Make sure you include state, area, and camp prayer specifics, too—such as the names of officers in your state.

Finally, every step of your Day of Prayer preparations should be covered in prayer.

# *International Day of Prayer Agenda*

The International Day of Prayer is an especially powerful day of intercession for the ministry. Because our members live and serve in more than 190 countries worldwide, someone will be praying for the ministry every minute of this special day.

The prayer time should last approximately one hour and 20 minutes. Two brief breaks are suggested between the three separate prayer sessions. The three prayer sessions are estimated to take 15–20 minutes each to complete.

Note: The short break times are simply suggested ones...and your camp may choose to change them. You might prefer one longer break and another quick break.

**7:00 a.m. Welcome and Opening Prayer**

**7:05 a.m. Scripture Reading: Ephesians 2:4–10**

**7:15 a.m. Prayer of Thanksgiving and Praise**

Distribute copies of prayer topics to all in attendance

**7:20–**

**8:25 a.m. Prayer Sessions**

- We Are Chosen (1 Peter 2:9)
- We Are Equipped (2 Corinthians 2:14)
- We Are Empowered (Acts 11:21)
- Concluding Prayer

**8:25 a.m. Concluding Scripture Reading: Hebrews 12:1 and John 9:4  
Gideon Circle (optional)**

**Meal and Fellowship (if desired)**

## Day of Prayer—Session 1: *Chosen*

*“But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;”—1 Peter 2:9 (MEV)*

As we contemplate the challenges before us, let’s thank God for His calling on our lives and on The Gideons International. Now, please pray for:

- The core values of our ministry...that they will not be compromised:
  - An uncompromised belief that the Bible is the inspired, infallible, and inerrant Word of God
  - A singular focus on the objective of “winning others to the Lord Jesus Christ”
  - A membership consisting of business and professional men, except clergymen, who:
    - Believe in the Bible as the inspired Word of God
    - Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the eternal Son of God
    - Have received Him as their personal Savior
    - Endeavor to follow Him in their daily lives
    - Are members in good standing of an evangelical or protestant church, congregation or assembly
    - Participate in the activities of a camp
- Our spiritual objectives to be personal for each of us:
  - Men and Women of the Book
  - Men and Women of Prayer
  - Men and Women of Faith
- The unsaved (in hotels, schools, prisons, medical facilities, military facilities, and more)
- Those living in the 195 countries presently open to the Gideon ministry
- Our own communities—friends, family, acquaintances in need of the Savior
- Our church members and church leaders who regularly support us
- Present and potential donors who help send Bibles and New Testaments around the world
- Prospective members to be identified for our camp

## Day of Prayer—Session 2: *Equipped*

*“Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place.” —2 Corinthians 2:14 (MEV)*

What a powerful reminder that God’s purposes are always fulfilled! We can have confidence that He will prepare us for victory as we go, in faith, where He sends us. Now, please pray for:

- God to strengthen our purpose of reaching others through personal witnessing
- An increase in the salvation of souls from the staggering numbers of lost people in our communities, homeland, and world today
- For the continued progress of our Scripture distributions, including:
  - Meeting our worldwide goals
  - Continued open doors for Scripture distributions
  - For congregations, pastors, missionaries and Bible teachers to know God’s Word is inspired, inerrant, and infallible—and to share the true message of salvation through the blood of Christ
- The people of those countries where we cannot yet share God’s Word:
  - Afghanistan
  - Algeria
  - Comoros Islands
  - Djibouti
  - Iran
  - Iraq
  - Libya
  - Maldives
  - Mauritania
  - Morocco
  - North Korea
  - Peoples Republic of China
  - Saudi Arabia
  - Somalia
  - Tunisia
  - Turkmenistan
  - Uzbekistan
  - Yemen
- Our leaders dealing with major issues:
  - World leaders
  - National leaders
  - Local leaders

- Churches not allowing Gideon presentations—that they will be open to supporting our efforts
- Leadership at camp, state, national, international levels
- Our spiritual objectives to be personal for each of us:
  - Men and Women of Separated Walk
  - Men and Women Who Give
- The Faith Fund giving in our camp
- The Auxiliary five core programs in our camp
- More funds to supply more Scriptures for the world through church presentations and *The GideonCard Bible Program*.
- Our camp's ongoing training, fellowship, and spiritual growth
- God's continued blessings on those who have turned to Him after receiving His Word

## Day of Prayer—Session 3: *Empowered*

*“And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed and turned to the Lord.”*  
—Acts 11:21 (MEV)

The hand of the Lord has certainly been with The Gideons International. To date, we have provided more than 1.7 billion copies of God’s Word, and we’re striving toward two billion. Let’s pray that He finds us faithful, so in 2013 a great number will believe and turn to the Lord. Today, please pray for:

- Your camp’s meeting and event plans
- 3 additional church presentations this year
- Your camp’s Annual Membership Dinner
- Your camp’s Scripture distributions
- More members to do the work of this ministry—an increase of at least one Gideon and one Auxiliary
- God to strengthen us as we work to be:
  - Men and Women of Compassionate Heart
  - Men and Women Who Witness
- Our relationships with all pastors
- Our upcoming International Convention in Orlando and our other conventions and conferences
- Locations where we regularly distribute Scriptures—and the people who manage them: hotels, schools & colleges, medical facilities, prisons, military personnel, etc.
- Strengthening our personal witnessing to provide a witness and a PWT to a least one person per week

## *In the Days that Follow*

The International Day of Prayer is just one day a year. However, God’s calling—and His sending—are continual. The need for prayer is continual, as well. As the challenges of the next year unfold, let’s remember that we are chosen, equipped, and empowered for all that He sends us to accomplish.

*“Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,”*  
—Hebrews 12:1 (MEV)

*“I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work.”*  
—John 9:4 (MEV)

### **Closing Prayer**