

PRAYER TEAM TRAINING GUIDE LEVEL 1

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INTRODUCTION

Ministry impact is determined by what transpires in a person's personal time with God. Before we dive into the training curriculum, please know that the most essential concept related to prayer ministry is a person's prayer life. The quality of a person's prayer life directly affects that person's ministry effectiveness.

I. What is Prayer?

- Prayer is a _____ with God for the purpose of getting to know Him.
- Prayer is an _____ of the realization that we need God.
- Prayer is _____ the word of God to accomplish the will of God.

II. Why Pray? 4 Biblical Responses

- **It changes our personal _____.**

"Open his eyes, Lord, that he may see." **2 Kings 6:17** Story of Elisha and Gehazi

Prayer positions us to gain an eternal perspective.

- **It is an _____ for God's power to be released into a hopeless situation.**

"Your kingdom come..." **Matthew 6:10** The Lord's Prayer

Prayer aligns man's condition with God's purpose and plan.

- **It _____ an acute ability to hear God's voice.**

"The friend who attends the bridegroom waits and listens for him and is full of joy when he hears the bridegroom's voice." **John 3:29**

Prayer improves our ability to hear the voice of God.

- **It is the way we come to know God more _____.**

"Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." **Matt. 11:29**

Prayer ushers us into the very presence of God where we can draw closer to Him.

Section 1

Developing Your Personal Prayer Life

I. The Prayer Life of Jesus

A. 2 Prayer Models from the life of Jesus

The Lord's Prayer

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one." **Matthew 6:9-13** (NIV)

For the Lord's Prayer taught by Pastor Steve Robinson go to:

churchoftheking.com/prayer

The ASK approach

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened." **Matthew 7:7-8**

KNOCK	"Faith-Based"	Will of God	The Purposes of God
SEEK	"Relationally-Based"	Who God is/What God will do Plans of God	Character of God
ASK	"Need-Based"	Non-moral attributes	The Nature of God

SECTION 2

Managing the Ministry of Prayer

“The level of power you walk in is dictated by the level of prayer you engage in.”

I. Role

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has **anointed** Me to **preach** good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to **heal** the brokenhearted, to **proclaim** liberty to the captives; and the **opening** of the prison to those who are bound.” **Isaiah 61:1**

4 things we are anointed to do:

- **Preach** – to gladden with “good news.”
- **Heal** – to bind up what is broken.
- **Proclaim** – to call out by speaking into.
- **Open** – to open the eyes wide for understanding.

II. Attitude

“Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, as He already existed in the form of God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but emptied Himself by taking the form of a bond-servant and being born in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death: death on a cross.” **Philippians 2:5-8**

✓ **Unity**

Your _____ toward others determines your influence among others.

✓ **Humility**

God does not honor your _____, as much as he honors your _____.

✓ **Dependency**

Your _____ on God is the key to effective ministry.

III. Preparation

Make Preparation a Priority:

Take time to prepare your heart for what the Lord wants to do in and through you.

- _____ the Scripture.

“For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.” **Hebrews 4:12**

- _____ yourself with worship.

Worship simply means laying prostrate before God. It carries the idea of complete surrender to someone who is supremely sovereign. It conveys the notion of disposition, more than position. It means to honor, pay homage, or to reference someone for who they are.

“God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.” **John 4:24**

“Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.” **Psalms 29:2**

- _____ God in prayer and fasting.

Prayer

Prayer does not prepare you for the work of God. “Prayer is the work of God.” A.W. Tozer.

“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.” **Romans 12:12**

Live a _____ of prayer. Never underestimate the power of God as you pray.

Now when Solomon had finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the Lord filled the house. **2 Chronicles 7:1**

Fasting

“So, I gave my attention to the Lord God, to seek *Him* by prayer and pleading, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes.” **Daniel 9:3**

Fasting helps change your _____ and is useful in preparing yourself for ministry, especially when engaging in spiritual warfare.

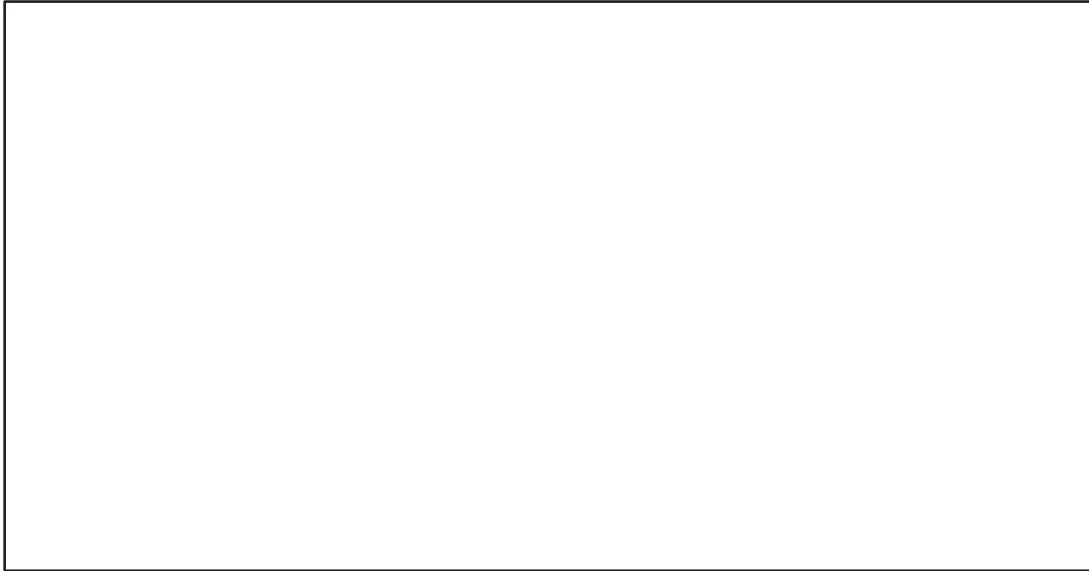
- _____ yourself with Godly people.

“And let us consider how we may spur one another in toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” **Hebrews 10:25-26**

IV. Management

God has entrusted us with the lives of people.

ILLUSTRATION



Instructions

Draw a house inside the square on the right. Inside the house draw a picture of the person you may be praying for. Outside the house draw a picture of you.

Explanation

The house represents a place of safety and security. A house is typically locked, windows shut tight. When an individual comes to the altar, they are inviting you inside their heart to the place of vulnerability that no one else typically sees. We are to create a safe environment to encourage them to open up.

Lessons

⇒ Honor their _____. Never make light of their request or condemn.

- ⇒ Honor their _____. Always ask questions, then manage the expectation.
- ⇒ Honor their _____. Prayers don't have to be everlasting to be eternal. Pray don't counsel.
- ⇒ Honor their _____. Move slightly to the side of a person, close to their shoulder.

We want to bring their request to God and partner with their faith. We don't need all the details, nor do we want to give our opinions. If they persist, gently say, "The Lord knows all the details. Let's pray."

V. Strategy

Before you pray...

On the day of your assignment, please meet the prayer team in your campus' designated area 15 minutes before service for final instructions and team prayer. (LCC is the prayer room located just off of the King's Kids rotunda.)

- Step 1 - begin by asking their _____ and then introduce yourself. Calling someone by name not only shows that you are interested in who they are, but also tells them that they are important.
- Step 2 – then, ask them a question to _____ why they have come for prayer:

How can I pray for you?
What is God saying to you?
What is it that caused you to ask for prayer?

- Step 3 – finally,
For laying hands on them, ask them if you can lay your hand on their shoulder. If they respond "No," please honor their request.
For healing, ask them if you could anoint them with oil. If they respond "No," please honor their request.
For freedom or a deep emotional need, ask them if you can pray in your prayer language. If they say "No," again honor their request.

As you pray...

- When you pray, _____ the Holy Spirit at what He is already doing in the person you're praying for. Follow His direction as you pray.
- Pray the _____. There is no more powerful prayer than praying God's Word. You can have great faith knowing you're in agreement with Him.

“This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. ¹⁵ And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.” **1 John 5:14-15**

- Don't get stuck in repetitions. Pray from your _____. “And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words.” **Matthew 6:7**
- Pray _____ prayers. Don't focus on the need. Focus on the need meter. Point people to Jesus not to your prayer. Man-centered prayer vs. God-centered prayer.
- Take the _____ off of yourself and put it on God. He can handle it. “And looking at *them*, Jesus said to them, “With people this is **impossible**, but with God all things are possible.” **Matthew 19:26**
- Enjoy the _____. There is nothing more exciting than a transformed life. “Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth.” **1 Cor. 1:26**
- Be _____ to the situation. For many people, this is an intimidating, unfamiliar, and even scary experience. Engaging in conversation and prayer with you may be very difficult for them. So, meet them where they are, and be kind. Treat them with love and be willing to change your format to fit the flow of the Holy Spirit. In short: Ask God to allow you to see them as He sees them.
- It is easy to become so focused on a _____ that you forget you are dealing with a real person. The people matter, minister to each one individually.

When you are finished praying...

- Make sure they are OK. Ask them how they feel or if there is anything else they need. Also, if they are open to a follow up ask them for their contact information so that you can follow up with them in the next week.
- Provide any resources that may help them.
 1. For emotional, marital/parental, spiritual challenges have them call the main church office at: [985-727-7017](tel:985-727-7017) or go to the church website @churchoftheking.com/care to fill out a biblical care request form.
 2. For financial needs send them to churchoftheking.com/care to fill out a financial request form.
 3. For deep spiritual needs, call the church office to set up an appointment for personal ministry.

Wrapping Up...

Does prayer really make a difference?

The point of contact between human need and divine provision is prayer. It ushers in the power of God to accomplish the will of God by realigning earthly circumstances to what He has already established in heaven. Prayer not only moves mountains, it moves God. Prayer is the one thing that God has established to make contact with Him. It is the mechanism He has decreed that is absolutely necessary to release what He intends. Most of us speak in terms of waiting on God, but is God waiting on us? Never forget, "Every prayer makes a difference."