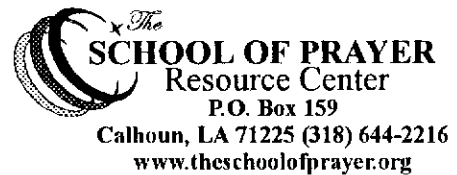


SUGGESTIONS ON BUILDING A PRAYER MINISTRY: PRAYER ACTIVITIES



(Obviously one congregation can't do all of these; choose some that fit your group well. NOTE: Many of these ideas work better if they have a time limit - after several months, shift to another idea.)

1. Have weekly Prayer Meetings in homes.
2. Meet early before services to pray for the preacher, visitors, the service, etc.
3. Have "Prayer Walks" by getting members to pray for the community - silently or softly - as they walk in groups or alone around the community, schools, businesses, government offices, etc.
4. Have "Prayer Drives" - similar to above - as people drive the streets of the community and pray.
5. Let members volunteer as "Prayer Missionaries" - intercessors who'll "stand with" a particular foreign missionary in prayer every day. Have someone do research on that missionary and his family, his assignment, etc.
6. Have volunteers become "Preacher's Prayer Support Team" - people who'll pray for him daily, and pray even as he teaches, conducts Bible studies and preaches. (You can also do the same for Bible Class teachers.)
7. Develop a "Rescue Squad" - a group that will pray daily for all the names of lost people turned in by the congregation.
8. Set up a program of "Adoption Prayer" - members adopt certain people or groups and pray for them. Suggestions: "Adopt-a-Cop", "Adopt-a-Teacher", "Adopt-a-Public Servant", "Adopt-a-School", etc.
9. Design a program of "Prayer Triplets" - three members of the congregation agree to pray for each other daily for the next 3 months. They can pray together or apart, share information or not, but they agree to pray daily for each other and their families.
10. Develop "Lighthouses of Prayer" - from two to six Christians meet together weekly to pray for their neighborhood. They can meet at lunch, in homes, at work, at school after dropping-off their children, etc.
11. Design a "Prayer Chain" - an organized list of all members who'll volunteer to pray in emergency or urgent situations. (Note: if the prayer chain isn't used it will fall apart; don't just use it for emergencies, but also for important requests that come up when the church isn't assembled.)
12. Set up a "Prayer Wall" and other places in the building where requests, answers, missions, etc. can be displayed visually - where members can stand and pray as motivated. Also, a "Prayer Room" can be designed where members can pray privately (See the hand-out on prayer rooms.)
13. Develop a "Prayer Covering" over your town - have volunteers pray for every name in the phone book, then send cards to each prayed-for person inviting them to send in specific requests.
14. Help families develop a "Prayer Station" in their homes. Give each family a poster, banner, or some other visual to hang at home, signifying a place for family prayer.