

5. Estimate the approximate percentage of the parish who are not currently part of any local Christian faith community (in most places that is 90%) and demonstrate this in some visual way. (eg using piles of matches or pegs or some other item).
 - a. As people look at the pile that represents those who are **not** currently belonging to a church, invite them to pray for the birth of new worshipping communities that will help these people engage with Jesus.
 - b. Pray for the people resources needed to build any new communities or Fresh Expressions of Church that the Lord wants to be birthed.

6. Truly loving church communities are in themselves evangelistic. Stand by the front door of the church and pray that everyone who comes through the door will receive a good welcome and know that they are wanted in your fellowship.
 - a. Pray for newcomers that from the moment they arrive to the moment that they leave the building they receive Christ-like hospitality.
 - b. Stand by the organ/ choir stalls / worship band and pray that Jesus will be the centre of all the sung worship.
 - c. Stand by the pulpit / lectern and pray for Jesus to reign over the preaching and teaching and that people will grow in their faith.
 - d. Stand in the centre of the building and pray for unity / love / growth etc within the church community.

Praying Together Resources

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The following are ideas to help a church prayer meeting pray around the theme of “Making New Believers.”

1. Before the prayer meeting invite people to bring along a scarf with them. (*Ensure that you provide extra scarves*)
 - a. Read 2 Corinthians 4:4 and explain that you are going to pray for people who don't yet believe in Jesus that He would heal their spiritual blindness and “remove the blindfolds from their eyes.”
 - b. Get people into groups of 2-3's and then put on their blindfolds.
 - c. Once blindfolded encourage each person to talk to their group and then to the Lord about what it feels like to be physically blind.
 - d. Invite people to pray that they and the church would have compassion and God's heart for people who don't yet know Jesus
 - e. Encourage each person to name and pray for 3 people that they know who don't yet know Jesus. Finish by removing the blindfolds.
2. Prayer-walk the streets in your Parish by sending people out in pairs for 1hr to walk and pray. Give people a card with ideas of how to pray ie:
 - a. As you walk, ask God what his heart is for the places you pass.
 - b. Pray blessing and peace on each household. (Number 6:24)

- c. Pray for salvation to come to each household.
- d. Pray for God's kingdom to come and His will to be done.

3. In groups of 2-3, share something simple that God has done in your life.
 - a. Pray for opportunities at home / work / other situations, to share your story of what God has done in your life with others.
 - b. Pray for grace to listen carefully to the stories of people who don't know Jesus and to make connections with them.
4. Give everyone a prayer to pray silently for the people they know who don't yet know Jesus.....like the one below:

Father, thank you that you know my heart and how I long to see (name of person who doesn't yet know Jesus) come to know you.

I praise you that you are gracious and compassionate (Psalm 86:15) and want all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. (1Timothy 2:4)

Thank you that you sent Jesus to the world (John 3:17); to come and seek and save those who are lost. (Luke 19:10) I praise you that with you all things are possible.

(Matthew 19:26)

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon(name of person)

Remove the spiritual blindness that is stopping(name of person) from seeing your love and the light of your Gospel. (2Corinthians 4:4)

Reveal to(name of person) who you are and what Jesus has done for him/her.

Open the eyes of his/her understanding. (Ephesians 1:18)

Convict(name of person) of his/her sin and separation from you. (John 16:8)

Enable(name of person) to call upon your name so that he/she might be saved. (Romans 10:13)

Deliver(name of person) from the Kingdom of darkness and bring him/her into your kingdom where he/she may know forgiveness of his/her sins, peace with you and life eternal. (Colossians 1:13)

I praise you that your power to bless’s (name of person) life is much greater than Satan's power is to destroy it. (John 10:10)

In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.