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40 DAYS of LOVE

PARTICIPANTS GUIDE

Welcome: Participants Guide

We want to thank you for taking the time to consider participating with the 40 Days of Love. This Global Prayer, Care, Share Evangelism Campaign is scheduled to take place from **Sept. 20th - Oct. 29th 2017**.

Goal of this Initiative: In short, our goal during the 40 Days of Love is to see tens of thousands of congregations participate from across the United States and around the world. We hope to have 10 million Christ-Followers pray for, love on, and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with at least 10 people in their sphere of influence. We have designed a 40 Days of Love “Prayer, Care, Share Guide” that will activate the members of our congregations to proactively love on those that God has placed around them. This initiative has the potential of transforming over 100 million lives.

Our long-term desire is that the 40 Days of Love will be used by God to launch a **Prayer, Care, Share Lifestyle** in Every Congregation, Every Community, Every Sphere of Influence, Every Ethnicity, Every Denomination and Every Generation in Every Nation. Ultimately meaning that every man, woman, and child will have repeated opportunities to see, hear and respond to the Gospel.

Purpose of the Participants Guide: The purpose of this guide is to provide you with a prayer-based guide to determine how God desires you to implement the 40 Days of Love in your area. There is no set way to utilize the 40 Days of Love. We trust that as you take the time to pray through this guide, God’s Spirit will give you wisdom on the focus, scope and details that are specific to you and that will result in the greatest advancement of His Kingdom.

Let us know if you have any questions or need anything further from us. God bless you!

Yours in Christ,

40 Days of Love Steering Committee

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1. Forming an Initial Implementation Team

Even at the outset, we would encourage you to form a team of at least 2-3 people who can process through what the 40 Days of Love could look like in your sphere of influence. We recommend starting this team with one-on-one meetings and other forms of personal correspondence in order to get at least a few people interested prior to setting up a larger meeting.

Ask God for the initial names of those He wants you to involve. If you already have an existing network in place He may lead you to take this to others there.

“Father, who do you want me to get in touch with related to the 40 Days of Love?” Take time to pray about this and write down the names of those He places on your heart:

Statistically speaking, one-on-one meetings are the most successful. So if there are a few key people that God places on your heart to get onboard early on, you may consider meeting with them one-on-one prior to hosting a larger vision casting meeting. Once you have a beginning team of at least 1-2 others (preferably no more than 10-12), we would encourage you to set a time to meet together and pray through the rest of this guide. This will help give you a fuller corporate picture of what God desires to do in and through the 40 Days. We trust that it will be a wonderful adventure co-laboring with your other brothers and sisters in Christ during this time!

Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. Matthew 18:19

2. God's Desired Outcome - Focus

Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20

In order to know what specific steps will be necessary in order to see the 40 Days of Love become everything that God desires for it to be in your sphere of influence, it is necessary to first understand what is on His heart. What is the desired outcome that He has for you and your area during the 40 Days of Love? Only when we have seen His end goal, can we begin to understand the steps that will be necessary to get there.

Testimony: In the state of Florida, we saw God use the 40 Days of Love in a diversity of spheres of influence. From the police department, to high schools, to prisons, to neighborhoods to airports. Reaching college students to touching the lives of internationals living and visiting the state. Take some time to read through the testimony document that was compiled and allow the Holy Spirit to stir your faith to believe for specific outreaches to various sectors of life in your community:

www.40daysoflove.net/wp-content/PDF/40DaysofLove_Testimonies.pdf

A. What spheres of influence (affinity groups) would God have you focus on engaging with the 40 Days?
(Allow your implementation team to circle any affinity groups that God places on their hearts.)

- APOLOGETICS
- ARTS / ENTERTAINMENT
- CHILDREN
- CHURCH PLANTING
- CITY MOVEMENTS
- COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT / JUSTICE
- COMPASSION
- CREATION CARE
- DENOMINATIONS
- DISCIPLE MAKING
- DOMESTIC SHORT TERM MISSIONS
- EDUCATION / PRE K-12
- EDUCATION / COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES
- EMERGING GENERATIONS
- ETHNIC / DIASPORA / INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
- EVANGELISM / LOCAL CHURCHES
- FOSTER CARE / ADOPTION
- GOVERNMENT
- HEALTHCARE
- HISPANIC OUTREACH
- INTERNET
- MARRIAGE/ FAMILY
- MEDIA
- MEN
- MISSIONS MOBILIZATION
- NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH
- ORALITY
- PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
- PRAYER NETWORKS

- PRISON MINISTRY
- RECOVERY / REHABILITATION
- RESCUE MISSIONS
- SCRIPTURE & LITERATURE
- SENIORS
- SPORTS / ATHLETICS
- TECHNOLOGY
- WOMEN
- WORKPLACE
- YOUTH MINISTRIES

(Write anything further related to why you circled these particular items.)

B. What has God been placing on your heart personally? (What injustice or need has God been speaking to you about?)

C. What is on God's heart for your community/sphere of influence? Take time to allow His heart to become your heart. List areas that are in need of His intervention.)

D. How might God desire to use the 40 Days of Love in your area to begin to address some of the needs in your community/sphere of influence?

3. Scope

When we talk about “scope” we are talking about seeking to determine how many ministries/believers that God desires to be involved. Sometime we can have a tendency to set goals that seem humanly attainable prior to asking God what is on His heart and how many He desires to reach out to.

***Testimony.** Peter lives on the West coast of Florida. He learned about the 40 Days of Love and realized that in his area no one else had heard about it. Through prayer and obedience to the promptings of God’s Spirit, Peter took the Vision Letters and Prayer, Care, Share Guides door-to-door to other ministries in his area. By the time the 40 Days of Love launched, God had used Peter to reach out to 130+ congregations and to distribute more than 3,600 Prayer, Care, Share Guides. With each guide being an opportunity for 10 or more people to be prayed for, cared for and shared the Gospel with, Peter’s faith led to an estimated 36,000 people being impacted for Christ!*

Take some time right now and wait on Him related to the following questions:

A. How many congregations/ministries do You desire to be involved?

B. How many Prayer, Care, Share Guides should we plan to distribute?

C. What type of involvement should we aim for from different denominations, ethnicities, generations (children, youth, college, adults, seniors)?

D. Write down any additional things that God places on your heart in prayer:

Once you have an idea of God’s desired outcome and scope, you can begin to form a wider implementation team that can help to get the word out even further.

4. Holding Vision Casting Meetings

We have seen the 40 Days of Love expand from just a few people in an area, to reaching thousands simply through a single vision casting meeting with the right people at the table. Once the scope, focus and an initial team are in place, we would encourage you to gather the people God has placed on your heart to share this with. Often times it helps to have food available with a breakfast/lunch/dinner or at least providing snacks and drinks.

We recommend printing copies of the following resources for everyone that you are sharing the 40 Days of Love with, so that you can hand these out freely to those you are reaching out to:

1. Vision Letter

- English: www.40daysoflove.net/wp-content/PDF/2017_National_Open_Letter.pdf
- Spanish: www.40daysoflove.net/wp-content/PDF/2017_40DaysofLove_spanish_final.pdf

2. Commitment Card

- English: www.40daysoflove.net/wp-content/PDF/40Days_Commitment_Card.pdf
- Spanish: www.40daysoflove.net/wp-content/PDF/2017_Commitment_Card_Spanish.pdf

3. Prayer, Care, Share Guides – Tri-fold

- Inside of Tri-fold: www.40daysoflove.net/wp-content/PDF/40daysoflove_inside.pdf
- Outside of Tri-fold: www.40daysoflove.net/wp-content/PDF/2017_National_40DaysofLove_brochure_outside.pdf

We would also encourage you to get familiar with the Promotional Materials on the Website: www.40daysoflove.net/promo_materials

Here is a Sample Outline of a Vision Casting Presentation to Ministry Leaders

(Feel free to add or subtract as God's Spirit leads)

1. Play Promo Video (If technically possible - <https://youtu.be/f01Rb9uLujc>) (Less than 4 min.)
2. Share specifically about the “Desired Outcome” that God has placed on your heart as you have prayed about how He would have you use the 40 Days of Love in your area. You may also share about the state of the nation and the desperate need for the Body of Christ to embrace a lifestyle of agape love in the midst of all that is unfolding around us. Lift up the value of a Prayer, Care, Share lifestyle. (3-5 min.)
3. Consider sharing 1 or 2 of the real-world testimonies that took place during the 2016 - 40 Days of Love (Link to Testimony Document: http://www.40daysoflove.net/wp-content/PDF/40DaysofLove_Testimonies.pdf) (3-5 min.)
4. Hand out the 40 Days of Love (1) Vision Letter (2) Commitment cards and (3) Prayer, Care, Share Guides to everyone in attendance.

We would encourage you to print up a copy of each of these for each participant. Read off the dates and the basic outline of the 40 Days of Love from the Vision Letter. (3-5 min.)

5. Leave time for Question and Answer. Reiterate the desired outcome and scope that God has been speaking to you. (5-10 min. or as long as is necessary)
6. End the time of sharing with a particularly powerful testimony of what people can anticipate if they unite together in a Prayer, Care, Share Lifestyle across the area. (From off the testimony document or from revivals in history.) (1-3 min.)
7. Close with a prayer time to give those who are there an opportunity to ask God if He would have them participate.
8. Ask them to fill out and hand in the commitment cards right then and there (or go online and fill out the online form right then and there from their phones - www.40daysoflove.net/signup) (1-2 min.)
9. Make a list that you will hold onto of those who signed up so that your local team can follow-up with them. (Don't just have them sign-up online and not let you know they signed up in person. Share with them how you intend to follow-up with them. Whether that be through sharing the date/time of your next implementation meeting etc.)

*** IMPORTANT NOTE:** It is best to have your local team be the ones who will follow-up with the new ministries that come onboard as a result of your outreach to them rather than relying on our national team to make the follow-up.

5. Open up Your Implementation Team to New People

As you see who is responding to participate in the 40 Days of Love, expand your implementation team to include new people that the Holy Spirit highlights. Consider forming smaller teams or “task forces” within the larger team that are focused on specific sectors of society. (For example: You may have a team that has a real heart to reach internationals living and visiting your area with the Jesus Film. You may have a group of teachers or high school students who have a heart to use the 40 Days of Love in their area. Consider giving smaller groups the freedom to move forward with what God places on their hearts.)

If some of those who are supporting the 40 Days of Love are simply too busy to add an additional meeting, ask if their ministry can send a key representative to be part of the 40 Days of Love planning meetings.

- Agree to meet on some form of a regular basis to plan and prepare as you head towards the start of the 40 Days (Every other week or at least on a monthly basis)

Encourage each participating congregation to have at least a 2-3 person in-house implementation team which will really be helpful for that ministry to fully engage.

What should you meet about?

- Go back to the focus and scope question with the larger implementation team and see what God’s Spirit continues to speak to you as you involve others.
- Begin to discuss more practical aspects of the 40 days:
 - Phase 1 implementation
 - Phase 2 implementation
 - Pre-Training Opportunities (www.40DaysofLove.net/Training)

***Testimony:** By sharing about the 40 Days of Love with the Body of Christ in the state of Florida, we have seen many other nations begin to participate with us: Cuba, Dominican Republic, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, and Albania just to name a few.*

PHASE 2 – Engage (Oct. 1st – Oct. 29th) (Matthew 22:39-40, Matthew 28:18-20)

Coming out of a season of consecration, we will seek to purposefully engage our sphere of influence with the Person of Jesus. During these days:

- Every individual is encouraged to purposefully Pray, Care, and Share the Gospel with at least 10 people in their sphere of influence. Use of the Prayer, Care, Share Guides is encouraged.
- Corporate opportunities provided at the congregational/community/city level to engage in a Prayer, Care, Share Lifestyle. (Expressions of this can be as unique as the community/sphere of influence that you are seeking to engage with the Gospel. How does GOD want His Church praying for, loving on and sharing the Gospel with your community during these days? Let His Holy Spirit be the One who determines what this will look like in your area.)

Holy Spirit Inspired Game Plan:

Begin to break the desired outcome, specific areas of focus, and scope, down to very practical action points.

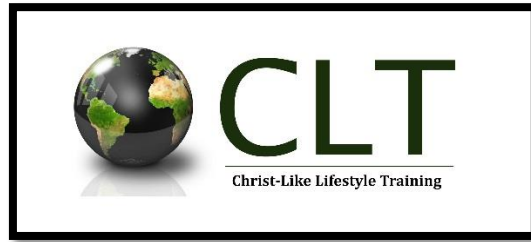
We would encourage the implementation team, as well as each participating congregation to ask:

“Father, how do you desire us to pray for, love on and share the Gospel with our sphere of influence?”

Other questions that can be of assistance:

- What resources and relationships has God already entrusted you with? Like the boy with the fish and the loaves it is helpful to evaluate what God has already given to us before we start implementing something new:

- What opportunities does God desire for us to implement during the 30 Days of “Engage”?



7. Utilize the Christ-Like Lifestyle Training to Prepare your Team

An important element of the **40 Days of Love** is to prepare our own hearts and lives to be ready to reach our spheres of influence for Jesus Christ. In partnership with the **Christ-Like Lifestyle Training** initiative, we are providing free online courses, and live in-person training to areas that are planning to participate in the **40 Days of Love**. The purpose of this training is to equip leaders in a lifestyle of deep intimacy with God that results in effective prayer, evangelism and discipleship.

Testimony: *Disciple Nations International has been conducting these trainings in various locations around the world. In partnership with the 40 Days of Love, in 2016, approx. 100 pastors/ministry leaders went through the Christ-Like Lifestyle training in the state of Florida. This training helped to lay the foundation of what we saw take place during the 40 Days.*

Overview of the Training

What difference would it make in our local congregation, non-profit or business if everyone was:

- Growing in a greater awareness of God's love for us and for those around us.
- Speaking a common language and sharing a common vision.
- Dealing with areas of past woundedness that hinder our ability to love and relate with others.
- Dealing with areas of personal sin (anger, lust, jealousy, appetite, sloth, greed, pride, unbelief) in a way that is constructive and transformative.
- Learning to work together as a team, preferring others above ourselves, and leading by serving.
- Walking out a lifestyle of deep intimacy with God that results in effective prayer, evangelism and discipleship.

Components of the Christ-like Lifestyle Training have been endorsed by international leaders, translated into many languages, and are being used by pastors and ministry leaders in various nations to train hundreds of local congregations.

Testimonies:

*"This teaching on the Spirit-Empowered Life will help you discover and cultivate a lifestyle that is totally surrendered to Christ, and walks daily in the power of the Holy Spirit." **Dr. Dick Eastman, International President, Every Home for Christ, Colorado Springs, USA** – Referencing one of CLT's core resources.*

*"I believe this is something that God is going to use to stir so many to seek to live out this lifestyle. It will encourage you to keep trusting God to live out the abandoned life." **Milton Monell, Director of Global Prayer, Cru/Campus Crusade for Christ** – Referencing one of CLT's core resources.*

“I believe 100% that this lifestyle and message is what the Church in Albania needs. This is the only thing that can bring the healing and unity in the Church that is necessary for us to see the move of God’s Spirit that He so desires to do here.” **National Director of the Church of the Nazarene, Albania**

“The feedback we are getting is that the people highly recommend this training to others. They felt that this seminar should be mandatory for Korean churches. We are deeply thankful for God’s guidance and for His work in the lives of the participants!” **Simon Son, Korea Campus Crusade for Christ**

“We need this kind of training! In my personal opinion we should have started this 100 years ago! If it had started even 20 years ago we could have put our country in a better position. We lost our children, we lost our families because no one was there to guide them. It is vital to continue and as much as possible we need to expand the Kingdom of God and especially this training to every part of the (globe).” **Johnson Matthew, Pastor, The Fellowship, USA**

Time Commitment: A condensed version of the training can be done in a 2-3 day setting. Single day vision conferences are also available. Follow-up resources are used to allow the training to be sustained over time. We are offering the Christ-Like Lifestyle Training in various locations in the U.S./overseas in order to prepare for the 40 Days of Love.

If you are interested in more information on the training you can go to our website at: www.40DaysofLove.net/Training or simply email us at: Office@40DaysofLove.net

- Prayer: “Father, how would you have us utilize the Christ-Like Lifestyle Training in our area? (Write down any specifics that God places on your heart.)

8. Raising Funds to Reach Your Sphere of Influence

Finances may or may not be a factor depending on the size of the outreach that the Lord leads you to implement. If you only have several hundred participating, and you are using the Prayer, Care, Share Guides to activate your community, there will likely only be a minimal cost to print and distribute these. But, if the Lord is leading you to engage tens of thousands across your city, state or nation, then there may be a larger expense that you will want to consider as you plan the 40 Days of Love in your area. We encourage the ministries that are engaging with the 40 Days of Love to prayerfully raise local funding for what God is leading them into. In this way, each steering team takes ownership of what God is asking them to do.

- Prayer: “Father, would you have us raise funds in order to supply for the 40 Days of Love outreach in our area? If so, how would you have us do this? (Write down any specifics that God places on your heart.)

Final Thoughts:

- Establish a PIT Crew (Personal Intercessory Team)

Based on our experience, we would highly encourage each member of the Implementation Team to put in a place a Personal Intercessory Team if you do not already have one. A Personal Intercessory Team is made up of at least 2 or more people that you will seek to send regular updated praise and prayer points (preferably at least bi-weekly). If you are interested in more information on forming a Personal Intercessory Team you can go to this link:

www.ignitingprayeraction.org/pit_crew_handbook (Click on the link on this page to download the 8 page handbook)

Your Personal Intercessory Team is really a key aspect of the spiritual backbone that is supporting the ministry work. Make the time to feed them weekly or at least bi-weekly prayer target updates. If you are regularly involved in ministry work, we would encourage you to maintain a strong PIT Crew relationship indefinitely.

- Continue to Pray throughout the process of implementation. Allow God's Spirit to refine the focus, scope and the specific implementation of both Phases of the 40 Days.
- Go expectant! Believe God to use these 40 Days to win many souls into His Kingdom and establish long-term Kingdom relationships related to prayer, evangelism and discipleship. Let's go prayerfully believing God for great Kingdom advancement.



Will you prayerfully consider joining us as together we love our communities to Jesus?

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