



Pray4Croatia Small Group Prayer Guide, vol. 2

DISCIPLES WORTH MULTIPLYING

We long to see God raise up disciples in Croatia who multiply; making disciples who make disciples. This month we are asking God for fresh vision for the year ahead.

~Below you will find a suggested amount of time for each segment of your meeting, but don't feel bound by these suggestions. Allow the Holy Spirit to lead your prayer time together.

10 Minutes- Mix and Mingle / Video

Use this time to catch up and get settled before your time of prayer. Then show the video "[Real Discipleship Creates Disciple Makers](#)." This will serve as a transition from 'mingling' to prayer.

10 Minutes- Praise

Before taking time to intercede, praise God for who He is and how He has recently shown Himself to you.

Speak His names out loud (God, You are Savior, You are King, etc.), and His character (God, Your love is unconditional, You are always present).

Praise God for the ways He has been working in and through You. (God, thank You for providing for my family, Thank You for giving me patience yesterday, etc.)

10 Minutes- Personal Surrender and Confession

Personal Surrender

Before interceding on behalf of the people of Croatia, surrender the worries of your life that may distract you during this prayer time. Take a moment to write down on a piece of paper any concerns that are on your mind. Is it your finances? Is it a relationship? Jot that down. Then in your heart, give these concerns over to the Lord.

Confession

Ask the Holy Spirit to convict you of any disbelief or sin that you have been giving in to. Take a moment in your heart to confess these to the Lord and receive His grace and forgiveness.

***15 Minutes- Prayer through the Word**

THEME: DISCIPLES WORTH MULTIPLYING

This month the prayer focus is for all the believers / disciple-makers in Croatia to grow in their faith and be transformed into the likeness of Jesus. Read the passages and prayer points below. Pause so that participants can pray as God leads.

1 Corinthians 4:15-17

“For even if you had ten thousand others to teach you about Christ, you have only one spiritual father. For I became your father in Christ Jesus when I preached the Good News to you. So I urge you to imitate me. That’s why I have sent Timothy, my beloved and faithful child in the Lord. He will remind you of how I follow Christ Jesus, just as I teach in all the churches wherever I go.”

PRAYER POINTS FOR CROATIA

- God, we ask that you raise up many spiritual fathers and spiritual children in Croatia.
- God, we pray that You would raise up disciple-makers in Croatia who are faithful imitators of Christ, ready to lead by example.
- God, we ask that believers in Croatia would follow Jesus in a way that would bring glory to Your name.

Mark 12:29-30

“Jesus replied, “The most important commandment is this: ‘Listen, O Israel! The Lord our God is the one and only Lord. And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.’”

- God, we pray the believers in Croatia would declare You as the one and only Lord.
- God, we pray that believers in Croatia would love You with their whole heart.
- God, we pray that believers in Croatia would love You with their whole soul.
- God, we pray that believers in Croatia would love You with their whole mind.
- God, we pray that believers in Croatia would love You with their whole strength.

***15 Minutes- Intercession for Croatia**

Below are some insights on the culture and spiritual atmosphere of the church in Croatia. Please read the text out loud and then pause so participants can pray as God leads.

CULTURAL INSIGHTS

Few Protestant Believers

According to the 2011 census 86.28% of Croatians are Catholics, while Orthodox Christians make up 4.44% of the population, Muslims 1.47%, and **Protestants 0.34%** of the population. In the Eurostat Eurobarometer Poll of 2005, 67% of the population of Croatia responded that "they believe there is a God". In a 2009 Gallup poll, 70% answered yes to the question "Is religion an important part of your daily life?". However, only 24% of the population attends religious services regularly. Many of them are scattered in small groups throughout the country. Protestant groups are often viewed as sects. Believers can feel isolated and discouraged.

Disunity

Despite the small number of protestant believers, there are broken relationships and different theologies that keep these believers from gathering together for fellowship. Church planters and protestant churches must battle a spirit of competition and comparison. Pray for more unity similar to the efforts of [Zajedno Za Krista](#) in Zagreb.

Growing Partnership

Disciple makers throughout the country and former Yugoslavia are starting to set aside their differences and gathering together to learn from one another. They are meeting to seek God for direction and to grow in their disciple-making skills. We're especially thankful for our emerging partnership with Disciple Making Movement partners in Bosnia and Hungary.

10 Minutes – Listening Prayer

On a blank piece of paper, ask the Lord the following questions. Be still and listen. Write down any words or thoughts that come to mind.

- God, which of Your promises do you want to speak over the believers in Croatia?
- God, is there anything stopping believers in Croatia from growing in unity and faith?

After jotting down these thoughts, share them with a partner or your group. Now spend time praying to God for the things He has put on your heart.

5 Minutes- Closing

We want to hear from you. Take a moment to debrief your prayer time. Are there themes, thoughts or passages that God has laid on your heart for the people of Croatia? Take a moment to write these down as a group and give them to your small group facilitator. (Small group facilitator- please email these to your contact person in Croatia.)

** NOTE: To use this guide for 30 minutes of prayer versus 60, focus your time on the two, 15 minute sections.*