



## Pray4Croatia Small Group Prayer Guide, vol. 6

### FIND SPIRITUAL SHARERS

We long to see God raise up disciples in Croatia 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 [“Social Media Influence for the Glory of God.”](#) This will serve as a transition 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 Croatia, 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: FIND SPIRITUAL SHARERS**

This month we are asking God to show the believers in Croatia the people He has prepared to receive the Good News and pass it on to others.

*Luke 10:1-3*

*“After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves.’”*

### **PRAYER POINTS FOR CROATIA**

- God, we ask You to prepare “spiritual sharers” in Croatia and reveal them to the Croatian believers.
- God, we ask You to embolden believers in Croatia to seek out these “spiritual sharers.”
- God, we ask You to send more workers to Croatia.

*John 1:40-42*

*“Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ (that is, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, ‘You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas’ (which, when translated, is Peter).”*

- God, we ask You to embolden believers in Croatia to share Your truth with their families and friends.
- God, we ask You to create natural pathways for believers in Croatia to share their faith with others.
- God, we ask You to tune Croatian believers’ hearts to hear and recognize Your voice when you prompt them to share their faith with others.

## **\*15 Minutes- Intercession for Croatia**

Below are some insights on spiritual strongholds that block people from being spiritually open to Jesus. Please read the text out loud and then pause so participants can pray as God leads.

## CULTURAL INSIGHTS

### **Spirit of Good Works**

People from all the different religions believe that being a good person is good enough. Whether through religious traditions or through good deeds, they hope that they are good enough to be accepted by God.

### **Spirit of Depression/Disappointment**

The people of Croatia lack hope. They do not believe they can change anything (let alone their spiritual beliefs) so they face depression in their everyday lives. According to World Health Organization estimates, around 200,000 people suffer from depression in Croatia. In recent years, hundreds of thousands of Croatians have emigrated in search of a better life outside of the country. Would you pray that they would encounter Jesus in their new countries and have a desire to bring their new hope back to Croatia?

### **Spirit of Fear**

Since people are born into a specific family and religion, the group culture is very strong. If someone is spiritually open, they may be afraid of what their family or friends would think if they knew. Would you please pray that families and groups of people would come to faith together as they did in the book of Acts? Coming to faith in community is such a great encouragement and it often overcomes these fears.

### **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, what is keeping believers in Croatia from sharing their faith with others?
- God, how do You want to reveal Yourself to the Croatian people?

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 Croatia? 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 Croatia.)

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