

72-Hour Prayer Vigil Suggestions

We've often heard from Emmaus community members that they have trouble identifying specific things to pray for, especially if they have committed to a full hour of prayer. Just move down this list in your prayers, or begin at any point and let the Spirit lead you forward (Romans 8:26,27). It doesn't matter how you go about it – the important thing is that you pray! Pilgrims and team members are counting on you. More importantly, Christ is counting on you!

Pray:

- ❖ Giving thanks and praise to God our Father, our Savior Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit
- ❖ For strength for the duration of your prayer time
- ❖ For the previous person who prayed, and the person who will be praying next
- ❖ For each pilgrim by name, asking God to help him/her forget the outside world for the weekend, and that if he/she does not know Jesus as personal Savior, that he/she will ask Him into his/her heart
- ❖ That God will be with the pilgrim who needs the walk the most, and the one who thinks they need it the least
- ❖ That each pilgrim will enter into table discussions and freely give of him/herself when it comes to responding to questions, etc.
- ❖ For each pilgrim to experience peace of mind so he/she will hear the messages shared by each speaker
- ❖ That each pilgrim will faithfully die out to some obstacle in his/her life during Dying Moments, and will really examine his/her life during other chapel services
- ❖ That each pilgrim will feel the love of Christ in a very special way that he/she has never felt before, and that the love will be accepted and taken back home to be shared with others
- ❖ That each letter and each piece of agape will warm the heart of each pilgrim
- ❖ That the letters of agape received from other communities will show them how far and wide God's love reaches
- ❖ That the Holy Spirit will work in each pilgrim's life at the Closing service and into all of their Fourth Days.
- ❖ For each pilgrim, that when he/she returns home at the end of the Walk, he/she will be able to go back to work without too much difficulty making up the work they may have missed.
- ❖ That each pilgrim will walk closely with Jesus and keep His name on his/her lips, and His Spirit in his/her heart at all times.
- ❖ That, when appropriate, each pilgrim will thank his/her sponsor sincerely for their support of the Walk
- ❖ For each team member by name, asking God to give them help to forget the outside world for the weekend and to concentrate their total effort on serving Jesus through their interactions with the pilgrims.
- ❖ That all family members of each pilgrim and team member who were left at home during the weekend will be protected from harm and be maintained in good health
- ❖ For the binding of Satan away from the camp
- ❖ For the churches of the pilgrims and team members
- ❖ That God will grant good health and restful sleep to each pilgrim and team member throughout the
- ❖ For each pilgrim and team member, that they will be able to "let go and let God" in all they think or do this weekend
- ❖ That gifts of agape to pilgrims and team members will be accepted with love for the donors, knowing they were Christ-inspired

- ❖ By name, for the Spiritual Directors, Lay Directors, Assistant Lay Directors, Music Directors, Table Leaders, Assistant Table Leaders, Visiting Clergy, and Board Representatives, that God will continue to bless them, and that through them, the Gospel will be clarified and His name glorified
- ❖ For each speaker, that the Lord will speak to pilgrims through them, and that each talk will be a blessing to all who hear it
- ❖ For the Mid-Ohio Valley Emmaus Board of Directors, that they will seek God's guidance in all they do
- ❖ For the MOVE Community
- ❖ For bonding of the team and pilgrims
- ❖ For those who are preparing the food and helping serve it to each pilgrim and team member, asking God to bless them, and to use the food to nourish each person in the manner God intends
- ❖ For each sponsor, who loved the pilgrim so much that he/she made the Walk possible for the pilgrim
- ❖ That there will be no problems encountered in matters that compromise the safety or comfort of the pilgrims and team members, such as fires, break-ins, theft, etc.
- ❖ For safe travel for all those who will be driving to and from the campground
- ❖ That God will reap a harvest of souls due to the efforts of these new Fourth Day members as they continue or establish their own ministries
- ❖ That everything that is done on the walk will be done in God's name, and that He will be blessed by it
- ❖ That God will remind you to continue praying faithfully throughout the weekend
- ❖ That in all things, God's will be done

Scriptural Prayers

Peter 3:18 -- That all "will grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ."

1 John 4:8 -- That all will "Love one another in the love of God and will know that God is love."

Matthew 10:38 – That they will "take up their cross and follow Christ."

Luke 24:31-32 – That their "eyes will be opened and their hearts will burn in the reading of the Scriptures, listening to the talks, sharing in prayer and fellowship around the tables, receiving agape, and in receiving communion."

James 1:22 -- That they will "become doers of the Word and not hearers only."

Galatians 6:8-10 -- That they will "sow to the Spirit, reap a harvest of everlasting life, and not grow weary in well doing. That they will "do good to all, especially in the Body of Christ."

Romans 1:16 -- That they "will not be ashamed of the gospel of Christ, but will proclaim the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes" and with whom they associate.

Pray that all that is said and done in this Walk would give God glory and honor. Give it all to God, asking for His blessings and presence to be with everyone connected to these Emmaus walks (including those left at home.) Thank God for this opportunity to talk with Him and for His faithful response to your prayers.