

Effective Corporate Prayer Participation Guidelines

Introduction and Overview

Key Results of Prayer: **1. Intimacy:** Drawing Near to God. **2. Revelation:** God revealing Himself to Us

1. We **enjoy the privilege of prayer** because of our **relationship with Christ as his children**.
(Romans 8:15-17, John 17:3, Philippians 3:10, Hebrews 11:6)
2. **Father, Jesus, Holy Spirit** are involved when we pray. *(Matthew 7:11, Hebrews 7:25, Romans 8:26-27)*
3. We pray according to the **promises in God’s Word**. *John 15:7, Isaiah 55:11*
4. We pray according to God’s will, in Jesus’ name and authority, with all **prayer and perseverance**.
I John 5:14-15, John 14:13-14, Ephesians 6:18, Luke 18:1

Leadership

Corporate Prayer is most effective with a designated leader. This allows the leader to plan and facilitate the prayer time and allows others to participate well in the corporate prayer process.

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*

Corporate Prayer Activities – Praying and Listening

Praying to God	
1. Inquire/Ask: For some needs we simply ask for what is needed	<i>2 Samuel 5: 19, 23 Ps 2:8, 27:4</i>
2. Seek: When we don’t know what to do, we seek God for answers	<i>Matthew 7:7, Is 55:6-9</i>
3. Knock: Sometimes we persist in prayer to receive God’s answers	<i>Matt 7:7, Luke 18:1, 5-8</i>
4. Intercede: Claim God’s promises in prayer for people and situations. Pray according to God’s will. Intercession: Prayers that “hit the mark” with God. Standing before God and between a God and others.	<i>James 5:16</i>

Listening to God and Each Other

1. Listen: Listen to the Lord for what to pray , listen to each other as we pray , listen to the Holy Spirit’s response to our prayers	<i>Psalms 81:8-14</i>
2. Hear: Hear the Holy Spirit response to our prayers. What themes is the Holy Spirit highlighting? Is what I hear consistent with God’s Word and character? Does it enhance relationship with God and His people?	<i>John 10:27, James 1:19, Rev 2:7, 11, 17, 29. 3:6, 13, 22</i>
3. Obey/Be prepared to act: Be ready to do what God reveals when we pray. Be available to God to be an answer to our prayers. Watch expectantly for God to reveal His answers.	<i>John 10:27, Phil 2:13, James 1:22-25</i>

Corporate Prayer Group Dynamics - Use spiritual “brainstorming” approach

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

After prayer, reflect:

- **How do we respond to what God revealed** during corporate prayer?
- **What promises are we expecting God to fulfill** because we prayed?