

Prayer Trainer Program Overview

The purpose of the Prayer Trainer process is simple.

Mission: To create a context that engages prayer leadership teams of individual congregations in a mutual experience of encouragement and learning on their journey of bringing prayer to the heart of all they do! To embrace the 4-dimensional model for prayer ministries: 1) Praying homes; 2) Pervasive prayer in all of church life, every ministry a praying ministry; 3) To engage and nurture healthy intercessors; 4) To turn prayer outward – a mission field near and far, a prayed-for community and city, nation and world. And that accomplished by using “prayer-care-share” theology!

Vision: A network of congregations that are intentionally, systematically, and yet in a tempered way, growing praying churches in collaboration with other congregations with a similar vision, all to infuse a new spirit of personal and corporate spiritual vigor into the lives of members, families, staff and leaders, and intercessors – all to see Christ incarnated and proclaimed to a watching world; and to see this unwrap not only in an isolated church, but in a movement, of churches across a region.

Specific Purposes for the Prayer Training Group:

1. Create a context for mutual learning for both pastors and prayer leaders for the purpose of the application of prayer in the context of the local church.
2. Explore primary resources created – *The Prayer Leader’s Resource Notebook* (loose-leaf, 3-ring binder of resources), the *Prayer Leader’s Handbook* (Multi-Volume perfect-bound book), *Transforming Your Church into a House of Prayer*, and the Prayer Leader’s Tool-Kit.
3. Resource one another. To make one another successful in prayer ministry efforts.
4. Establish a teaming environment – everyone works to help leaders from sister churches succeed in their effort to create a culture of prayer in their congregation.
5. Refuse to let anyone ‘fall of the wagon’. Become the ‘brother’s keeper of one another.’ The attitude – “We are not successful unless all are successful. We want to impact a denomination, a region, a nation, a world.”
6. Each church sets their own goals, advances at their own pace with each team in the group assisting the other. Varied goals are unwrapped at different paces. Some will race forward. Some will see initial growth, then set-backs. This is a marathon.
7. Collaborate. Provide candid but edifying feedback – “Iron sharpens iron!” Pray together. Weep together. Rejoice together.

Phases

The phases we anticipate for the local church are outlined in the Prayer Leader’s Resource Manual.

1. **Doing Prayer** – Project prayer activities. Each church chooses its own activities, projecting them to the next quarter, tentatively, for the next year.
2. **Envisioning Prayer** – Each pastor begins a process of finding potential prayer leaders. Stretch their vision and theology. Get them into the same room and onto the same team. Hold an envisioning evening.

3. ***Learning About Prayer, and Leading Prayer*** – The great initial need is to create a teachable culture among your leaders, a learning process. Videos are available on the web-site. Reproducible handouts are in the Resource Guide.
4. ***Planning - Projecting a Multi-Year Plan*** – Tether the zeal of the potential prayer team. Insist first, on learning, yet not apart from doing. You need a long-term plan. A systematic plan. Not pieces, not little prayer ideas, but something strategic.
5. ***Creating a Leadership Team*** – With a multi-year plan, first year activities are now underway. Your discovery team becomes your prayer leadership team.
6. ***Persistence*** - Continue to explore. Learn. Encourage one another.
7. ***Coaching*** - At some point, mentoring may give way to coaching.

The Process Overview

Prayer Training groups will consist of 3-12 churches that meet with a leadership mentor.

1. Month One – Nation-wide Vision Call. All churches participate.
Face-to-face meeting in mentoring groups
2. Month Two – Mentoring Connections in Quads/Triads
3. Month Three - Mentor connects with Prayer Leaders (one-on-one)
National Mentoring Call
State Mentors connect
Triad/Quad Leaders

APPLICATION
AREA PRAYER TRAINER'S PROGRAM

PRAYER LEADER Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Primary Phone: _____ Secondary _____

Email: _____

Membership [Church Name]: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Church Email _____

Recommending Pastor: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

QUALIFICATION AFFIRMATION:

Yes No I HAVE read the primary reading materials.

Yes No I HAVE a copy of the *Praying Church Resource Guide* in my possession.

Yes No I WILL ATTEND Prayer Training; and serve the congregations that that I appointed to serve, including their pastors and prayer leaders.

Yes No I AM a member of a local Church of God congregation in good standing.

Yes No I WILL support and follow the curriculum guide, the philosophy of which is outlined in both the book, *Transforming Your Church into a House of Prayer*; and the *Praying Church Resource Guide*.

Yes No I WILL work with the State Prayer Coordinator in a loyal and faithful manner.

- Yes No I am aware that this is a 30-36 month process; first cycle!
- Yes No I AM a teachable prayer leader!
- Yes No I AM a person who practices prayer; and I want a deeper understanding for myself and a deeper prayer life.
- Yes No I believe that my character and resolve are adequate, by God's grace to be effective as mentor to other prayer leaders.

PERSONAL

What draws you to this service opportunity?

What prayer training have you had that would lend to help others?

How many years have you been a Christian, and how has prayer played a role in your personal relationship with Christ?

Who are the people who have mentored you in prayer?

What are the most significant books on prayer you have read?

Describe one of the most life-changing/inspirational prayer moments you have had personally?

How would you describe your personal/family prayer life?

What is the most important prayer principle you have ever learned?

Describe your experiences with intercessors? Are you an 'intercessor'?

RATING GRID

Rate the following –

- 5, extremely important
- 4, very important
- 3, somewhat important
- 2, uncertain
- 1, not important

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Daily Private Prayer | <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer for the Mayor/City/School Board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scripture Praying | <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer for the City |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Altar | <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer in the City |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Praying in the Spirit | <input type="checkbox"/> The ‘Seven Mountains’ – Church Prayer Groups |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Church-wide Prayer Meeting | <input type="checkbox"/> Lost Loved Ones Prayer [Wailing Wall] |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Groups | <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Prayer (Service Afterglow) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Triplets/Quads | <input type="checkbox"/> Seekers Room |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Training | <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Room/Center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Prayer Gatherings | <input type="checkbox"/> 24/7 Prayer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children’s Prayer Training | <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Chains |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Church-wide Prayer Training | <input type="checkbox"/> Fasting and Prayer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Solemn Assembly | <input type="checkbox"/> Fasting Chains |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate/Concert Prayer | <input type="checkbox"/> New Believers Prayer Groups |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Walks/Missions | <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Accountability Partners |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer for Missionaries | <input type="checkbox"/> Pastoral Prayer Partners |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer for Unreached Peoples | <input type="checkbox"/> Mission Team Prayer Support |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Debriefing Intercessors | <input type="checkbox"/> Support for Church Planters |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teaming Intercessors | <input type="checkbox"/> Mission Giving by Praying |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gatherings of Intercessors | <input type="checkbox"/> Prophetic Prayer & Intercession |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Simultaneous Intercession | <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer and Reconciliation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Praying in the Spirit | <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer for and in the Community |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer and Repentance | <input type="checkbox"/> Flea-Market Prayer/Outreach Prayer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer and Spiritual Growth | <input type="checkbox"/> Crisis Prayer Teams |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gathering of Men to Pray | <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Counseling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fathers and Sons Gathering to Pray | |

PERSONAL INTEREST

My personal/primary interest in the area of prayer is:

Pick the TEN most important, and then rate them – 1 to 10, in terms of their interest to you.

- Encouraging Daily Private Prayer, including Scripture Praying
- Recovering the Family Altar
- Recovering Church-wide Prayer Meeting; and launch Prayer Groups
- Youth and Children’s Prayer Gatherings
- Prayer Walks/Missions

- Prayer for Missionaries and Unreached Peoples/Church Planters
- Intercessory Prayer/Teams/Mobilization
- Gathering of Men/Fathers and Sons to Pray
- Prayer for the City/Prayer in the City/The 'Seven Mountains'
- Church-wide Prayer Training
- Prayer for the Lost
- Prayer for the sick, needs, prayer requests
- Establishing a Prayer Room/Center
- 24/7 Prayer/Fasting and Prayer Chains
- New Believers Prayer Groups
- Prayer Accountability Partners
- Pastoral Prayer Partners
- Developing an Informed Prayer Leadership Team

AFFIRMATION

I WANT TO BE A PRAYER TRAINER/LEARNING TEAM FACILITATOR

Signature _____ Date _____

Recommendation

By State Prayer Coordinator:

Signature _____ Date _____

Approved by the Administrative Bishop:

Signature _____ Date _____

Note: Keep on file and send a copy to International Prayer Coordinator