

Pray4brussels / Pray4BXL

A network of prayer and unity in Brussels

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Pray4brussels is an initiative born on 12-11-2009 out of the desire to see **joint prayer and unity** grow amongst **among** the churches and pastors in Brussels.

The vision includes building a **network of strong relationships** in Brussels, friendship among Christian leaders, inspired through (1) the love of Christ (I Corinthians 13:4-6, I John 2:9-11) (2) his commandment to be one (John 17:21) and (3) the desire to pray together to see God's kingdom break through in our city (John 13:35).

We believe that **the redeeming work and love of Christ** is the only foundation strong enough to bring and to keep people of very different backgrounds and cultures together. Such quality relationships **among** Christians, built on the Rock, are determined by the will and the determination to see Christ in the other one, to not know each other by the flesh, but by the spirit (2 Cor. 5:16). Friendships with a covenant character are unbreakable (1 Sam. 18:3). Real **friendships** don't have a practical goal: they don't pursue a result or gain, but are separate of any actions or projects. If relationships are secured by a joint project, they will dissolve when the project is finished; if the projects are born out of relationships, both the relationships and the projects will remain. Only works based on love will prevail. Good relationships are not an extra "task" or hard work, but on the contrary are a source of joy and **encouragement** in itself, a moment of peace in between the hard work.

The need for unity in Brussels is very urgent. **Brussels is strategically** a very important city (Capitol of EU, Belgium and Flanders). Unity is being attacked aggressively from many sides, and is under enormous pressure. Therefore every attempt to establish unity needs to be carried by focused, powerful and systematic **prayer**.

Pray4brussels wants to be **a platform** to bring leaders together. During our meetings there is room for prayer, fellowship, sharing life, exchanging experiences and ideas. We want to radically ban every spirit of competition and wholeheartedly bless each other's ministry and promote each other's success. We aim to create a very relaxing atmosphere, where leaders can be themselves, can put aside their titles, share their victories and defeats honestly and transparently. The spouses of leaders are also welcome since they often share the ministry and help carry the load. We don't only focus on pastors of churches but also other Christian leaders (missionaries, leaders of organizations...). Gathering Christians of different cultures, languages, races and theological traditions will require a lot of flexibility and love from all of us, but a special blessing of God will also be bestowed on it (Ps 133:3).

What binds us together is our joint love for Jesus and our desire to **reach Brussels with the gospel**. Out of relationships and unity joint activities, projects or initiatives can be born in a later stage. We are challenged by the vision of "Transformations" and that of "City Church".

Pray4brussels wants to override the boundaries of **denominations**. We recognize the purpose and usefulness of denominations, but **we** believe these should never stand in the way of local cooperation on the field.

We recognise and appreciate all **other initiatives for unity** and cooperation taken in the past and present. We believe that all these seeds will bear fruit and will find each other in God's time and way.

Our different initiatives are (or were) a joint breakfast for pastors, prayer-and-worship evenings in the Brussels House of Prayer...

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