

A Recommitment to YWAM's Foundational Practice

The Invitation, February 13, 2025



Prayer has always been the foundation of who we are as YWAM. Prayer is one of our [core values](#). Our early pioneering initiatives started with prayer over a world map, and God began to speak and catch us up into His heart for the nations. At the big [YWAM family gathering in Manila](#) last September, one of the main messages was a call to recommit ourselves to prayer. “Prayer is the essence of who YWAM is,” said YWAM’s co-founder Darlene Cunningham. Let’s make a commitment to deepen our prayer in 2025, to contend for YWAM’s global family to experience God in an unprecedented way, and to hear His voice and partner with Him for breakthrough in the nations. Please pray with us

not only right now but throughout 2025 and beyond.

Topic suggested and written by Josh Cole in New Zealand. Photo of a prayer meeting at YWAM Furnace in Tauranga, New Zealand.

- 1. Respond to the prayer challenge from [Joy Dawson](#)**, a Bible teacher who had a profound influence on YWAM. Before Joy passed into glory in 2022, she gave this message to YWAM about prayer: *“Don’t in any way minimize the crucial importance of interceding for the nations! There is a dearth of intercession for the nations. This is a prophetic word coming through me that there needs to be a resurgence of what was strong but has now become weak. Particularly in the lives of spiritual leaders. There is no substitute whatsoever for fervent, faith-filled, focused prayer for the nations as I have taught it over the years. Some leaders think they are on the cutting edge but don’t make intercession for the nations at all. What they think is cutting edge is not cutting it with God.”* Joy went on to say there was a need for two responses: firstly to repent for where there has been a lack of prayer, and secondly if we have not had a vision for the power of prayer, to ask the Lord for revelation. Please respond as you feel led.
- 2. Pray for a recommitment to prayer in YWAM** at this time. Since the death of YWAM’s founder Loren Cunningham in 2023, many in YWAM are aware of the critical time we are in as a mission. We’ve had some [terrible tragedies in YWAM](#) where we have lost some dear family, friends and leaders. Our hearts are tender. With the increased challenges and pressure, there is real warfare. The time to expand the covering of prayer over our mission is now. Pray for every YWAM participant to grow in their prayer life, and pray for every YWAM prayer ministry.

- 3. Pray for the prayer initiative called The Invitation**, which celebrates its tenth anniversary this year. This monthly call to prayer started as a response to what YWAM leaders sensed at a meeting in Singapore in 2014. They sensed that God was inviting everyone in YWAM into his presence in a fresh way ([The Singapore Covenant](#)). The Invitation started in 2015 and is translated into six languages. The prayer topics come from suggestions from anyone in the YWAM family. Pray for God to lead the topics and for people inside and outside of YWAM to respond to the invitation to pray.

Take action

Take this opportunity right now to ask the Lord to give you fresh faith in prayer. For more information about prayer initiatives in YWAM go to ywam.org/pray or ywampray.com.

Join The Invitation.

Sign up for prayer emails and find translations in many languages at ywam.org/theinvitation. Please contact us at prayer@ywam.org to let us know how you prayed, to recommend a prayer topic, or to request an advance copy of the prayer guide.

