



Prioritizing Prayer at Maclellan

"A culture of prayer is not a program, but a collective expression of our dependance on God"

With a desire to accomplish God's will on earth through accelerating Great Commission activities among all nations, the Maclellan Foundation prioritizes prayer that we might commune with God, know Him more and discern His Kingdom intentions. For our staff, prioritizing prayer has established a culture that fosters "turning to Him" as a community; acknowledging our need and dependance on Him in all that we do. In addition, at the Foundation we believe that spiritual strategies are required to promote spiritual solutions. As we seek to encourage spiritual solutions for our partners and ourselves, we do so by investing in prayer which is our greatest tool to obtain wisdom as well as spiritual victory.

"That which an organization deems to be of value is evidenced by where it applies its resources"

In alignment with the priesthood of believers as described in 1 Peter 2:5, we desire that all of the Maclellan staff pray *some of the time* while others of the Maclellan staff pray *all of the time*. To implement this strategy, we set aside resources and created internal structure to provide staff members who can pray every hour of the day that the Foundation is open. This group is known as our Maclellan intercessory prayer team. Since 2018, they have served in our on-site prayer room, offering up worship and prayer on behalf of our staff, partners and grantees. Our inspiration for employing a team of intercessors came from I Chronicles where David appointed musicians, administrators, and singers in the temple and specified they be employed full-time. He "bought" their time so they could be free from other duties. Similarly, we do not pay for prayer, per se, we pay for people's time to use their God given gift of intercession to further the mission of the Foundation.

In addition, King David also knew that the payment was a sacrifice of worship on his part. In 2 Samuel 24:24 when he wanted to build an altar to God, he insisted on paying for it saying, "I will not sacrifice to the Lord my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing". Like King David, we believe that it should cost us something as we establish an altar of prayer and praise in the office.

With inspiration from these biblical examples, we at Maclellan are happy to leverage resources to sustain a *people* (intercessory prayer team) and a *place* (Maclellan Prayer Room) for prayer to be prioritized and nurtured. Since doing so, what has flourished is a culture of prayer that pervades the office. From daily staff prayer time to bi-annual staff retreats to meetings and business decisions prioritizing prayer, to in-office guests being offered time to receive prayer, we have come to view prayer as a filter through which all aspects of the organization are sifted.

At Maclellan, prayer has become central to the Foundation's mission, serving as the driving force behind the spiritual strategies that inform and sustain our efforts to advance the Kingdom of God.