

LEADERS PRAYER SUPPORT TEAM

The Leader’s Prayer Support Team is designed to provide the leader with a foundation block of prayer that can be used to launch all activities of the ministry. It can be adapted to fit: Pastor, Spouse, Pastoral Staff & Spouse, Missionaries, Church Planters, Elders, Deacons, etc.,

Ideally, the leader selects 31 people each of whom will join with him as a prayer partner for a given day each month. Naturally, if 31 people can’t be selected, then the leader would begin with whatever numbers of people are available. This would necessitate some people being involved more than one day per month. For example, if only seven people could be raised initially, then these people would be involved one day each week for the entire month.

Examples: A pastor calls each person one or two days in advance. Others meet their prayer partners on a weekly morning. Sunday morning of each week, the seven people who have been praying the previous seven days can meet to pray during the worship service(s).

One benefit of this tool is that it develops the prayer life of those in the community of Christ followers. This same idea could be used by a group of pastors to mobilize prayer for their city. They could have pastors committed to pray for the city on a certain day of the month. They could meet monthly for prayer and to update a prayer list for the coming month. Missionaries could have families who commit to pray for them the same day of each month.

1 _____ _____	2 _____ _____	3 _____ _____	4 _____ _____	5 _____ _____	6 _____ _____	7 _____ _____
8 _____ _____	9 _____ _____	10 _____ _____	11 _____ _____	12 _____ _____	13 _____ _____	14 _____ _____
15 _____ _____	16 _____ _____	17 _____ _____	18 _____ _____	19 _____ _____	20 _____ _____	21 _____ _____
22 _____ _____	23 _____ _____	24 _____ _____	25 _____ _____	26 _____ _____	27 _____ _____	28 _____ _____
29 _____ _____	30 _____ _____	31 _____ _____	<p><i>The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.</i> <i>James 5:16</i></p>			

How to Pray for Leaders

Compassionate heart—renewed by Christ to love and serve

Holiness—Strength and discernment to make righteous choices in moments of temptation

Rejoicing Heart—To see the ministry through the eyes of Christ as He builds His church

Intimacy with Christ – To freely give their heart in love to God each day

Strength—The renewing grace of God to give power to finish well

Thankful heart—To be delivered from roots of bitterness or complaining and to be always full of thanksgiving

Handle people with wisdom—To have right motives, words and choices in relationships

Anchored on God's truth—Boldly teaching and living the Word of God

Not afraid—Aware of God's peace and presence; never fearful of anyone or anything.

Daily bread—Provision from God's hand for all that is needed to be a witness for Christ and a provider for the family.

How to pray for a congregation! Ask God for a healthy church!

To be the BODY of Christ—Bringing His redemptive touch to a world thirsting for life. Showing His love boldly and declaring the truth of the Gospel through unity, obedience and words. To be intentional in reflecting the diversity of God's church.,

To be the BRIDE of Christ—Devoted with one heart to loving Him and enjoying His grace. Humble and repentant of anything that would hinder the relationship. May they be desperate for God to be glorified and embrace their longing to be with her groom forever held in His love. Living out a heart of courageous faith, enduring hope and generous, sacrificial, Christ like love.

To be the FAMILY of God—Living in unity, peace, and quick to forgive as she has been forgiven. Committed to each other as brothers and sisters. Eagerly welcoming and caring for all God adopts into His family. To be able to discern what is primary and what is secondary to making disciples of all people and live out those priorities. May the church walk daily in joy, freedom and creativity of being God's children.

Scripture to pray for the church and for her leaders!

Matthew 16:18, Matthew 22:34-40, John 17:20-26, Acts 1:8, Acts 9:31, Acts 11:21, Acts 20:19-37, 1 Corinthians 3:5-11, 1 Corinthians 13, 1 Corinthians 16:13, 2 Corinthians 1:8-11, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21, Ephesians 1:22-23, Ephesians 2:4-10, Ephesians 2:19-22, Ephesians 3:14-21, Philippians 2:1-11, Colossians 1:28-29, Colossians 3:15-17, 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3, 2 Thessalonians 3:1-2, 1 Timothy 2:1-5, 1 Timothy 6:11-16, 2 Timothy 1:14, Titus 2:11-15, Hebrews 10:19-25, James 4:4-6, 1 Peter 2:1-3, 2 Peter 1:5-8, 1 John 3:16-20, 3 John 4, Revelation 1:4-6

HOW TO PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN CROSS-CULTURAL & MULTI-CULTURAL SETTINGS

When traveling . . .

- < that we will pass through customs and immigration lines without incident and that we will mine development of our character when we are in lines waiting.
- < that our planes will not encounter mechanical problems or trouble from terrorists and we will have hearts that light up a crowd because we know we are in God's hands.
- < that we will make all our connections and embrace divine appointments when our plans change.

Health and Safety. . . Take responsibility for self care in a balanced Christ honoring way

- < protection from accidents, crime, natural disasters, terrorists, and dangerous animals and great compassion and mercy when God allows them to touch us.
- < protection from all kinds of sickness and using moments when we are slowed down or laid low to know the deep well of thanksgiving, praise and peace that is not defined by our physical state.
- < that we will find time for proper sleep, rest, and exercise and not live in a proud way that ignores the limits given us by our Creator.
- < that our food and water needs will be met by the Lord and that we will be generous and sacrificial in responding to needs around us

Spiritual Care . . .

- < good times of intimacy with Jesus in Bible, prayer and worship.
- < protection from dark forces in spiritual realms.
- < protection from discouragement, fear, and doubt.
- < that we will demonstrate purity, humility, boldness, wisdom, patience, love for people, teachable spirit and the power of the Holy Spirit always seeing the way out of temptations common to humanity.

Teamwork

- < that our team will experience and express unity, love, good communication, patience, and spiritual gifts as we invest in diversity, engagement of each member and freedom to give and receive God's grace and truth.
- < that we can resist temptation toward jealousy, envy, bitterness, and pride.
- < that we will be granted grace for cultural adjustments, dealing with jet lag, being away from family and friends and lack of privacy.
- < that God will grant us wisdom to design and implement effective efforts that will make a long-term difference here ... and that we will be able to establish and maintain solid friendships with government officials and other leaders in this land.

Verses to Read as you Pray: Exodus 4:12; 33:14, Psalms 4:8, 19:14; 121:1-8, Isaiah 40:29-31; 55:10-11, Zechariah 4:6, Acts 1:8; 4:29, 30, Ephesians 3:16-20; 6:10-

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