

Prayer Team - Training and Release Time

Mission of UCF

The mission of University Christian Fellowship (UCF) is to proclaim Christ boldly to a lost and ignored generation, while being a vehicle for dynamic relationship with God and each other.

Text: How to Have a Healing Ministry (without making your church sick).
C. Peter Wagner, Regal Books, 1988.

OR

Intercessory Prayer: How God Can Use Your Prayers to Move Heaven and Earth
Dutch Sheets, 1997

Expectations of Prayer Team Members:

Church:

1. Rotating schedule only when enough teams are available
2. Open church off for everyone
3. Available during and at the end of service for prayer
4. Attend all church prayer meetings and presbytery's
5. Minister at retreats, conferences, and similar functions

Weekly Prayer:

1. Meet with prayer partner once per week for prayer
2. Six weeks off from weekly prayer per year to be scheduled with prayer team leader AND partner
3. Retrieve regular updates from prayers' and 'ucfpt' lists to use for prayer times

Special Meetings:

1. Monthly group prayer to be scheduled by prayer team leader
2. Prayer referrals with individuals to last 3-4 sessions
3. Hospital/Sickness visitations as requested
4. Group prayer for special events or needs, ex- deliverances
5. Available for intercessory meetings during the week
6. Available for telephonic and electronic meetings if necessary

Education:

1. Complete prayer team text within the next 30 days
2. Complete reading list within 6 months of joining team
3. Read books as assigned
4. Recommend related texts to team AS you read them

Relationships:

1. **ALL INFORMATION IS CONFIDENTIAL**
2. The primary relationship is with your partner
3. The prayer team leader is a resource, coordinator, confidant, and is responsible for your accountability in this ministry
4. The pastor is a de facto member of the prayer teams
5. Fellowship/social events 2 to 3 times per year with all teams

Fasting:

1. One day per week, at least sunrise to sunset
2. Every Sunday until after the service

Hygiene:

1. Maintain appearance for services and events
2. Maintain personal hygiene
3. Maintain oral hygiene – it is HIGHLY recommended you have some sort of breath freshener on you at all times when expected to minister

Spiritual Component:

1. Impart church vision
2. Impart church values
3. Build vulnerable/open relationships
4. Share the love of Christ through model and service
5. Act as a spiritual resource within and outside the church
6. Follow-up on new participants
7. Speak truth into each others lives
8. Maintain personal prayer/fellowship time with God
9. A caring disposition to the needs of others
10. An interest in the needs of others
11. A servant attitude
12. An honesty before God and man
13. An expectation that God will use you
14. An attitude of a vessel that God can flow through

15. The filling of the Holy Spirit
16. The ability to speak in tongues
17. Know your limitations

E-mail:

1. **DAILY** check of e-mail for requests
2. Use of e-mail to coordinate meetings with teammates (**Email is top means of communication!**)

How do we pray for people?

1. Engage the person who requests prayer
 - Look the person in the eye
 - Use non-verbals to let the person know you are listening
 - You can ask to hold hands with the person as he/she shares with you
 - Keep voice at appropriate levels when engaging the person
2. Determine the request
 - Ask the person what the request is
 - Listen to the person as they present the request
 - Act on a word of knowledge or other prophetic utterance
3. Determine the need
 - Differentiate between the request and the need
 - Ask questions to clarify the need
 - Look for the source not the result
 - Pray for discernment to see the need
4. Determine the motive
 - Why is the request being made?
 - Who benefits from the request being answered?
 - Does anybody get hurt if the request is answered?
 - Is the request biblical?
 - Pray for discernment to see the motive
5. Pray
 - Invite the person to pray with you
 - Agree with the prayer of the person when possible
 - Pray concisely and to the point
 - Pray specifically for the need
 - Pray for a specific outcome
 - Quote scripture when possible**

- Direct prayer to the need if it strays
- Make appropriate physical contact with the person being prayed for (see above under “Engage the person who requests prayer”)
- Allow time for the Holy Spirit to operate through gifts (be aware of shorter time frame after worship on Sundays)
- Expect supernatural intervention
- Expect to catch the person if he/she falls out – one team member is expected to be ready standing behind person being prayed for at all times
- Bring prayer to an obvious conclusion
- Invite the person to continue praying after you finish if there is time
- If persons desires/asks for more prayer, invite the person to pray with you AFTER service

6. Practics

- Lay hands on specific body parts for healing (for people you don't know, you should ASK to do so)
- Do not touch people of the opposite gender in questionable areas
- If you don't know what to pray, pray in tongues
- Don't laugh at peoples' requests, just redirect
- Don't pray loudly about personal issues
- Repeat back information you are not sure of to clarify
- Love people when you pray for them
- Take chances and let God use you in the gifts
- Be ready with a big smile and encouraging word for the person – look ALIVE, like you CARE and are happy to be here!

7. After prayer

- For serious needs see the coach, ex, signs or declarations of suicide, chronic or fatal diseases
- Place less serious needs on the intercessor list
- Inform the coach of any suspected needs for deliverance
- Inform the coach if you think you blew it
- Leave the needs with Jesus, don't take them on yourself

Structure

Prayer teams - 2 or 3 people that pray together both in service and out

- pray in at least pairs; team regulates itself

Prayer coach - person who coordinates up to 10 prayer teams

- resource person
- encourager
- responsible for setting up appointments and meetings

- first level of accountability in this area
- resolves conflict on teams
- reports to staff member weekly

Staff member - a person on staff with prayer teams in his/her portfolio

- works with coach(s) to implement vision
- encourages teams
- approves all appointments and meetings
- approves all materials used for training
- resolves problems between teams and coaches
- reports to the pastor monthly

How do we intercede?

Friday night prayer model in groups of two or three

1. Specific
2. Gifts
3. Results Oriented
4. Warfare based
5. Worship saturated
6. Spirit led

Other reading:

The Three Battlegrounds – Francis Frangipane
Let Us Pray – Watchman Nee
Power Healing – John Wimber

Memory texts:

Healing -

Peace -

Wisdom -

God's love -

Compassion -

Forgiveness -

Patience -

Strength -

Suffering -

Direction -

God's will -

*****Know Proverbs well*****

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