

PRAYER MARATHON



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WELCOME TO THE RACE!

Thank you for answering the call! If you're reading this booklet it means you accepted to lead a prayer slot during the 24/7 prayer marathon that will take place during the 2024 Games. Here you will find the guidelines as well as logistic and practical keys to help you lead a prayer slot. We want the marathon to be run in the best conditions possible.

We're looking forward to run this marathon with you. Our heart is to lead this **prayer marathon from July 26th until August 11th** in order to cover the city of Paris and France during the Games. We know that prayer is our best and most valued weapon.

When Moses and Joshua were fighting against the Amalekites (Exodus 17:8-16), the battle was fought on two fronts: on the battlefield as well as the high place. **Our role during these Games will be to lift up our arms for the presence of God to flood the streets of Paris and France, and to cover those who are on the battlefield.** Everyone's part is crucial.

This marathon will take two forms.

First, we invite everyone to come pray on site, whether it is in Paris or in another city that has joined the marathon.

Secondly, in order to help the continuity between cities, a Youtube channel will be open and broadcast each cities. If you're in Paris and a prayer slot is led in Toulouse, it will be live transmitted in our main location that is Paris Épicentre (24 rue Antoine-Julien Hénard Paris 12th).

We want to thank you again for joining us. We are convinced that God will move in a powerful new way.

It is time for France!



WHO ARE WE?

We are a network of houses of prayer in Paris and in the region of Île-de-France that has gathered in unity since September 2023.

ORIGINS

Today we gather around ten houses of prayer, which experience varies between one to fifteen years.

Our goal is to overcome our individual limitations and work together in unity for the Kingdom of God.

WHAT IS A HOUSE OF PRAYER?

"One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple" (Psalm 27:4).

A PURPOSE THAT GOES BEYOND US.

Our long term vision is to own a building in Paris that will host the different houses of prayer and be a place where prayer would be found 24/7.

With this goal in mind we decided to start the prayer marathon together and cover the city as well as the ministries and mission teams who've been led to France and Paris. Additionally, we want to pray and intercede for the Games themselves and declare peace and safety during these days.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO LEAD A PRAYER SLOT?

OUR GAZE IS FIXED ON HIM 01.

During a slot we expect a “vertical moment” with God, where the whispers of the Holy Spirit are received by participants, and assembled by the leader.



IN THE THRONE ROOM 02.

A prayer time in a House of prayer isn't similar to an ordinary prayer gathering, a concert or even a worship night. Our mandate is to serve the presence of God. Our attention is on Him. It is a special time where we are entering the Throne room and we can stand “in between”, as a middleman between God and men through prayer.

We want to be sure that during these prayer slots our attention are only fixed on Him, that we would stand on the edge between God and this nation. We invite you to stick to this goal and to help others to pray according God's heart.

WE SERVE HIS PRESENCE AND ARE SENSITIVE TO WHAT HE'S DOING 03.

However, we believe that the Holy Spirit guides each one of us and that He is the One in control. That's the reason why if you feel like He's leading you to pray for people in the room, do as He instructs.

HOW TO PREPARE LIKE A MARATHON RUNNER



“Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize” (1 Corinthians 9:26-27).

BEFORE THE PRAYER SLOT

- Pray before the prayer slot in order to be prepared, and to prepare the room and the participants.
- Come 20 min before your prayer slot in order to listen to what God is doing and continue in the same direction.
- Take a look at the “Prayer list” available at [this link](#).
- Prepare the room if needed (candles, tidy up, etc.)
- Chose a person to write down the new prayer topics or do it at the end of your prayer slot on the Prayer list.
- 2 minutes - Explain to participants what is a house of prayer as explained in page 3
- 2 minutes – Explain what the goal of the prayer time is to be sure that everyone is on the same page
- Prepare your instrument or a musical background 5 min before the end of the previous prayer slot. Then, here you go!

DURING THE PRAYER SLOT

- Remain in silence and listen to what God is saying. Start with a song or a prayer, as you feel at the moment.
- Welcome interventions from others.
- If musicians are here, please start a transition between the songs that are chosen and the prayer times.
- Songs must inspire prayers, and prayers inspire songs dedicated to prayer topics.
- We invite you to create new and spontaneous songs.
- We declare what God says for Paris, for France and for the Games.
- At the end, welcome the person who leads the next prayer slots and make a transition without stopping the music (if possible, starting with the same tone)

PRACTICAL KEYS



WHERE DO I GO?

For those who'll join us in Paris, you'll receive an e-mail with the location and a confirmation of your booked prayer slots.

Most of the time we'll be at **Paris Épicentre, 24 rue Antoine-Julien Hénard Paris 12ème**, in a room located on floor -1. You'll find signs to help you find it.

Some times it will be at **La Baptisse au 48 rue de Lille Paris 7ème**.



WHO DO I TALK TO IF THERE IS A PROBLEM?

Contacts may vary depending on where you'll serve. **For those in Paris:**

From July 26th to 29th, please contact Alissa at [REDACTED]

From July 30th to August 4th, please contact Océane at [REDACTED]

From August 5th to 11th, please contact Emmanuel at [REDACTED].

If you're at La Baptisse, please contact Landy: [REDACTED]



WHAT WILL I FIND ON SITE?

At **Paris Épicentre** you will find a piano and a guitar.

At **La Baptisse**, you'll find a piano and microphones. You'll have to bring your own guitar or other instruments. If you need more information, please contact Landy: [REDACTED]



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