



GERMANY

A FILM AND PRAYER GUIDE

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HOW IT WORKS: GROUP PRAYER ---

You and your group will pray for approximately one hour about three topics: Salvation, Restoration, and Discipleship. Each topic includes a brief description, short film, and prayer suggestions.

You can screen the films for your group through Youtube on a computer, smart TV, or app-enabled device (i.e. Apple TV). Search for "Moving Works" on Youtube, select our channel, and select our "The German Film Series" playlist.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

- 01** Prepare for your group by previewing this Leader Prayer Guide, which you will read aloud to your group.
- 02** For each topic, we've offered two film options to watch. As you prepare, select which film you want to share with your group.
- 03** Before your group meets, share our Participant Prayer Guide, which your group will use as a reference during prayer.
- 04** When your group meets, give a brief introduction and itinerary for your time together. You will then read the leader guide aloud to your group to direct them in your time of prayer.

INTRODUCTION

Over the course of centuries, Germany has impacted the world in astonishing ways.

Albert Einstein, Beethoven, and Karl Marx are just a few of the many Germans whose influence changed the global arenas of science, art, and thought.

Yet, no amount of scientific discovery, political power, or philosophical prowess has given the people of Germany the lasting security they desire.

As loneliness and hopelessness increase across the country, over 80 million German people are living without Christ and the satisfying joy that He brings.

This is why we pray.

PRAYER TOPIC 1: SALVATION

The German people are hard-working and disciplined in all areas of life. With a thriving European economy, they find security in the structures of work, family, and culture. Yet, while all seems well on the surface, millions in Germany lack meaning and hope beyond what this world offers them. While 64% of the population identifies as Christian, many believe religion is irrelevant, leaving less than 3% claiming to follow Christ. But, God is on the move! He is calling Germans to a new, joy-filled life with Him, as you will see in the first short film.

Choose a film to watch: *Stronger* or *Chasing Life*

John 14:6 says, *"I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."* Reflecting on what you've seen, and as the Holy Spirit leads, pray for salvation in Germany using the following suggestions:

- *Pray for a spiritual hunger that leads the German people to genuinely seek God.*
- *Pray that hearts closed off to Christ would be opened by the Holy Spirit.*
- *Pray for the Spirit's conviction of sin and that many would repent and find faith in Jesus.*

PRAYER TOPIC 2: RESTORATION

While Germany's history is marked by two devastating world wars and the tragedies of the Holocaust, some might assume that the country has overcome such devastation and defeat through its own resiliency. However, changes in government and society have yet to rid the country of its strife. With political and social tensions still on the rise today, only Christ can provide the true and lasting change that the German people need: the restoration of the human heart. But there's good news, God is at work! He is redeeming and healing those who humbly surrender to Him, as you will see in the next film.

Choose a film to watch: *Encounter* or *Stronger*

Hosea 6:1 says, "Come, let us return to the Lord; for He has torn us, that He may heal us; He has struck us down, and He will bind us up." Reflecting on what you've seen, and as the Holy Spirit leads, pray for Spirit-empowered life change using the following suggestions:

- Pray for deliverance from depression, addictions, pride, and other works of the enemy.
- Pray that German Christians joyfully grow in spiritual disciplines, such as reading Scripture and prayer.
- Pray for unity in the Church as believers share Christ and serve those in need of His restoration.

PRAYER TOPIC 3: DISCIPLESHIP

Being the birthplace of the Reformation, Germany has played a significant role in sharing the Gospel with the world. Even while many Germans have grown disillusioned with the Church and God's Word, there seems to be no shortage of missional opportunities, especially considering the country's growing immigrant population. And God has not forgotten His people! He is still empowering His Church in Germany to make faithful disciples of Christ in their homes, communities, and cities, as you will see in the next film.

Choose a film to watch: *Made of Iron* or *The Messenger*

John 15:16 says, "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide." Reflecting on what you've seen, pray earnestly for God's people in Germany using the following suggestions:

- Pray that German Christians would faithfully serve in local churches that preach God's Word.
- Pray for boldness and joy in proclaiming the Gospel wherever God has placed His children.
- Pray for humble brothers and sisters to accept the call of planting churches and serving the growing immigrant population.

CONCLUSION: NEXT STEPS

Thank you for taking time to pray for the German people, but it doesn't have to end here. Consider some additional ways that you can serve Germany:

- *Learn more by checking out our Resource Guide below.*
- *Pray for the German people in your daily prayer life.*
- *Host a Germany prayer gathering with others.*

RESOURCE GUIDE

Prayercast: <https://www.prayercast.com/germany.html>

The Joshua Project: <https://joshuaproject.net/countries/GM>

IMB article on Modern Idols in Germany: <https://www.imb.org/2017/10/09/6-modern-idols-land-reformation/>

GodReports article on Salvation in Germany: <https://www.godreports.com/2016/05/80-muslim-refugees-find-jesus-in-germany-get-baptized/>