



Life Church

Prayer

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Mission

At Life Church our mission is to teach people:

- to enjoy knowing Jesus without fear, inadequacy, guilt, or shame,
- to follow him together as his family,
- to function together as his body,
- and to work together to expand his kingdom and glorify him.

Preparing To Pray

Gather in circles of 5 - 6 so that it doesn't take too long for you to share prayer requests. Go around the circle and introduce yourselves. Review these prayer-related Bible passages:

Matthew 6:5-15 (The Lord's Prayer)

- Don't pray for show.
- Pray simply (avoid fancy, or extra words).
- Pray for God's Kingdom to come and his will to be done.
- Forgive others

Mark 11:20-26

- Believe you receive.
- Forgive others.

1 Timothy 2:1-4

- Pray for leaders and people in authority.
- Pray for conditions that will make it easier to share the good news.

1 John 5:1-15

- Put your faith in Jesus.
- Pray according to God's will (among other things, this means you need to pray biblically).

Listening To God

Take 5 minutes or so to quietly listen to God. Expect him to speak. Write down what he says.

Praying For Personal Needs

Take some time to pray for personal needs within the group. Give everyone in the group a chance to share a request and then go around the circle with each person praying for the requests of the person on his/her right. Potential prayer targets:

- Your individual needs
- Family members and Friends
- Coworkers, Schoolmates, Ministry Colleagues
- Unsaved people in your sphere of influence

Local Needs

Pick 1 - 3 local needs (depending on the available time) and pray for them as a group for about 5 minutes. When you are done, move on to regional needs. Potential prayer targets:

- Neighborhood
- Life Church, Other Churches, Ministries
- City / County government: Mayor, City Council, Local Agencies
- Police, fire fighters
- Hospitals, public-service agencies

Regional Needs

- Governor, state legislature, judges, agencies
- Police
- The Poor

National Needs

Pick 1 - 3 national needs (depending on the available time) and pray for them as a group for about 5 minutes. When you are done, move on to world needs. Potential prayer targets:

- President & Federal agencies, Congress, Judiciary, Military
- Economy, The Poor

World Needs

Pick 1 - 3 world needs (depending on the available time) and pray for them as a group for about 5 minutes. When you are done, rotate back to local needs. Potential prayer targets:

- Other countries
- United Nations
- War zones
- Famines, Plagues, Climate Change

The Good News (i.e. the Gospel)

- God exists, he loves us, and he is faithful!
Genesis 1 - 2; Exodus 3:13-15; John 3:16; Hebrews 10:19-23
- He is establishing his government (kingdom) throughout the world; it's a family and he wants to adopt us into it!
Ephesians 1:3-10, 3:14-15; Hebrews 2:10-15; Revelation 22:1-5
- Membership is on his terms.
Romans 10:1-4
- His terms are: follow Jesus!
Matthew 4:18-22; Matthew 17:1-8; Luke 9:23-25; John 6:25-29; John 10:22-30