

Developing Your

Prayer Teams

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Goals:

1. Assess your personal traits that could keep you from successfully using prayer teams
2. Make plans for creating two levels of prayer teams
3. Develop a prayer team communication plan

Warning!

Personality types that start churches—check any that are temptations for you

- Do not maintain a personal relationship with God; (*Ed Stetzer*)
- May not see the need for having prayer partners
- Can do it without God. (*Francis Chan*)
- “I can teach an atheist how to successfully start a church.” (*Phil Claycomb*)
- Do not commit the time to manage personal prayer teams

Three Levels of Prayer Teams

1. *Enlist the* _____
 - Invite everyone you know and don't know.
 - Pass around a sign-up sheet at any church or organization you visit.
 - Invite everyone you know in any way you can: relatives, friends (real and Facebook), etc.
 - On your website, make a way for people to join your prayer team.
 - Give them good information about the work – e.g. “*Pray for Terence, who is considering who Jesus is.*”
 1. Quick email updates 4 times a year
 2. General newsletters 3 times a year
 3. End of Year ask to invite to participate financiall

2. **Recruit a** _____

- 2 to 4 people
- Choose people with whom you can be transparent. This often takes time to develop, so choose people whom you trust have your good at heart.
 - With whom have you had good, long-standing relationship?
 - Who do you respect as a person of prayer, wisdom, insight, devotion?
- Schedule your time
 - Text message weekly
 - Phone calls monthly
 - Visit yearly

3. **Make God Almighty your #1 prayer team member**

- Develop a talking/listening relationship with our Father that becomes automatic, an involuntary reflex of your life. The following are some prayers and some thoughts about what and how to pray:
 - Luke 11.2b-4 – *Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.*
 - Luke 10.2 – *The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest.*
 - Ephesians 6.18-20 – *With every prayer and petition, pray at all times in the Spirit, and to this end be alert, with all perseverance and requests for all the saints. Pray for me also, that I may be given the message when I begin to speak – that I may confidently make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may be able to speak boldly as I ought to speak.*
 - Romans 8.26-27 – *the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how we should pray, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with inexpressible groanings. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes on behalf of the saints according to God's will.*
 - 1 Timothy 2.1-6 – *First of all, then, I urge that requests, prayers, intercessions, and thanks be offered on behalf of all people, even for kings and all who are in authority, that may lead a peaceful and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. Such prayer for all is good and welcomed before God our Savior, since he wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one intermediary between God and humanity, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself as a ransom for all, revealing God's purpose at his appointed time.*

Suggested reading:

William Willimon and Stanley Hauerwas. *Lord, Teach Us: The Lord's Prayer and the Christian Life*

Jim Cymbala, *Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire*

Richard Foster, *Prayer: Finding the Heart's True Home*

PRAYER TEAM WORKSHEET



What if 1,000+ people were regularly pleading with God Almighty on behalf of his lost people and we who are reaching out to them? Introduce people to kairosprayer.org. Ask people to join together in this concert of prayer, ten minutes twice a month for lost people and new churches through short prayer taps. We'll ask you to write a prayer tap from time to time.

1. Go to KAIROSPRAYER.ORG and sign up for the prayer movement
2. Consider
 1. How did/does it feel to be prayed over at Discovery Lab, in coaching sessions, via email/phone or in person by people who care about you?
 2. What idea from one of the Bible passages above gets your attention?

3. Your Intimate Prayer Team

- How many people do you want on your Intimate Prayer Team? _____
- Make a list of the top 6 people you want to ask to be on your intimate prayer team

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

- Talk with 2 of these people tonight (call until you get 2 conversations). Put their names here:

1. _____

2. _____

Your "Multitude" Prayer Team

- What is your plan to gather contacts and how will you create a usable database for the large prayer/communication group?

- Create your plan for communicating with your prayer teams using the accompanying Prayer Team Communication Plan worksheet

Prayer Team Communication Plan

Prayer Teams	Suggested Communication	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Multitude	Newsletter												
	Facebook												
	Blog												
	Twitter												
	Email												
Intimate	Text												
	Email												
	Calls												
	Visits												

Instructions: Complete this plan by identifying what communication type you want to use for each level of prayer team and when you want to send out your communication throughout the year. Place an X in the cell for each month that you will use to construct a plan that you think will be doable and useful for you.

Note: You do not have to use all of the suggested communication forms. What you do want to do is to try out combinations until you settle on what works best for you and the people who will be praying for you.