

Empowering Your Prayer Ministry

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God's Promise

- “Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they shall ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven.” Matthew 18:19

1. Day of Prayer and Fasting

- Include a Communion Service
- First Sabbath of the New Year
- Prayer theme for Sabbath School and Church
- Light lunch for modified fast
- Afternoon Bible study, music and prayer time
- Prayerwalking
- Solo retreat time

2. Prayer Conference

- A multi-day event
- For your own church or invite others too
- Guest presenter/teachers
- Testimony time
- Lots of prayer time

3. Prayer Partners

- Can be a part of another ministry, ie, women's, men's, Sabbath School, etc.
- They can meet in person, over the phone or via e-mail
- Can meet daily, weekly, monthly
- Same gender pairing
- May reorganize periodically

4. PraySing Vespers

- Intersperse singing and praying
- Can follow a theme, ie ACTS (Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication)
- Use different ways to pray
- Keep the songs focused on the theme
- Can easily involve larger groups

5. Prayer Retreat

- Similar to a prayer conference
- But more personalized and focused
- Can be done with only one person
- May include: prayer, Bible study, sharing, journaling, music

6. Prayer Breakfast

- Usually on a Sunday but can be done on any day
- Breakfast provides a practical and social dynamic
- Prayer, Bible study/teaching, and sharing

7. Small Bible Study Group

- Small groups usually involve three elements: prayer, Bible study and service
- This would focus especially on prayer
- Keep a log/journal of requests and answered prayer
- Take time for praise and thanks

8. Sabbath Morning Teams

- Can meet before Sabbath School or after church
- Prayer for the services
- Member needs
- Soul winning efforts

9. Prayer Vigil

- Usually 6, 12 or 24 hours
- People sign up for the time slot
- Have a designated leader for each hour
- Receive prayer requests in advance
- Include music, scripture prayer
- This is a good preparation for evangelism

10. Prayer Request Box/Book

- People can place requests in the box each week
- The pastor or prayer team prays for them regularly
- Helps to keep prayer before the congregation
- Provides helpful communication of needs

11. Prayer Coordinator/Team

- The pastor can not do it all
- Spend time in prayer
- Assess the needs and opportunities for prayer ministry
- Involve as many people as possible
- Don't be discouraged by small number – remember the mustard seed

12. Houses of Prayer

- People pray for their neighbors
- Five Blessings Idea: pray for five blessings, for five neighbors, for five minutes a day, for five days a week for five weeks
- Include Prayerwalking
- You may ask for requests

13. Teaching Children

- This can be a part of Sabbath School or children's ministry
- Teach them about requests, praise, unanswered prayer, etc.
- Let them be involved in praying

14. Prayer Guides

- For each day of the week, month or year, list a prayer need to remember
- It may include member birthdays, outreach events, special needs
- It helps to build community

15. Prayer Telephone Ministry Chain

- Have a leader who activates the chain by calling a team of people and they each call a pre-assigned list of people
- This is helpful for immediate prayer needs
- Be careful about using the chain for non-emergencies

16. Week of Prayer

- Can use the Adventist Review readings
- Include adequate prayer time
- There may be a need for multiple groups at different times
- It could include a video series

17. Church Prayer Support Group

- This is a more proactive and engaged approach
- May go to where the need is
- Can follow-up prayer with action

18. Evangelistic Prayer Groups

- Pray in preparation for evangelistic events
- Pray each night before the meeting
- Pray for those who are making decisions, the speaker, the teams, etc.

19. Personal Prayer Retreat (Solo)

- Take a day, or portion of a day, for prayer, Bible reading, journaling, etc.
- This can be part of a Day of Prayer, Retreat etc.
- Apply helpful structure to the time
- Make a commitment to this

20. Concert of Prayer

- Many prayers ascending to God
- May be incorporated into a worship service
- A leader may guide along a theme or scripture passage

Closing Promise

- “But certainly God has heard me; He has attended to the voice of my prayer. Blessed be God who has not turned away my prayer nor His mercy from me.”
Psalm 66:19, 20