

Prayer Everywhere

# Prayer Tool: How To Run a 24-7 Prayer Room

## What?

This prayer tool will help you start 24-7 Prayer in your community.

## Why?

“To clasp the hands in prayer is the beginning of an uprising against the disorder of the world.” Karl Barth

## Bible references:

“I have posted watchmen on your walls, Jerusalem; they will never be silent day or night. You who call on the LORD, give yourselves no rest, and give him no rest till he establishes Jerusalem and makes her the praise of the earth.” Isaiah 62:6-7

“For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them...” Matthew 18:20

“They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.” Acts 1:14

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## A quick introduction to 24-7 Prayer

Christians have been doing non-stop, 24-7 Prayer for two thousand years - the church was born in a prayer room in Jerusalem where the first Christians, “all joined together constantly in prayer” (Acts 1:14).

Ongoing, prevailing prayer has marked some of the most exciting seasons of church history ever since.

This, on proper Biblical reflection, shouldn't surprise us too much. God has always wanted continuous communion. We see this in the garden of Eden, when God walked with man in the cool of the day in uninterrupted and unbroken fellowship.

Though this level of communion was broken through mankind's selfish choice, God has always been seeking to restore this depth of union and ongoing relationship.

So while we are rightly fascinated and inspired by the Holy Spirit-birthing combustion of the early church, we shouldn't be overly surprised that one of the key marks of this was their new-found devotion to prayer. This is what God created us for, the chief end of humanity, perpetual awareness of His presence.

In September 1999, inspired by this Biblical narrative and standout moments of revival in church history, in particular the Moravian 100-year prayer meeting of the 18<sup>th</sup> Century, a bunch of young people from Chichester, England, challenged by their own prayerlessness and stirred by the Spirit to seek God's face, decided to open up a prayer room for one month, day and night.

God showed up in the most remarkable and surprising ways, the 24-7 Prayer movement was born and this 'prayer-meeting' has continued night and day, without a break in multiple locations for every moment of this century so far.

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## **Do it: How to Run a 24-7 Prayer Room**

A 24-7 Prayer Room can be like a shot of adrenalin to the prayer life of a community. It is a brilliant place to learn to pray in new ways, to see the hopes, dreams and needs of the church expressed, and to intercede for your city.

The 24-7 Prayer website contains everything you need to start running 24-7 Prayer in your community: [24-7prayer.com/prayerrooms](https://24-7prayer.com/prayerrooms)

We also strongly advise that you **register your prayer room** on the 24-7 Prayer website. This will give you exclusive access to a number of free resources, including our **24-7 Prayer Room manual and online sign-up tool**.

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## **Books on 24-7 Prayer Rooms**

- Red Moon Rising - Pete Greig
- Dirty Glory - Pete Greig
- Gatecrashing - Brian Heasley