



 **24-7 PRAYER IRELAND**

Strategic Plan

2022-2025



Foreword

I am delighted to present the 3 year strategic plan for 24-7 Prayer in Ireland. This past season has seen the Board step back, pray and reflect on what our contribution is to the Kingdom within Ireland. Throughout this process, it has reaffirmed our calling to resource and mobilise prayer in our nation. The plan identifies key priorities for us as a Board and management team that support this calling and brings focus and clarity on how best we steward the resources available to us. I believe that we are in a strong position to deliver against the strategic priorities as we continue to enjoy the Lord's favour on the movement. We are conscious that whilst we can plan, it is the Lord who determines our steps (Proverbs 16:9) and we remain committed to walking in step with what the Spirit is doing.

Adrian Eagleson
CHAIRPERSON



Organisation History

24-7 Prayer is an international, interdenominational prayer movement, with a vision to revive the church and rewire the culture through non-stop night and day prayer.

We started in 1999, in Chichester, England, when a simple student-led prayer vigil went viral and groups all over the world joined in to pray. Now, over two decades later, thousands of communities have taken part in 24-7 Prayer in churches, communities and cities in 155 nations.

24-7 prayer Ireland started not long after the first prayer room in the UK, around 2002, and the church in Ireland quickly caught a vision for non-stop prayer catalysing mission and justice both at home and abroad. 24-7 Ireland works both in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland with a heart for unity across the island.

The national team was established back in 2002 and today we have a team of 3 with an incredible group of volunteers and champions across the country and supported by a strong and gifted board of trustees. We also work closely with the 24-7 Prayer international team and have close relationships across the nations where 24-7 Prayer is represented.

Over the past 20 years we have had the privilege of being part of resourcing and mobilising prayer in churches across every county in Ireland. There have been prayer rooms and non-stop prayer, prayer gatherings, whole denominations taking on a year of prayer and joining with others in calling the nation to pray through initiatives like *Thy Kingdom Come* and v.

Since 2015 Prayer Spaces in Schools has sought to equip others to serve the spiritual life of schools, North and South, through creative places of prayer and encounter. Most recently there is a growing network of communities and churches, with prayer, mission and justice at the heart, supported through the Tobar Network. Simply put, we are passionate about helping others to pray and there are many new opportunities in front of us to call, inspire and equip the church in Ireland to continue to do this.

We have a rich heritage of prayer in Ireland - monastic, contemplative and intercessory. Men and women from across the Christian tradition have been praying and seeking God for an awakening for generations and we count it a privilege to follow in their footsteps. The world around us and the Church itself is experiencing change at an unprecedented rate, we are feeling the effects of a global pandemic and the call to pray is as strong as it ever has been. As churches and organisations are emerging from these past two years and asking what now, we want to see prayer at the forefront as we navigate the path ahead. God is most certainly not finished here in Ireland and we are excited to continue to discern what He is doing in this season and join in. As we look to the future of 24-7 Prayer in Ireland we are excited to partner with others across the nation to contend for the next great awakening in our time.



Vision

**Revive the
Church and
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non-stop night
and day prayer.**

Mission

As part of the 24-7 global movement of non-stop prayer, 24-7 Prayer Ireland's heart is to see the transformation of Ireland by serving and equipping the local church across the whole of Ireland to create and cultivate cultures of prayer, mission and justice that impact their communities, towns and cities.

Values

24/7 values - Learning, Prayer, Creativity, Hospitality, Mission, Justice.






Priority Areas for Action →



1. Inspire, equip and resource the church in Ireland to engage with prayer personally, corporately and nationally; establishing cultures of prayer that naturally leads to expressions of mission and justice in every aspect of society.

By serving the church in facilitating and inspiring prayer, we believe that a Church built on encounter and presence will be revived. We also seek to engage with culture, recognising that a prayerful Church does not lock itself away from the world. Our dream is that a presence-orientated, encounter-focused church will carry Christ's presence into every aspect of culture which will lead to it being rewired. To do this 24-7 Prayer Ireland will focus on both calling people to pray but also equipping and resourcing others to initiate this in their own context. The focus over the next 3 years will be on strengthening and building on existing relationships and partnerships as well as exploring new opportunities. The success of this three year vision relies on a growing number of people, across Ireland, catching the vision for prayer and feeling empowered to carry this into their churches and communities.

1. Grow Strategic partnerships with denominations, church networks and para-church organisations, who with support from 24-7 prayer, will develop models that sustain and maintain momentum for seasons of prayer.
2. Develop regional Networks of 24-7 Prayer champions who can resource and catalyse prayer locally and regionally, with a specific focus on the 18-30 age group to raise up the next generation of prayers.
3. Utilise the body of 24-7 resources to equip and train the church for prayer both corporately and personally; encouraging both rooms and rhythms of prayer to be established.
4. Initiate prayer on a national level, calling and gathering the church in Ireland to pray at various times through the year, with an emphasis on unity.




2. To equip and resource the church in Ireland to serve the life of their schools and communities through Prayer Spaces in Schools.

Prayer Spaces in Schools primary role is to equip local churches

to serve the ongoing spiritual life of their school communities. Our aim is to enable children and young people, of all faiths and none, to explore life's questions, spirituality and faith in a safe, creative and interactive way. By creating space in school life for children and young people to pause, process and to pray, it not only enhances the mental health and wellbeing of students but also provides a platform for local churches to serve schools in other ways. The focus for the next 3 years will be on growing and developing a network of practitioners across each province of Ireland, both within para-church agencies, individuals and churches. Through training events and one-to-one support we will resource them to deliver great prayer spaces in their local communities. The success of this relies on developing and maintaining key relationships across Ireland where people catch and carry the vision and values of Prayer Spaces into their churches and communities.

1. Grow, develop and support a network of Prayer Space practitioners across para-church agencies, individuals and churches who can deliver great examples of Prayer Spaces locally.
2. Grow strategic partnerships with churches and para-churches to develop initiatives that support them to serve their local schools in different seasons, and partner in events to highlight the role Prayer Spaces can have in the life of churches and communities.
3. Equip churches, Schools and para-churches to use the resources and deliver Prayer Spaces through training, literature and ongoing support.
4. Develop Prayer Spaces in Schools Communications to share content, local stories and resources from an Irish context.



3. Develop an effective resourcing model that ignites and sustains 24-7 communities and houses of prayer across Ireland.

24-7 Prayer communities are a growing international family of Churches, Houses of Prayer (HOP) and New Monastic Communities (NMC). Together they make up the Communities Network. 24-7prayer believes that alongside 'reviving the church' in prayer God has called to plant and establish Christ-centered communities in unreached parts of our country and culture. Over the next 3 years the overall aim is to establish a thriving apostolic ecosystem of churches throughout Ireland, expressed in a web of life-giving relationships joined in one purpose for the multiplying of churches and communities throughout Ireland. One of the main ways we aim to see this fulfilled is through the Tobar Network. Tobar - the Irish word for 'well' or 'spring'- is a family of churches which have grown out of Emmanuel Church, one of the key 24-7 Resource Churches in Ireland. Tobar seeks to serve 24-7prayer in Ireland by planting churches carrying the 24-7 DNA and also providing apostolic support and accountability for communities.

1. Plant a number of new churches throughout Ireland welcoming the lost and broken into the family of God; particular focus on the Republic of Ireland; working in tandem with the network of 24-7prayer across Ireland to identify and discern opportunities to establish new communities.
2. Establish strong 'Resource Churches' (Apostolic Hubs) which are committed to the vision of church planting and multiplication and are building in such a way that releases people, finances and giftings to achieve this.
3. Mobilise a functioning apostolic team competent and fluent in Ephesians 4 ministry gifts to lay good foundations, support and input into communities and build a growing sense of family and gospel partnership amongst the 24-7prayer Communities Network in Ireland.
4. Train and develop emerging leaders through our Leadership Pathway who are capable of leading and multiplying churches and communities.



4. Grow and strengthen organisational resources, skills and capacity to build for the future of 24-7 Prayer in Ireland.

In order to achieve the vision 24-7 Prayer Ireland will: develop key enablers such as; grow a skilled and experienced staff

team, Board and network of volunteers; grow its organisational intelligence and expertise and improve organisational coherence and communications.

An emphasis will be on strengthening and improving areas of governance, accountability and transparency, meeting good practice and developing policies across the organisation, encompassing faith-based principles and values that underpin our work. We will also seek to grow our financial support base to facilitate future development of the organisation.

1. Grow the existing team of staff and volunteers to ensure 24-7 Prayer Ireland has the capacity and resources required to meet its strategic goals over the next 3 years.
2. Secure diverse and sustainable funding sources by building on existing partnerships and seeking out new opportunities.
3. Invest in strengthening and improving its operational structures, processes and systems to support the organisation in greater effectiveness and coherence. Continued improvement will be made to financial systems and website, project management systems and monitoring and evaluation systems.
4. Strengthen the governance and accountability structures of 24-7 Prayer Ireland by securing charitable status in the Republic of Ireland alongside Northern Ireland, expanding the existing group of board of directors, establishing an advisory group as well as developing a set of supporting policies and procedures for best practice.