

Million Man Call to Prayer and Action Initiative

Led by Men Praying Everywhere (MPE) (<https://www.menpraying.org/>)

Men Praying Everywhere Barriers to Overcome and Intercessory Prayer Targets

To be successful, Men Praying Everywhere must overcome significant barriers. MPE is praying and looking for intercessors to intercede with us so that God will reveal specific strategies that will propel this movement forward.

Here are 5 specific barriers and prayer targets for the MPE initiative:

1. **Lack of Leadership:** Leadership is critical to creating a culture of prayer in the Body of Christ. Generation after generation of spiritual leaders have not been disciplined in prayer and subsequently do not disciple their people in prayer. This cycle of inadequate prayer leadership must be broken.

► **Prayer Target:** Ask the Lord to help MPE to develop resources for discipling leaders in prayer and resources for leaders to disciple their men in prayer.

2. **Lack of Knowledge:** There is a general lack of knowledge among men of the Biblical role of prayer in the Body of Christ. Many current prayer expressions only focus on people whose positions include the responsibility to pray, those who lead prayer or those who already have a passion for prayer. There are few initiatives that engage all men in prayer.

► **Prayer Target:** Pray that God would use MPE to inform all men of the Biblical invitation to prayer that God offers.

3. **Lack of Discipleship:** There is a fundamental disconnect between the life of a disciple and prayer. Prayer is meant to be the essential moment-by-moment connection with God to build our relationship with Him as His child. Sadly, many men have not been disciplined to develop this kind of prayer relationship with God.

► **Prayer Target:** Pray that God would use Men Praying Everywhere to provide tools to disciple men in their moment-by-moment prayer relationship with God.

4. **Lack of Biblical Prayer:** A good amount of our prayer practice is in direct opposition to how the Bible describes biblical prayer, and needs to be changed or corrected, such as:

- a. "Praying to be seen by men." Matthew 6:5
- b. Thinking we will be heard because of our "babbling" or "many words". Matthew 6:7
- c. "Praying with sin in their heart." Psalm 66:18-20
- d. "Not asking God." James 4:2" and
- e. "Asking with wrong motives." (James 4:3)

► **Prayer Target:** Pray that God would use MPE to help men know and overcome hindrances to Biblical prayer.

5. **Lack of Understanding of Men:** Without an understanding of the "male context," leaders will have limited success in engaging men in prayer. Without trained prayer leaders who are men, this movement will not grow and flourish.

► **Prayer Target:** Pray that MPE will be inspired and equipped by God to develop effective prayer training materials that consider the distinctives of the "male context."