



Effective Corporate Prayer Leading Praying Together: Guiding The Corporate Prayer Process

Goal: To lead the group to seek the Lord together. ("You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.") Jeremiah 29:13



1. Effective Corporate Prayer is:

- a. Learned.
- b. Leadership driven.
- c. Focused on prayer topics.
- d. Has enough structure so every person knows how and has the opportunity to participate.

The Prayer leader has achieved their goal when **everyone in the corporate prayer settings feels comfortable participating**, that is, they know who the prayer leader is and the ways they can participate.

2. The Prayer Leader's Role.

- Leads prayer with **sensitivity to the Holy Spirit**.
- Keeps prayer focused on **promises from God's Word and God's character**.
- Keeps prayer time **focused on the selected topics and purposes**.
- **Manages flow of prayer time.** (Directing prayer elements, transitioning prayer topics, calling on individuals to pray, allowing silence.)
- **Helps group gain insights from prayer.**

"Again I say to you, that if two believers on earth agree [that is, are of one mind, in harmony] about anything that they ask [within the will of God], it will be done for them by My Father in heaven." Matthew 18:19 AMP

3. Prayer of Agreement.

As the prayer leader directs the prayer, we pray in agreement with the topic and the scriptures the Lord reveals to us.

As the instruments of a great concert under the direction of a concert master, so the Holy Spirit blends together the lives of members of Christ's church." (Greek Lexicon)

4. The Harmony of Praying Together.

"The moment we unite in prayer we become a symphony. As such we blend together in unity respecting the fact that we represent all of Christ's body."

Dick Eastman, Every Home for Christ



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5. “Praying Together Characteristics” That Prayer Leaders Manage.

- **Focused on the welfare of the whole.**
- **Representative:** Each supports the whole.
- **Relational:** Connected to God and His promises and each other in the group.
- **Inclusive:** All are included and needed.
- **Harmonious:** Positive blending together.
- **Collective:** Working together for good of whole.

6. Areas of growth for Prayer Leaders.

- Learn to **follow the Holy Spirit’s leading.**
- Learn to **skillfully and tactfully direct prayers of others.**
- Learn to **trust and depend on others.**
- **Lead the group to pray together.**

7. Corporate Prayer Guidelines - Use “Spiritual Brainstorming” approach.

- 1. Follow the leader.** Focus on current topic.
- 2. Vital prayer focus: God’s word and character.**
- 3. Pray briefly enough** so that all can participate.
- 4. Pray loudly enough** so all can hear, agree and be edified.
- 5. Pray together** as team, not as individuals.
- 6. Pray with humility.** We can always pray for the Lord to reveal “**truth, wisdom, insight, clarity, etc.**” about the prayer topic.