

# STURGIS BIKE GIVEAWAY 2018 PRAYER GUIDE



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Here are three ways you can pray and help with the 2018 Sturgis Bike Giveaway:

- Prayer: Pray for the Spirit of God to work in the hearts of our volunteers, visitors to the Rally, local police, hospital, emergency services, city workers and the people who live in and around Sturgis.
- Teams: Pray for volunteer teams from churches, motorcycle groups, and friends to come and share their testimonies under the tent in August. Pray they register at the Sturgis Bike Giveaway website.
- Financial: Pray for our budget for the Bike Giveaway provides for the training, vendor booth and tent rental, housing, city fees, and other expenses and yes, a brand new Harley Davidson motorcycle to be given away at the conclusion of the event.

Donations can be sent to: **Dakota Baptist Convention, P.O. Box 549, Rapid City, SD 57709-0549**

Why do we ask that you join us in praying for the 2018 Sturgis Bike Giveaway?

Jesus said, **“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 your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves.”** Luke 10:2-3

Paul said, **“And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.”** Colossians 4:2-6

R. A. Torrey said, **“The most important human factor in effective evangelism is PRAYER.”**

Please take a few minutes each day to pray for every area of this event you can imagine. Also, use the Prayer Guide to help you focus on specific prayer needs during this wonderful evangelistic opportunity.



### **Day One/Bathe Everything in Prayer**

“If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.” John 15:7

- Financial support for the Rally
- For all volunteers to be spirit-filled and prayed up and not be distracted
- Courage, discernment and holy boldness for volunteers to proclaim the Gospel
- Divine appointments as volunteers travel to and from Sturgis
- Protection for bikes and cages, as well as volunteers to and from Sturgis
- Unity among the volunteers
- Adequate housing for all volunteers and ministry groups
- Temperate weather during travel and during the Rally
- The staff of the Dakota Baptist Convention and other state conventions and mission boards

## **Day Two/Hearts Open to the Gospel**

"Go into all the world and proclaim the Gospel to the whole creation." Mark 16:15

Could Sturgis be a 'ripe' harvest field during the Bike Rally? Is it possible that God may see these bikers with a loving heart and desire to see them trust His Son, Jesus? The answer to both questions is 'yes!' Since the DBC began this evangelistic ministry almost 6,000 people have placed their trust in Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Our volunteers have shared with almost 30,000 people a simple three minute testimony.

- Pray for people who come to see the motorcycles to be able to 'see' Jesus and 'hear' of His love from our volunteers
- Pray for the people to be open to hearing and responding to God
- Pray for our volunteers to share their stories with love and grace
- Pray for God to open eyes and hearts so all may come to know His Son Jesus
- Pray for all who serve those who come to be safe; also pray for their loved ones at home to be protected during their absence

## **Day Three/Serving Other's**

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in various forms. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ." 1 Peter 4:10-11

Chaplains focus each year on serving the vendors. It is a pleasure to serve the vendors in any way that they allow us to serve. We have developed some relationships that are held very dear. It is through these relationships that we strive to show God's grace through various forms.

- Pray that every contact we make with the vendors is a contact that God can use
- Pray that the chaplains are cognizant of the needs of those vendors we meet
- Pray for God's grace to shine at the Rally and Christ to be glorified

## **Day Four/Health and Care**

"Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul." 3 John 1:2

Whenever you gather hundreds of thousands of people in a small geographic area and have people will also get sick, drink too much, have pre-existing health problems, and other issues that will need medical care.

- Pray for the doctors, nurses, and medical technicians who live and work in Sturgis and the surrounding communities
- Pray for the EMT's and paramedics who work on the emergency vehicles in Sturgis and the surrounding communities



#### **Day Five/Protect and Serve**

"Be at peace among yourselves. And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, and be patient with them all." 1 Thessalonians 5:13-14

To keep a handle on things, the city of Sturgis hires extra police officers for the Rally week. These officers work long hours in a difficult environment for the express purpose of keeping the community safe. Because the city of Sturgis uses many officers who do not know each other and come from different police departments, there may be some procedural differences and communication issues that may pop up. Pray for these men and women to work together with very few problems.

- Pray for the safety of the police officers who will work this year's Rally
- Pray for their safety as they walk their beats, ride their bicycles, ride their motorcycles, ride in their police cars, and ride in the police vans
- Pray for them to keep their cool and to think clearly in the tense situations many of them will face
- Pray that the people they will be dealing with will not make a bad situation worse

#### **Day Six/Wisdom for the Workers**



“And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.” Luke 11:9-10

Bob Hower, a local pastor and a volunteer Chaplain for the Rally shared, “For 51 weeks out of the year, Sturgis is a sleepy upper mid-west town of 6,627. All of that changes each August when over 400,000 people converge in and around Sturgis. Add to all the visitors to the Rally, there are over 700 vendors in downtown Sturgis. The city of Sturgis has to handle all these people – business licenses, sanitation, traffic flow, power usage, water usage, portable facilities, etc. The city workers are under tremendous pressure in the months leading up to the Rally and work long hours during the Rally itself. Then there is the cleanup. The city workers have quite a job to do.”

- Pray the city workers to have thoroughly planned out their response to the Rally
- Pray for the city workers to have patience and understanding with all their visitors
- Pray the city workers will see Jesus in the DBC staff and all our volunteers
- Pray there may be some of these workers who will come to know Jesus as their Savior and Lord as a result of the work of so many Christian brothers and sisters

### **Day Seven/Safe Travels**

“Trust in the Lord, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness. Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him, and He will act.” Psalm 37:3-5

With over 400,000 people traveling to and from the Sturgis Bike Rally this year, accidents are bound to happen. Every year there are many accidents, from those where no one is injured all the way to ones where lives are lost. Traveling to Sturgis can be a risky adventure

- Pray for good weather to drive in
- Pray for good road conditions to drive on
- Pray for everyone in a car or truck to be alert to the motorcycles around them
- Pray for the riders to be attentive to the conditions around them, both weather, traffic, and road

### **Day Eight/Catchers**

“....and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the Gospel.” Ephesians 6:19

We use some of our volunteers to stand at the front of the tent next to the sidewalk to ‘catch’ people in the crowds that pass by the front of our evangelism tent. These ‘catchers’ are the first point of contact for the human waves passing by the tent.



The role of these catchers is too quickly and creatively share with those passing by about a chance to win a brand new Harley Davidson. These catchers let those who will listen, know that for three minutes of their time one of the volunteers under the tent will share how God has changed their life. That’s all there is to it. (By the way, the motorcycle we give away is front and center under the tent so people can see what we are giving away.)

- Pray the catchers voices would hold up under the constant strain of use in a very loud environment
- Pray for the catchers to have a holy boldness and creativity
- Pray for the catchers to speak clearly and joyfully to those passing by
- Pray for God to speak to and through our catchers

### **Day Nine/Eyes of Your Heart Enlightened**

“I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and

seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.” Ephesians 1:16-21

There is a ‘darkness,’ an oppressive spirit that seems to descend on the town of Sturgis during the Rally. There are times when you walk along Main Avenue or Lazelle Street where you sense a spirit of evil weighing upon you. The vast majority who come to the Sturgis Rally have given no thought to our Savior and Lord Jesus. When you think of the Lord’s work we will be doing at the Rally please pray for spiritual protection for each of our volunteers.

- Pray that God helps hundreds of those who come under the tent to hear someone share about what God has done in their lives to have their eyes opened. For the oppressive spirit’s to be lifted around our tent
- Pray for the volunteers to “put on the whole armor of God that they may be able to stand against the schemes of the Devil.” Ephesians 6:11

### **Day Ten/It Is a Spiritual Battle**

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.” Ephesians 6:10-12



It has been said that our tent was located on the ‘edge of nastiness.’ Well, with our new location on Main Street, we have moved even closer to the ‘nastiness.’ The spiritual darkness is oppressive in this new downtown area of Sturgis during the Rally. People everywhere looking on for their pleasure, without any thought to the people around. This part of Sturgis is loud, noisy, bright, full of bars, and full of people looking to stimulate themselves with sin. Into this mix we bring the Light of God: “The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has NOT overcome it.” John 1:5.



Pray for all of our volunteers to be 'prayed up' as they descend into this darkness. Give each of us the right attitude, right spirit, right conduct, right thoughts and right heart to join this spiritual battle.

- Pray for each volunteer to be strong in the Lord
- Pray for each volunteer to think and act appropriately
- Pray for each volunteer to speak in the love of Christ to those who walk in darkness
- Pray for those who stop under the booth who do not know Jesus to have the 'scales fall from their eyes'

### **Day Eleven/Partners in Missions**

"And Paul chose Silas, and departed, being recommended by the brethren unto the grace of God." Acts 15:40

I encourage volunteers to enlist partners for your trip to Sturgis this year. Many of us travel with other believers to work 'under the tent' during the Rally, but we also need partners in our homes, our churches, and among our friends. Ask members of your church to pray for you during the trip, and give them something specific to pray for (i.e. 2018 Sturgis Bike Giveaway Prayer Guide) or a specific time to pray. Communicate with them during your trip, and let them know how God is blessing the work. Enlist your family members to pray for you while you are on the road and in Sturgis. God may even lead others to help you financially. Let them know how God used their offering to bring people to faith in Christ. God blesses those who are sent, and He blesses those that send them.

- Pray for those we will witness to at Sturgis – may their hearts be ready to receive the truth because God has been preparing them for such a time as this
- Pray for God to send volunteers to share the Gospel
- Pray for the churches who host the volunteers
- Pray for the staff of the Dakota Baptist Convention

## Day Twelve/Heaven and Earth



“It is he who made the earth by his power, who established the world by his wisdom, and by his understanding stretched out the heavens. When he utters his voice, there is a tumult of waters in the heavens, and he makes the mist rise from the ends of the earth. He makes lightning for the rain, and he brings forth the wind from his storehouses.” Jeremiah 10:12-13

Weather for the Bike Rally always makes it interesting. Sometimes we have had temperatures reaching into the low 100's, rainstorms, lightning, heavy winds and hailstorms. It can be inconvenient, but we always find ways to adapt and make the best out of every circumstance.

- Pray for good travel weather for both those who ride their motorcycles back and forth to Sturgis as well as those who trailer them in
- Pray for good weather during the Rally, may it help us see more people come to downtown Sturgis
- Pray for good weather for all the vendors who will be there for the event
- Pray the weather does not cause any accidents

## Day Thirteen/Heart of a Volunteer



“And I sought for a man among them who should build up the wall and stand in the breach before me for the land that I should not destroy it, but I found none. Therefore, I have poured out my indignation upon them. I have consumed them with the fire of my wrath. I have returned their way upon their heads, declares the Lord God.” Ezekiel 22:30-31

We would never be able to pull off this event if it were not for those men and women who volunteer to ‘stand in the breach.’ These volunteers have been a constant source of joy and encouragement to those of us in the Dakota Baptist Convention who work to put this evangelistic event together.

Our volunteers take time off from work – many travel a great distance – sleep at one of our local churches – work a three hour shift; all for the opportunity to share with a visitor to the Rally about what God has done in their life. We in the Dakota Baptist Convention hold these volunteers in the highest regard.

- Pray for our volunteers to serve God this week with joy
- Pray for our volunteers to be able to lead someone out of the darkness of sin into the light of God’s love
- Pray for our volunteers to be able to get along with each other and those who come under our tent
- Pray more believers are convicted to be a part of this evangelistic ministry

### **Day Fourteen/May They Be Ready to Hear**

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16

We know that summer is a busy time for each one of us. We also know that we must prepare our hearts and minds for the great evangelistic ministry at Sturgis. Please take the time to personally help us prepare to share the Gospel with those who come to the Bike Rally. God wants us to spend time with him in prayer before the Rally – especially if you are planning to be one of the volunteers. Please encourage your church, your Sunday school class, your small group, your friends, and your family to pray for a great movement of God during the Rally this year.

- Pray for God to move among the people who are coming to Sturgis to party – may they come to Christ Jesus instead
- Pray for those who will be sharing their three minute testimony at Sturgis to have a divine connection with those listening to their personal testimony

### **Day Fifteen/Following Up**

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” John 13:34-35

It is easy to celebrate when one gives their heart to God accepting Jesus as their Savior and Lord. It is much more difficult for those of us who lead them to Christ to see them receive proper follow-up and care. It takes more effort – more mental energy – more spiritual resolve to see these new believers receive proper instruction and encouragement in their spiritual growth.

- Pray for each of these new believers to receive quick, strong follow-up
- Pray each of these new believers will find a solid church home
- Pray each new believer will grow in their faith and knowledge and practice
- Pray for those who led these new believers to Christ to follow-up and encourage them
- Pray for believers who live close to these new Christians to seek them out and love and mentor them



### Day Sixteen/City of Sturgis

“If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.” 2 Chronicles 7:14

With over 400,000 thousand coming to visit downtown Sturgis during the Rally, I cannot begin to imagine the kind of pressure that puts on the entire city. From the mayor on down to the least city employee; from the chief of staff at the hospital down to the least hospital employee; from the chief of police or county sheriff down to the least law enforcement employee; from each business owner; from all the support services that will be used during the Rally. Let us not forget all those who organize this Rally.

- Pray for everyone in the City of Sturgis and the surrounding communities to have a great experience during this Rally
- Pray for the Spirit of God to be keenly felt throughout this Rally – for we know “the thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.”
- Pray for all our volunteers and staff to be spiritually prepared for the spiritual battles that will take place
- Pray for those who will be attending the Rally to be able to hear from God – and to follow His leading in their lives and a sweeping city-wide revival to occur

### Day Seventeen/Reaching Men

“Be alert, stand firm in the faith, act like a man, be strong.” 1 Corinthians 16:13





Rodney Harrison, “few would consider Sturgis to be a ‘family friendly event.’ Despite well-intentioned efforts to tame Sturgis, it is still a place where hard steel, hard men and lawlessness is grounded in reality and not just an outdated stereotype.”

A study quoted by Sturgis Rally alumni, Dr. Danny Decker, shows that if a child is reached first, the church is successful in reaching the family (all parents and children in the household) less than 4% of the time. If the mother is reached first, the family is reached 17% of the time. However, if the father is reached first, that number soars to 94%.

- Pray for men who do not have a personal relationship with God to stop by our booth during the Rally
- Pray for these men to be open to hearing and responding to God
- Pray for our volunteers to share the love of Christ Jesus clearly and passionately with these hardened men (and women)
- Pray for the men who pass in front of our tent to have their hearts softened and prepared by the Holy Spirit to hear from God the Father
- Pray for the families of the bikers, many who are facing challenges and difficulties in their relationships and marriages
- Pray God’s Holy Spirit to use Sturgis to awakening men

### **Day Eighteen/Local Churches**

“I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.” Philippians 1:3-5

We currently have 25 churches and church plants, which form the Black Hills Area Baptist Association in the greater Black Hills area. Many residents of the area leave during the Rally to escape the crush of people and roar of the motorcycles. There are many



churches in the area which scale back their ministries during this time due to the difficulty of moving through the area. Yet there are many of our Black Hills Area Baptist Churches which have found ways to serve the motorcycle enthusiasts during this time. Many allow us to use their facilities for housing, while others strongly encourage their members to volunteer under the tent for the week.

- Pray for our local churches to find creative ways to share the love of Jesus Christ to these motorcycle enthusiasts
- Pray for our local pastors as they lead by example in showing Jesus' love to this throng of people
- Pray for the members of our churches to share Jesus' love with the motorcyclists they meet during the Rally

### **Day Nineteen/Unity**

"I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment." 1 Corinthians 1:10

Fred MacDonald wrote in a prayer guide: "Satan is tossing roadblocks of deception into the paths of God's people in an attempt to destroy their effectiveness. As you prepare to come to Sturgis, it is essential you recognize his traps." One of these traps is that we are the only ones who will be in Sturgis bringing the Good News to lost and dying people.

There are many churches that are in the Sturgis area that are desperately trying to reach out to the motorcycle enthusiasts with the love of God. There are also many ministries that are coming to the Rally to try to share the Gospel of Jesus. We are not alone in our desire to see the Name of Jesus exalted and those who live in darkness to see the light of Christ. There are also thousands of people across this country, even the world, who are praying for those who are coming to Sturgis to meet Jesus even in this dark place.

We cannot forget that we are a part of a larger work of God during the Sturgis Rally. We must play our part in spreading the Gospel.

- Pray for each ministry that shares the truth of Jesus with people throughout the Rally
- Pray those who come to Sturgis see believers working together for the good of the people
- Pray that the Sturgis Bike Giveaway ministry will play our part with love and respect for the glory of our Lord

### **Day Twenty/Success for the Vendors**

“...give, and it will be given to you. God measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measure back to you.” Luke 6:38

Many vendors take risk coming to the Sturgis Rally, hoping their sales will offset all the expenses incurred to be a part of the Rally.

Through the years, we have seen many vendors set up close to our tent. We have made an effort to try to support and encourage these vendors. We pray for these men and women who have risked so much to bring their business to Sturgis for the Rally. We have had the

opportunity to share the Gospel with dozens over the course of the years. Which is a good thing – but they still lose money over a fickle location, product, or crowd.



- Pray for the 700 plus vendors to at least break even during the Rally
- Pray they hear and see the Gospel from our Chaplains and evangelism tent workers
- Pray for their employees to hear and see Jesus in our team's example

### **Day Twenty-One/Glorious Gospel**

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.” John 3:16-17

Over the years the success we have experienced has come because of the clear presence of the Holy Spirit working in our hearts and minds during the Rally. We have been blessed by having some of the choicest of God's servants to give of their time, finances, and efforts to share the

Gospel with total strangers. Please pray a blessing upon our volunteers and Dakota Baptist Convention staff every time you hear a motorcycle between now and August 13th.

One of our faithful and precious volunteers, Frank Baxter, wrote several simple, clear prayers for us to pray:

- 'Lord, I ask you to open the hearts of all the people in Sturgis during the Bike Rally to the Gospel of Jesus Christ
- Lord, let all the volunteers hearts be ready for the work of the Kingdom and to see Jesus in every person that comes under the tent
- Lord also let the people you have chosen for the Kingdom become disciples for you.
- We thank you, Lord, for the work you are going to do at the Sturgis Rally and in the workers hearts.

**"Four things let us ever keep in mind: God hears prayer, God heeds prayer, God answers prayer, and God delivers by prayer." E. M. Bounds**

