

Pray4Croatia Small Group Prayer Guide, vol. 4

ENGAGE LOST PEOPLE

We long to see God raise up disciples in Croatia who multiply; making disciples who make disciples. This month we are asking God for fresh vision for the year ahead.

~Below you will find a suggested amount of time for each segment of your meeting, but don't feel bound by these suggestions. Allow the Holy Spirit to lead your prayer time together.

10 Minutes- Mix and Mingle / Video

Use this time to catch up and get settled before your time of prayer. Then show the video "<u>How Discipleship Works</u>." This will serve as a transition from 'mingling' to prayer.

10 Minutes- Praise

Before taking time to intercede, praise God for who He is and how He has recently shown Himself to you.

Speak His names out loud (God, You are Savior, You are King, etc.), and His character (God, Your love is unconditional, You are always present).

Praise God for the ways He has been working in and through You. (God, thank You forproviding for my family, Thank You for giving me patience yesterday, etc.)

10 Minutes- Personal Surrender and Confession

Personal Surrender

Before interceding on behalf of the people of Croatia, surrender the worries of your life that may distract you during this prayer time. Take a moment to write down on a piece of paper any concerns that are on your mind. Is it your finances? Is it a relationship? Jot that down. Then in your heart, give these concerns over to the Lord.

Confession

Ask the Holy Spirit to convict you of any disbelief or sin that you have been giving in to. Take a moment in your heart to confess these to the Lord and receive His grace and forgiveness.

*15 Minutes- Prayer through the Word

THEME: ENGAGE LOST PEOPLE

This month we are asking God to give believers throughout Croatia courage and wisdom as they engage with those around them who do not follow Jesus.

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates."

PRAYER POINTS FOR CROATIA

- God, we ask that believers in Croatia would love You with their heart, soul, and strength.
- God, we ask that Your words would be constantly on their hearts.
- God, we ask that believers in Croatia would talk about You with those who follow You and those who do not know You.
- God, we pray that believers in Croatia would be a witness for You in all spheres of society. Fill them with your courage, boldness, and wisdom.

Matthew 5:15-16

"Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine beforeothers, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

- God, we pray the believers in Croatia would not hide Your light in them, but that they would let You shine in and through them.
- God, we pray that as believers in Croatia do good deeds, that Your name would be glorified.

Psalm 105:1

"Give praise to the Lord, proclaim His name; make known among the nations what He has done."

- God, we praise Your name. We praise You for all You are doing in Bosnia.
- God, we ask you to use Your believers throughout Bosnia to make Your name known.

*15 Minutes-Intercession for Croatia

Below are some insights on different ways believers in Croatia are engaging those around them who do not follow Jesus. Please read the text out loud and then pause so participants can pray as God leads.

CULTURAL INSIGHTS

Disciple Making Network

Throughout the country, disciple-makers are committing to spending time walking through their communities and meeting new people. During these prayer walks, they are asking God to givethem simple words of Truth that they could share with those they meet.

Kristovput

Disciple Making Movements pray to engage spiritually open people. One of the ways we hope to connect with them is through content designed and shared through social media. The goal is to move from online to in person with those who are interested in learning more about Jesus. Please pray for this new approach and all involved in it.

Local Churches

Throughout the week, local churches invite nationals to join them, to come and hear the Word of God and connect with local believers.

Humanitarian Organizations

Throughout the country, followers of Jesus are able to engage new people through different types of projects. Some of these include: language classes, pro-life seminars, Christmas boxes, seminars in community mental and physical health, etc.

New Ways

Would you please pray for Spirit lead creativity in finding new ways to engage the lost in meaningful spiritual conversations?

10 Minutes – Listening Prayer

On a blank piece of paper, ask the Lord the following questions. Be still and listen. Write down any words or thoughts that come to mind.

- God, how do you feel about those in Croatia who are far from You?
- God, what specific ways You want to reveal Jesus to those in Croatia who don't know You?
- God, are there specific ways you want to encourage Your witnesses in Croatia?

After jotting down these thoughts, share them with a partner or your group. Now spend time praying to God for the things He has put on your heart.

5 Minutes- Closing

We want to hear from you. Take a moment to debrief your prayer time. Are there themes, thoughts or passages that God has laid on your heart for the people of Croatia? Take a moment to write these down as a group and give them to your small group facilitator. (Small group facilitator- please email these to your contact person in Croatia.)

* NOTE: To use this guide for 30 minutes of prayer versus 60, focus your time on the two, 15 minute sections.