This God-encounter then becomes the platform from which our lives become increasingly aligned with God’s eternal intent for us. However, the often strong and counter-kingdom values of our culture, sometimes the pressures of those near us, as well as our own limitations, can cloud and misinform our spiritual understanding and move us on a life trajectory inconsistent with God’s pathway.

IYC2020 wants to bring clarity to our journey with Jesus. Our theme is 20/20, playing off the year and the idea of 20/20 vision. Our sub-theme is clarity, and the focus during our four main sessions will be “CLARITY IN LOVE, LIFE, FAITH, AND HOPE.” The Scriptures speak to this vital theme. “Now we see things imperfectly, like puzzling reflections in a mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God now knows me completely. Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love” (1 Corinthians 13:12–13 NLT).

The full impact of creating a moment for life change cannot be realized even with the best planning and the most-skilled leaders. We need God’s presence in every moment. Through your prayers we invite his presence. The IYC Prayer Guide is a way for you and those you serve with to walk on a week-by-week prayer journey in preparation for IYC. LIFE CHANGE and CLARITY awaits those who ask God for it.
MARCH: Clarity in LOVE

MARCH 1-7

The beginning point of our prayer focus is “CLARITY IN LOVE.” We use the word love so often we may, over time, begin to miss how significant it is. Would you ponder at length this week what it means that you are the recipient of God’s everlasting love? Would you consider deeply and prayerfully what he has done to express his love for you?

MARCH 8-14

Rooted then in his love for us we have the opportunity to live daily and wholly in a love relationship with him. No accomplishment exceeds this. When asked to identify the greatest of all commandments, Jesus replied, “You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind” (Matt 22:37 NLT). May your prayer effort this week be to ask God how you may consistently love him in a way that is meaningful to him.

MARCH 15-21

Jesus wants his followers to have CLARITY OF LOVE toward others, so he was quick to remind people, as well, that the God-within life is to be expressed in tangible day-in-and-day-out ways toward others. Would you make it a point to pray this week and every week through IYC how you may tangibly love others? And then would you act on it? Will you participate in the Feeding Children Everywhere experience at IYC? Will you start preparing now for the Spread the Word Offering?

MARCH 22-28

The door into the realm of love to which Christ-followers are invited is the very sacrifice of the body and blood of Jesus. “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep” (John 10:11 NLT). As you pray this week would you ask what sacrifice you may need to make to more clearly express your love for Jesus and your love for others?
APRIL: Clarity in LIFE

MARCH 29-APRIL 4

One of greatest Bible verses about CLARITY IN LIFE is Ephesians 2:10: “For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago (NLT).” Would you pray this week for God to give clarity about the specific plans he has in mind for you?

APRIL 12-18

CLARITY IN LIFE may sometimes come in very unexpected ways. It may, for example, come in brokenness. Some event or relationship leaves us badly hurt. Some never get over it. But it can also open a door to whole new and exciting pathways if given to God. As Joseph expressed, “You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good” (Gen 50:20 NLT). Would you give your brokenness and disappointments to God and allow him to do a new work in and through your life?

APRIL 26-MAY 2

A key component of the IYC gathering is worship. Our worship is engaging at so many levels. But one outcome of acknowledging God’s majestic, interactive greatness is that the brilliance of his presence sheds light on our journey. Will you pray for every worship service? Will you fully participate in every service? Will you pray, by name, for every worship leader? If you want CLARITY IN LIFE, worship!

APRIL 5-11

As you pursue CLARITY IN LIFE, remember Psalm 119:105: “Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path” (NLT). One of the greatest sources for life direction is found in the Scriptures. If not already established, would you commit to a daily pattern of Bible reading? Would you allow the Bible’s content to be your guide in praying?

APRIL 19-25

Sometimes our life direction is clouded because of our own persistence in actions that are not aligned with God’s purposes and values. Would you do a life-review this week and confess to God what you know to be wrong? You will find that CLARITY IN LIFE will come as a result.
MAY: Clarity in FAITH

MAY 3-9
The Christian faith is not based on a strict adherence to religious practices. It is rooted in the person and work of Jesus. It is making the choice to be an eternal apprentice of Jesus. Pray this week that throughout the IYC experience there is increasing clarity about the immense greatness of Jesus. “For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ” (Col 1:19 NLT).

MAY 10-16
This alignment with the person and purposes of Jesus must become personal. It must be “my faith.” If you have not made the resolute decision to follow Jesus, would you do so? Would you pray that the decision to become “my faith” would be experienced by hundreds of participants during IYC?

MAY 17-23
Entry into the kingdom of God is an invitation to an ever-deepening relationship. And ever-expanding responsibilities. And challenges that will grow in size and test us. This week would you pray that your faith will increase, enabling you to be more than adequate for all you will experience during and after IYC?

MAY 24-30
Our faith is not deepened only by ourselves. God often chooses to work though others. A conduit of his communication to us during IYC is our speakers. Would you pray this week and every week for each of our speakers? Pray that God’s Spirit would empower them to help us have CLARITY IN FAITH.
JUNE: Clarity in HOPE

MAY 31-JUNE 6

When there is clarity in love, life, and faith there is CLARITY IN HOPE. Every challenge may be brought to him. He has the willingness and capacity to do big things. We know, as the prophet said, “O Sovereign LORD! You made the heavens and earth by your strong hand and powerful arm. Nothing is too hard for you! (Jer 32:17 NLT) Would you bring every challenge to him and let CLARITY IN HOPE swell within you?

JUNE 7-13

All of us have a sphere of influence: at school, in the neighborhood, at our place of work. CLARITY IN HOPE is the confidence that God will work in and through you to make a difference in those with whom you have been blessed to intersect. Will you ask God to help you make a kingdom difference wherever you are?

JUNE 14-20

Perhaps nothing gives a sense of CLARITY IN HOPE more than the confidence of believers, that those in Christ have a life with him that has no end. We have this great promise from Jesus, “When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am” (John 14:3 NLT). Would you focus this week simply delighting in Jesus and thanking him for the uncountable great gifts of kingdom life and all that it means?

JUNE 21-30

IYC is meant to be a launching pad. It is a moment of life change for the purpose of ongoing growth and service. It is a fresh encounter with Jesus that enriches the God-within life. It is a place from which we may come to experience much greater life direction. Would you pray that you will come to the end of IYC2020 with CLARITY IN LOVE, LIFE, FAITH, and HOPE that will help you be God’s man or God’s woman as you move into his future for you?