

Vision

— JANUARY —

We long to see God raise up disciples in Bosnia 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 [“Churches Planting Churches.”](#) This will serve as a great 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 Bosnia, 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: Vision

This month we are asking God to give believers/disciple-makers fresh vision for His plans for Bosnia.

Habakkuk 2:14

“For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.”

Prayer Points for Bosnia

- God, we ask that all of Bosnia would be filled with the knowledge of Your glory!

2 Peter 3:8-9

“But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.”

Prayer Points for Bosnia

- God, we pray the believers in Bosnia would be filled with patience for those around them who do not yet know You.
- God, we pray believers would have Your desires that not one person in Bosnia would perish, but all would come to repentance.

Revelation 7:9-10

“After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: ‘Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.’”

Prayer Points for Bosnia

- God, give believers in Bosnia vision to reach all the people groups around them and beyond.
- God, we ask You to bring salvation to each of the ethnic groups in Bosnia.

*15 Minutes- Intercession for Bosnia

Below are some insights on the ethnic groups in Bosnia. Please read the text out loud and then pause so participants can pray as God leads.

CULTURAL INSIGHT

Three Majority Ethnic Groups

There are three majority ethnic groups in Bosnia who are identified by their three different religions. The Bosniaks identify themselves as Muslims, the Croats identify themselves as Catholics, and the Serbs identify themselves as Orthodox Christians. Would you pray for key leaders to emerge from each of the ethnic groups to lead their people to Jesus?

Spirit of Nationalism

Bosnians’ religious beliefs are defined by the people group they are born into. For example: If you are born into a Bosniak family, then you are Muslim. Culturally, you cannot be Bosniak and choose a different religion. Religion is used to support one’s nationality and even political agendas.

Would you pray that Bosnians who have accepted Jesus would be bold enough to share their testimonies? Only the truth will break down the stronghold of these misconceptions.

Spirit of Tolerance

During the war in the 90’s, religion was used as a means to fight for territory. Today, people do not want war again, so they are very tolerant towards one another on a superficial level. A common belief includes: “You believe what you believe, I believe what I believe, but in the end, we all have our own way to the same God.” Would you pray that the disciple-makers in Bosnia would be granted wisdom to know how to navigate sharing the truth of Jesus around this barrier of tolerance?

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 Bosnia?
- God, is there anything stopping believers in Bosnia 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 Bosnia? 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 Bosnia.)

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