

Small Prayer Group Protocol

Praise the Lord regarding the Ephesians prayer, the Name of Jesus or any Biblical promise.

One person leads out Praying the Ephesians prayer over everyone regarding the subject you are assigned. Everyone should be lifting their voices praying in tongues while leader is praying in English. Each week a different person should lead out so all have a turn.

Pray for 20 - 30 minutes.

Pray both in English and in tongues.

Be conscious to defer and hook up with others.

After 20 - 30 minutes - leader needs to begin thanking the Lord for what you have just prayed and for the utterances He granted. Everyone should lift their hands and begin shouting.

Share what you got.

Write down what you got - wrote the date on it.

Reshelve journal.

End at top of the hour

- *No matter what, formally end prayer session at the top of the hour.
- *Journals do not go home with the prayers.
- *Practice deferring and seeing WHO has the ball.
- *When praying 20 - 30 minutes, its great to go back in forth in English and in tongues.
- *Sometimes the closer you get physically or in proximity the stronger the anointing gets.
- *No laying hands on each other.
- *No prophesying to each other. Of course as you praying - prophecy and inspired utterance about what you are praying about will come up. We are actively believing for this. By all means speak forth these utterances into the air boldly. However if you see something for someone in the group, those utterances must be reserved for after the dismissal of the prayer meeting. No personal prophecy within the allotted group time.
- *No visitors unless approved by Pastors or Prayer Coordinator.
- *When praying with other people at times you may pick up on things about those people, perhaps good, perhaps bad. No matter what you pick up or sense about another saint it is always good to adhere and live by the golden rule:

***Do not say anything to them about it unless
you have definite UNCTION to do so.***

This is due to the following.

First if it is something not so pleasant, the Lord may want you to pray for them regarding that and NEVER SAY ANYTHING. Second, if it is something He wants you to say it's good that you make sure you have unction to deliver it. Third, both Christians and sinners can SENSE things about people. Just because we SENSE things does not mean it is the Holy Spirit. Hence the word SENSE - it can be our five physical senses picking up on something. This prayer etiquette will keep you away from responding to familiar spirits.

Familiar spirits are familiar with people and thus will shove thoughts and ideas and even something that is true into the minds of other believers. Just because something is true does not mean God told that to us. It must fulfill the requirements of Philippians 4:8. It must be delivered and handled within the personality of God. If He shows you something about another saint it will have the flavor and feel of Philippians 4:8. It will not only be true, but it will have a grace that ministers a noble spirit about it. It revealed to you to HELP another. It should produce pure, lovely, good reports ultimately about that person that result in praises to God. If God shows you anything about another person that they need help in, we pray about it first, cover it in love, and keep it covered until

that person changes and or there is a definite utterance to say anything. Again, in the spirit world there are many spirits and none without signification. Therefore in prayer we must make doubly sure we are following the HOLY SPIRIT. The Spirit of God ALWAYS FLOWS IN PATHWAYS OF TRUTH MIXED WITH LOVE.

*Please note that Reverend Kenneth E. Hagin said that we must be very careful in these days not to dabble in familiar spirits. This is not to instill fear. We boldly declare we know the voice of our Shepherd and we put the Word first place!! However, the other powerful guard rails to safe effectual prayer are the attitudes found in 1 Corinthians 13. Always stay in realms of love and faith regarding your brethren and people in general. Brother Hagin prayed 1 Corinthians 13 over himself everyday.

We come to pray together WITH each other not FOR each other.

Once again - no personal prophecy to other group members DURING the allotted group time. All personal ministry should be done after meeting is over.

- **Pray for one hour over designated subject (No longer)**
- **Pray Ephesians prayer for yourselves regarding the subject or person you are praying for. Ephesians 1: 17 – 23.**
(Each person can alternate per week – these groups have NO designated leader.)
- **If you are praying about a certain subject, then you can just include that subject into the Ephesians prayer for the first time you pray it.** For example, if you are calling in finances for the ministry, just plug it into the Ephesians prayer. “Father we ask for the spirit of wisdom and revelation regarding FINANCES FOR THIS CHURCH...”
- **After praying the Ephesians prayer, the leader should pray in English as far as they can. Then kick it over in tongues and start listening to each other. Defer and help others to step out and pray things.** Just start throwing out things you think of to pray. They don’t have to be perfect, but challenge yourself to pray in your understanding. You will be amazed at how much the Holy Spirit will inspire you. The gifts of the Spirit will kick in too. Be sensitive to one another and give place for others to pray too. Purpose to be a help and hook up with one another. Purpose to defer to one another. Purpose to HELP pull the flow out of one another. The highest flow you will ever know in prayer is the flow that UNIFIES PEOPLE. The Holy Spirit never wants to leave people out or make people feel like they don’t know God.
- **As you begin to pray in tongues, really articulate your prayer language.** Again, purpose to hook up with one another. As you pray, keep alert and get your antenna out – see “**who has the ball**” so to speak. If you have it – then pray it out. Then see if others have it. If so, take a chance and lean into that. Help them. As you help you will be in awe as to how much you can really tell what they are praying out. Keep an ear to God, but listen also to them. You may hear words that they never had a clue they were praying out.
- **At about a quarter ‘til – start wrapping things up.**
- **Bring things over into thanksgiving mode on purpose and with your understanding.** Everyone should lift their hands and start thanking God for granting them unction to pray and for answering their prayers. On purpose thank

the Lord in English that He is granting Pastors wisdom and revelation, etc. Whatever you asked for – take time to thank the Lord on purpose like it has already happened. If there are things you prayed in English by inspiration, thank the Lord for these things as well. If there are things you sensed that you prayed for in tongues, then thank Him for these things as well. As you thank Him – you will sense joy and victory come up on the inside, go ahead and yield to that in a laugh, in a shout, even run or dance. It is the victory and it is just as important as the rest of the prayer. It must be taken. Sometimes just a deep peace will settle over you all. That is great. But don't try to make things go that way every time. Its good to TAKE that victory in joy. It's good to just start shouting thanks giving!!

- **Make sure you have about 10 minutes left. Ask one another what they got.** Be open to people getting different things in different ways. Some people may get scriptures, some may see pictures, some may just get funny words. Always esteem what people get, respect people.

If the Holy Ghost has you all begin to shore up the pastors in an area that may seem to be a weakness, this is to be covered in faith and staunch love. The Holy Spirit bears us up in our weaknesses. So, if the Holy Spirit would have you holding up Pastors in an area, again, you on purpose cover that with faith and love and believe the best about them. You thank God for them and do not add an interpretation that He did not give you.

Some things may be true, but if they are not lovely, noble, praise worthy and of a good report, then that is not the counsel that is coming from the Holy Spirit. He always believes the best about everyone. If you find yourself just camping on faults that may be true, and then even discussing this with other people, this is gossip and division.

Proverbs says that one of the seven things God hates is DIVISION. Also, if you only fellowship around things that are just TRUE about people – that is to know people after suspicion and to a degree that you are FAMILIAR with them in the natural – this is so dangerous. You will open yourself up to familiar spirits and some people in prayer can become very adept at yielding to these.

Continuously believing the best about people and accepting only the truths about people that are noble, praise worthy, and of a good report, that is to believe the best about people – that keeps you on GOD'S SIDE and thus HIS WISDOM will flow through you and HIS GIFTS, which are triggered by love.

- **Write in your notebooks what the Lord has shown you.** Just dare to write down the very subtle whisper or the littlest glimpse of the “oh that cant be God its too easy” promptings. Maybe you see a funny picture. By “see” that doesn't mean something you see like you would see in the natural with your eyes open. It can be that, but more often than not, wayyyyyyy more often than not, it will be just a thought that comes to you. It bubbles up from your heart. It has some kind of revelation or comfort to it. It has peace and even if you don't know what it means, it is just a blessing. Write it down. You will be amazed how the Holy Spirit will take ahold with you and suddenly more detail and revelation comes as you write or draw. If not now - then many times later the Holy Spirit will show you things to come and then give you revelation of what it means. You do not have to understand everything. Some days you may just be helping others pray, but you will see and know things at some point!

You will pray out funny sounds. You will pray out dialects. Streams of holy emotions will flow through you. Yield to them. Intoxicating laughter will bubble up - take it - yield to it. It is your victory and answer - even if you don't know what you are laughing at or about!! If it's the Holy Ghost then it's gonna be good. Strong rivers of compassion will well up and roll down your cheeks. Partake of it. Boldness will overtake you and you will decree bold directions and commands of the Lord.

Yes, use the power of the corporate anointing to learn how the Holy Spirit works through you!!!

- **Write your name near your entry and date it.**
- **Reshelve and leave at the top of the hour.**

Note: As you are pointing your prayers toward pastors, you may find yourself going other “places.” The office of the pastor is a doorway. You may find yourself praying out a nation, perhaps get dumped into praying for the president. Maybe a people group will come up on the inside like children, youth, or even gang members. Write that down too. Maybe suddenly you are conscious of wealth or monies, write that down. You see the Holy Spirit is God. Go is omnipotent, omniscient and omnipresent. He is all knowing, everywhere and all powerful. Soooooo – when you are sowing and praying through this scriptural doorway, he will pray through you all kinds of things that pertain to the big picture of the ministry, its affects, things that will affect it, and at times, even touch your calling. In His light you will see light –

even about your own call. As you sow, you will begin to reap direction for yourself. Write these things down. As they continue to crop up, your heart will continue to be drawn to what your destiny is.

Corporate Prayer Etiquette

If you are doing something very demonstrative in the prayer group, it needs to be double checked to be sure that it is inspiration AND inspiration that is meant to be SHARED AS A DEMONSTRATION.

The people present will naturally quieten down when prophecy or tongues and interpretation begin to manifest. This is fine. This is when you step out and yield to that utterance. Their quietness is actually reverence, an acknowledgement and recognition of the manifestation of this utterance. The people in the group will also become quiet and still when a manifestation of strong peace and stillness rolls into the room.

Philippians 4:6-7 New King James Version (NKJV)

6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

The peace of God lets us know that our prayers have been heard. It is at that time, when that presence rolls in like that, that we wait in His presence.

This Presence will vary.

Many times joy, laughter, and power will enter the room also. It is important not to get addicted to anyone manifestation and become partial.

However, if you begin to pray in such a way that is very demonstrative and the rest of the group is not going with you, you need to stop. Unity is paramount and the ultimate goal of united prayer. The Holy Spirit will never lead anyone to do anything that divides the group. If division occurs, that means either some people are in disobedience and not willing to flow, or, someone is doing something that the people do not feel comfortable hooking up with. Either way, it is important to seek the corporate flow and follow the Holy Spirit to maintain it.

If you have questions or concerns regarding something that happened in prayer - no worries - please ask prayer coordinator. WE WANT EVERYONE TO FEEL SAFE AND COMFORTABLE IN THESE GROUPS!! You have a right to that! Plus we are all learning!!

If you step out in the flow and people don't go with you, that does not mean that the flow is incorrect for private prayer. It just means that unity is the most important aspect of these groups. It is the gasoline that makes prayer effectual when praying corporately. Unity is the power of corporate prayer. Always seek to follow the flow that unifies.

If you step out in an utterance or demonstration and felt that no one went with you or that someone threw on the brakes - see the prayer coordinator. Don't be afraid - we will believe God to know what is happening. Who knows you may have been right.

Always know that the door of the prayer coordinator is WIDE OPEN TO YOU! No question is silly!!! Please let's talk about whatever concerns you have. Sometimes we learn more when people miss than when they are right on!

ALWAYS PROVIDE LIBERTY FOR PEOPLE!

Never condemn people if they miss it!

NEVER MAKE PEOPLE AFRAID TO STEP OUT!!

Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty - not intimidation and fear!

Visitors must be Approved

All prayer groups are to be considered closed unless otherwise authorized. All visitors must be approved. This is to ensure the safety of the groups and that all present feel at ease doctrinally.

These prayer groups will always be a place of clean doctrine, strong move of the Spirit, and a safe haven.

Other Helps in Corporate Prayer

Prepare to pray. On the drive over to your prayer time begin to quote Scriptures that assure you YOU CAN AND DO HEAR FROM THE LORD. See the Unction and Revelation Scriptures.

Ask the Holy Spirit to HELP you to be a HELP in united prayer. The Holy Spirit is called, "The Helper."

John 14:26

26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

Another powerful aspect and characteristic of the Person of the Holy Spirit in prayer is:

John 16:13

13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

If you will confess and thank God that the Holy Spirit is HELPING YOU TO FLOW IN PRAYER - the Holy Spirit will mightily teach you to follow Him into realms you have never known. He will allow you to participate in the supernatural manifestation of UNITY. The power of God to make the Body of Christ - ONE. You will experience the personality and ways of the HELPER - THE THIRD PERSON OF THE TRINITY WHO DISPLAYS THE POWER OF THE GODHEAD. HE IS THE ONE THAT RAISED JESUS FROM THE DEAD. IT IS HIS PERSON IN MANIFESTATION AS THE APOSTLES WROUGHT SIGNS, WONDERS AND HEALINGS IN THE NAME OF JESUS. You will learn the great and powerful ways - taste the powers of the ages to come as you - by faith - learn to follow Him and move with Him in united prayer!

Believe God to help the leader of the group.

If someone else in the group has an unction, actively believe to be a help to that person and lean into that flow. Just listen to that person, then quickly under your breath pray, "Lord help me to help them." Then from that small raw prayer, just open your mouth in simple daring faith and pray. Watch the Holy Spirit fill your mouth with revelation, knowledge, utterances, dialects, and unify you with your brother or sister.

If you have the unction - the way to help the best is to step out boldly. Even if you don't know what you will say, just step out by faith, and that unction will respond to your act of faith. Stepping out boldly when you have the unction is the BEST WAY TO HELP IN THAT SITUATION.

Seek to be a help - seek to follow the Helper. As you do this you will find that the Holy Spirit will author the plans and purposes of God for you life within the midst of you. For you see, He is grooming you to flow with the Lord's Body so that you can ultimately HELP JESUS DO THE PLANS OF THE FATHER IN THE EARTH. AS YOU ARE UNIFIED INTO HIS BODY IN THIS WAY, YOU BEGIN TO FORM AND FASHION THE BRIDE OF CHRIST - WHO SHALL BE HIS HELPER THROUGHOUT ETERNITY!!!! HALLELUJAH!!!