

Prayer Team Guide

Being on a prayer team is a big deal and big responsibility. You are there to shift atmospheres and shift individuals into freedom and a deeper relationship with the Father. The intent of this document is to provide a basic foundation so everyone on the prayer team can be united.

Your Purpose:

Your purpose is to Speak life and identity into our brothers. Build them up, encourage them, weep with them, come along side and walk with them as the body of Christ!

Focus and Mindset:

1. Pray from Identity

- a. You are a totally new creation in Christ (2 Cor 5:17)
- b. The old man is dead, don't focus on past life or sin...it's dead and no longer controls you! (Romans 8:1, 8:9)
- c. You pray as a son of the King with authority. You are Led by the Spirit, Adopted as sons and co-heirs with Christ! (Romans 8:14-17)
- d. You are one with Christ, the Father, the Holy Spirit and have been given glory! (John 17:20-26)
- e. Don't beg, you speak forth, decree in confidence of who your Father is!
- f. This is not arrogance, this is knowing who you are!
 - i. Romans 8:19 - All of creation knows who you are and is desperately waiting for you to understand and walk in your identity

2. Pray from position

- a. You are seated in the heavens in Christ at the right hand of God on the throne...right now! (Ephesians 2:6)
- b. Everything has been placed under Christ's feet...you are in Christ...therefore...all things are under your feet! (Ephesians 1:20-23)
- c. You can and should come boldly, like a child into the presence of God. (Matt 19:14, Mark 10:15, Luke 18:17)
- d. As a son, you don't have to beg, fast, perform or not sin for 3 days to get God to move. It has nothing to do with you or your righteousness. It has everything to do with Christ, His righteousness and who you are NOW in HIM!

3. Expectation and Remember the storehouses

- a. Remember where you are praying from! You have the storehouses of heaven! The Father has Lavished you with EVERY spiritual blessing in heaven! (Ephesians 1:3)
- b. Expect miracles and power! You will do everything Jesus did and more! (John 14:12)

4. Ask and See what the Father is doing

- a. You have the mind of Christ already! (1 Cor 2:16)
- b. Jesus only did what he saw the Father do! (John 5:19)
- c. Ask Daddy what he wants to say...what's on His heart!
- d. Listen!
- e. If you are not able to hear/see, then pray identity over them or scripture God is highlighting

5. Speak Life!

- a. The Father's heart speaks life!
- b. Always encourage and speak life over them!

General prayer and Guidelines:

1. When you come to the front

- a. Smile...Look like you want to be there!
- b. Focus your mindset...Identity, Position and Storehouses
- c. Ask the Father what he wants to say
 - i. He may highlight someone or something specific.
 - ii. Listen
- d. Pray in tongues (Not required, but highly recommended!)
 - i. Praying in tongues allows your spirit to communicate directly in spirit and builds your faith. Your spirit will often pray for things you are unaware of. (1 Cor 14:2, 4)
 - ii. Be mindful of the atmosphere. Your volume should honor the atmosphere and leadership of the room. (1 Cor 14:28)
 - iii. I believe it's helpful, but not required

2. As men come to the front for prayer

- a. Ask their name.
- b. Ask "'First Name' How can I pray for you"
 - i. Ask for more details only if you need to. If you don't understand something, ask them. However, you don't have to know everything.
- c. Pray for them by name.
- d. Try to keep your eyes open so you can be aware of their responses and remain aware of everything around you.
 - i. I tend to pray with my eyes closed to see in the spirit, but I open them every now and then to check.

3. Laying on of Hands

- a. Recommended! Touch is important and biblical!
- b. Ask "do you mind if I lay my hand on your shoulder, head, etc."

4. Do not pray at them or preach to them through your prayer. Rather pray with them and for them.

- a. Example of what NOT to do: "Lord, I pray that John will come to realize that all things are going to work together for good in his situation. . ." or "Lord, help John see his sin...etc."
- b. Example of what to do: "Lord, John and I claim your promise of Romans 8:28 together. Lord, we may not see how it is possible that you will bring good out of this situation. But, by faith, we pray that you will work this situation for good for John who loves you and is called according to your purpose . . ."
- c. Be yourself...no need for the "GOD voice" or "Thus sayeth the Lord!"

5. Praying

- a. Pay attention to the speaker's message and reinforce where possible, but listen to the Spirit!
- b. If God gives you a word for them
 - i. Ask the Father if He wants you to share it.
 - ii. If so, share it, but don't feel pressure too
 - iii. Remember to speak life, not judgement
 - iv. Be authentic and humble
 1. Please don't "thus sayeth"
 2. I often use words like "I feel like", "This might sound strange, but I saw/heard "this" for you, does that make sense?"
- c. Healing Related
 - i. Ask and then lay hands on the area (if appropriate)
 - ii. Ask them how much pain from 1-10 they are in. This gives you and them a gauge.
 - iii. Speak healing in Jesus name with expectation that it will happen.

1. Don't beg or ask...speak with the authority of Christ as a son!
 2. Use your imagination while praying to see the healing take place!
 - iv. Feel free to anoint them with oil (James 5:13-15)
 - v. If you feel comfortable, ask if any change has taken place. If so, ask their pain level from 1-10 again.
- d. Deliverance
- i. All addiction, sin, doubt, fear, etc. has a spiritual component
 - ii. Feel free to break off anything in Jesus name...most of the time it doesn't require anything extra!
 - iii. You have ALL authority in Christ
 - iv. No need to raise your voice, get aggressive or escalate...you have authority in Christ!
 - v. If the person becomes agitated, gets loud or starts to make a scene
 1. We want to respect their dignity...no need to address up front.
 2. Let them know there may be additional things to address, we can take care of it and ask if they want to get rid of the torment. (They need to be willing)
 3. If they are willing, speak to one of the leaders or another person experience with this and bring them with you. Please bring them to the side and address in a less public manner.
 4. Please do not attempt one on one, bring another prayer partner with you. This protects everyone from accusation.
- e. Pray Scripture

6. Above all...Speak LIFE, FREEDOM and JOY in CHRIST!

You HAVE been made righteous in Christ! You HAVE the mind of Christ! Jesus has FULLY prepared you for each man you pray with! You are amazing and will do great!