

# COLLEGIATE DAY OF PRAYER

*Case for Support 2023*



## Vision

To see a united, multi-generational day of prayer for revival and awakening on college campuses in America. This occurs annually on the fourth Thursday in February. This year it is February 23.

## History of the CDOP

The need for revival teaches the church how to pray, and the coming of revival teaches the church how to pray BETTER! In the afterglow of the Second Great Awakening, at the dawn of the nineteenth century, the American church learned how to pray better for her sons and daughters. That better way was called the Concert of Prayer for Colleges (now known as the Collegiate Day of Prayer). By 1815, this simple united prayer effort became a regular feature on the New England campuses of Yale, Williams, Brown, and Middlebury. By 1823, almost every major denomination and university across America agreed to participate in a united day of prayer for colleges.

The American churches viewed college students as the future of their congregations, culture, and society. They believed that the direction of their churches and that of the whole nation would soon follow the spiritual bent of America's colleges—"as the students go, so goes the nation." Soon, America's colleges were being radically transformed by intense seasons of spiritual awakening. The early records of many of these universities read like a virtual history of spiritual revival. In fact, no other nation has ever enjoyed as many student awakenings for as many consecutive years as the United States of America. May the current longings for another great awakening teach us how to pray better TOGETHER again!

## Recent Results

- 1 Every American university, including 2- and 4-year colleges, was adopted to be prayed for on the CDOP in the last three years. That is over 4,200 campuses prayed for by students, parents, and churches.
- 2 Simulcast events were held at Yale University in 2020, Regent University in 2021, and Arizona Christian University in 2022. Worship leaders and prayer leaders from many ministries led intercession for a crowd of students and online participants on the evenings of the CDOP.

## 2023 Direction

The strategy team is made up of about twenty members from many of the major college ministries in the U.S.A. There are also a few seasoned intercessory leaders who add to that team. We meet in person and online to encourage unity among our members and to hear from each other because relationship is a strong value as we forge ahead in ministry to call the nation to prayer. This year, we're believing God for ever campus to be saturated in prayer.

Now that we have seen every campus adopted in prayer, our hope is to see every campus prayed for by a nearby church. This year on the 200th anniversary of the start of CDOP, we are asking pastors and churches throughout the nation to pray, support, prayerwalk, and believe God for the colleges in their area. If revival usually begins on college campuses, let us beseech the Lord on 2/23/23 to visit our university students in a mighty way!

An online simulcast will be initiated from Asbury College where revival broke out in 1970. Do it again, Lord! Other sites included in the multicast will be Baylor University; University of Missouri, Kansas City; a "rooftop" experience from Hickory, NC; Cornerstone University; other campuses; and living rooms and churches across our nation.

## Financials

Most of our partners are ministries who know the value of encouraging prayer for campuses. Some individuals and churches have also been generous through the years.

This year, we will be mobilizing thousands of churches and college ministries to pray for 4,200 college campuses. This requires hundreds of hours from our team and other volunteers. We are expecting our expenses for CDOP 2023 to be \$140,000. Some of these needs are immediate and others will be due the first quarter of 2023. It is vital we step up our social media visibility and travel to connect with church networks, collegiate conferences, denominations and organizations. There are team gatherings and printing of devotional prayer guides. We are producing new videos and updating our website to make CDOP more accessible on mobile phones too. And of course, the 200th year will be celebrated as a multicast from Asbury University on 2/23/23! Please consider how you and your organization can support us financially.

**WOULD YOU PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING US FINANCIALLY TO MOBILIZE STUDENTS AND THE CHURCH IN AMERICA TO PRAY FOR OUR CAMPUSES AND UNIVERSITIES?**

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