

Worksheet - Starting a Prayer Ministry in Your Church

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1. Prayer ministry is birthed by the (ministry) of (prayer). All (ministry) is birthed by prayer. Luke 10:2. Pray for God to show you what He wants you to do.
2. The role of a prayer coordinator is to work with the church (leadership) and the (congregation) to encourage and (mobilize) prayer in the body of Christ.
3. The goal for prayer is to (saturate) every aspect of individual and corporate life of the church. God's Word teaches that nothing will happen apart from (Prayer).

Isaiah 56:7 "My house is called a house of prayer."

John 14:12-14, Acts 2

4. Three types of praying churches:

- A. (Prayer-lite) Recognizes the importance of prayer to its ministry but has not developed prayer in any strategic way. It opens meetings with prayer service and with prayer.
- B. (Prayer Ministry) church: Recognizes prayer is important. Wants to see things prayed for and wants to provide passionate intercessors with a place to plug in. Prayer is a separate ministry of the church like youth or music. A prayer leader may be in place. The burden to pray falls on this person or a few who enjoy prayer.
- C. (House of Prayer): Believes nothing lasting happens without a relationship with God and through prayer. Leadership plans for and is involved in the prayer life of the church. The people believe that they must spend time with God each day in order to be empowered by the Holy Spirit. Prayer permeates every aspect of church life. Every Ministry is prayed for and prayer is a significant part of each ministry. Opportunities are provided for everyone to be involved in prayer. The church body moves into a deeper relationship with Christ.

5. Evaluate the status of prayers and prayer in your church.

My church is (which of the above)?

6. Determine some strategies that will help to mobilize your church to pray.

The most important strategy is to ask for the (vision/mission) and (goals) of my church/conference and (unite) my prayers and plan with this mission.

7. It is important to provide prayer (experiences) for the people.
8. It is necessary to continually (access/evaluate) and (maintain/adjust) your prayer ministry and how it impacts the ministries /mission of your church.
9. It is important to develop both Short term and long term goals for prayer ministry.

My short term goals can happen in the next few weeks and months (or even sooner). What can I do now that will make a difference for my congregation?

They are:

- A. _____
- B. _____
- C. _____

My long term goals will happen over the next few months, year or even years. It is a process to develop a prayer culture that will create a House of Prayer for my Church. It may be slow and it may take two to five years.

Some of these goals are:

- A. Pray persistently for success. _____
- B. _____
- C. _____

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