

INTO THE HARVEST

“Send out laborers” Matthew 9:38

The only thing worse than being lost is knowing that nobody is coming to look for you! If you’ve ever been lost at sea or in a forest, you know the sense of hopelessness and creeping despair. But then, seemingly out of nowhere, there is a rescue team, carrying water and blankets. They know how to get you out of there. You’re rescued!

In the Cincinnati Area, many people are lost spiritually. They don’t know where to turn. Is anyone even out there looking for them? They need someone in their life with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. His followers provide hope. Sins can be forgiven, life’s burdens can be lifted, and walking in a newness of life is possible.

The Week of Prayer for Baptist Associational Missions in the Cincinnati Area Baptist Association focuses on what Jesus called the harvest fields. He knew that His followers needed to be sent by God. He commanded us to pray for workers that would go in God’s harvest.

*When [Jesus] saw the crowds, he felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “**The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest**” (Matthew 9:36-38 CSB).*

2025-26 Week of Prayer for Associational Missions

Day 1: Seeing the crowd

"Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest" (John 4:35 ESV).

Pray for new eyes to see people around you that need Jesus. Even if who you see are other followers of Jesus, look to see if they're making disciples. Pray for God to lead you to the right neighborhood, businesses, or work places.

Day 2: Having compassion

"As he approached and saw the city, he wept for it" (Luke 19:41 CSB).

Pray today for God to put love in your heart that results in kindness both in words and actions. Pray that the harvest field around you will respond to a change in your heart.

Day 3: Approaching an abundant harvest

"God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

Pray today that the Lord will send out workers into His harvest field. Pray that the followers of Jesus will detect abundant opportunities as God reveals lost souls to them. Pray that the Cincinnati Area will become known as a harvest field!

Day 4: Needing new churches

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them" (Matt. 18:20).

Pray today for new churches to be started across the Cincinnati Area. Pray that church planters will be called out and churches will sponsor them and send out interns to help. In 2025, some 400 places and people groups have been identified that need a church.

Day 5: Making disciple-makers

"What you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also" (2 Tim. 2:2 ESV)
Pray that the Lord would raise up disciple-makers in our churches, even in your life. Pray that teachers won't just teach the lesson, but raise up disciplers. Pray that disciple-making is done so that it is contagious, that it can be caught and passed along to the "faithful" who can teach others also!

Day 6: Multiplying churches

So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied" (Acts 9:31 ESV).

Pray that our Cincinnati Area church leaders will examine every possibility of multiplying – disciples, Bible study classes, and new churches. Pray for total reliance on the Holy Spirit to accomplish this God-sized task.

Day 7: Crossing significant barriers

My aim is to preach the gospel where Christ has not been named, so that I will not build on someone else's foundation" (Romans 15:20).
Pray today asking the Lord to send out laborers to carry the Gospel into the 41 diaspora people groups in Cincinnati that do not have an evangelical church. Pray as workers need to cross language, culture, and distance barriers.

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Associational Offering Goal: \$5,000
Offering to be used to support five interns sent out from CABA churches.