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PRAYER VIGIL FOR BRIDGE BUILDERS

CHURCHES AND SMALL GROUPS

General Description

The Prayer Vigil is designed to raise up an army of intercessors to pray for the Persecuted Church. This gathering should have an informal feel but should be well planned to ensure you cover all you want to meet all your goals.

“Prayer is the basis of everything God is accomplishing in the world, and that is why I consider it so important for us to unlock these hidden reserves of divine power and confront the enemy who is sweeping the earth today.” –excerpt from *Unlock Your Hidden Prayer Power* by Brother Andrew

Brief Overview of Time Line

2 - 3 Months Prior to the Event:

- Decide on Prayer Campaign Focus
- Decide on who is expected to attend e.g.: Families, young adults, etc.
- Decide when the Prayer Vigil will take place; date and time
- Secure location e.g.: in front of a Consulate, at your church, in a home
- Begin gathering materials that will be used (Open Doors can help you with this)
- Assemble your team to help you and assign tasks
- Praying for the event

1 - 2 Months Prior to the Event

- Continue to prepare or collect hand outs and materials
- Decide on the structure of the vigil e.g.: speakers, videos, etc
- Begin promoting the vigil; send out emails, post in church bulletin, make posters
- Have a pre-prayer event to bring awareness for the need to pray

1 - 2 Weeks Prior to the Event

- Finalize gathering all materials
- Continue to promote event; get confirmations
- Confirm speakers
- Confirm the location's requirements for gathering are met

Brief Outline for Your Prayer Vigil

Time	Agenda	Description
7:00	Mingling	As attendees arrive give everyone a chance to get to greet each other. Make sure anyone who is new is introduced (for small groups only).
7:10	Welcome	Open in Prayer
7:15	Video/DVD	Contact Open Doors office for a suggested DVD
7:20 – 7:30	Speaker	If you chose to have a guest speaker, such as a courier from Open Doors or someone in your community who is very knowledgeable about the topic for the evening, send him/her the <i>Speaker's Guidelines</i> . Know what your guest speaker is going to talk about and make sure they stick to the time allotted.
7:30- 7:40	Pray	Break up into groups and pray over topics that the speaker discussed. Provide Prayer Points
7:45- 7:55	Speaker	See Notes above
7:55- 8:10	Pray	See Notes Above
8:10- 8:20	Speaker	See Notes above
8:20- 8:35	Pray	See Notes above
8:35- 8:45	Closing	Thank everyone for attending and close in prayer.

Follow Up with Attendees and Open Doors

- ❑ Submit a brief report of your event to the BridgeBuilder@odusa.org.
- ❑ Immediately (within one week) contact each person (except for large groups) who attended, thank them for attending, and ask how they think they would like to become more involved in strengthening persecuted Christians.