

Prayer Meeting Guidelines

Abiding Principles

Those who attend our meetings come from many different denominations. For this reason, we have the following principles by which we ask all who participate with us to abide:

- Profess the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to 1 Corinthians 15.
- Avoid all controversial subjects regarding Christian doctrine.
- Avoid discussion of various non-Christian religious beliefs.
- Maintain a spirit of love and harmony as we lift up the name of Jesus and pray.

United Prayer

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**Remember that the moment two or more of us unite in prayer,
we become a symphony. As such:**

- We blend together in unity respecting the fact that we represent all of Christ's Body.
- We realize that, like a symphony with its different instruments, there are a wide variety of traditions when it comes to prayer.
- We commit ourselves to accepting one another as we are, while disciplining ourselves to use wisdom and caution if we think anything we might do would offend a brother or sister.

Please Note: WPI requests that those who have a prayer language use it silently. When praying aloud, please pray so that everyone can understand the words and be in agreement with the prayers spoken – praying as one voice. (Romans 14:19)

"ACTS" Pattern of Prayer

- **Adoration and Praise: Praising God for who He is – Almighty, Holy, Good, Loving, and the God of the Universe – All Powerful, All Knowing, All Sufficient.**

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!”

Revelation 5:12

- **Confession and Cleansing: Agreeing with God about sin in my life. (Confessed, forsaken, forgiven, forgotten)**

"Search me O God, and know my heart. Try me, and know my anxieties; and see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." Psalm 139:23-24

- **Thanksgiving: Thanking God for what He has done, is doing, and what He is going to do.**

"Giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." Ephesians 5:20

- **Supplication: Presenting our requests to the Father.**

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God." Philippians 4:6

Six S's of Prayer

(Evelyn Christenson)

- Subject by Subject: Allows each person to pray until the Holy Spirit has covered the subject
- Short Prayers: Allows time for each person to pray as led for each subject
- Simple Prayers: Sentence prayers
- Specific Prayers: Specific prayers receive specific answers
- Silent Prayers: Silence is golden as we are guided by His thoughts
- Small Groups

**“GOD'S DESIRE IS FOR US TO BE LED BY HIS SPIRIT
AS WE UNITE OUR HEARTS WITH HIS.”**

Guidelines for Each Prayer Meeting

What a delight it is to have women from Catholic and Protestant churches – charismatic and non-charismatic congregations throughout the WPI prayer groups. We are women in the Lord seeking God in a spirit of unity and harmony in all things. By agreeing with and honoring our Statement of Faith and our Prayer Meeting Principles set forth by WPI, this unity will flow with such ease. Please remember, if you have a prayer language, we ask that you use it silently, but please pray audibly what God places on your heart so that everyone may understand and pray along with you in one accord. We are so thankful to our Lord for these guidelines that keep His sweet Holy Spirit flowing through our prayers.

The Holy Spirit is our honored guest at each meeting and will be our Ultimate Guide. We will pray **subject-by-subject** following the topics on the WPI Prayer Focus sheets as our Prayer Guide leads. Our **eight main prayer topics** will remain the same every time we meet. These eight topics are so broad that ANY PRAYER you have for the city or nation will fit under one of them.

We want to keep our prayers **short and simple** so that each member has equal opportunity to pray on the current subject.

When we ask for specific things, God gives us specific answers. **Specific prayers** will also stir up the Holy Spirit in each participant to reveal specifically what He wants her to pray. Therefore, after a member has prayed a specific prayer, she will want to let another member pray as the Holy Spirit is leading her.

Silent prayers are just as effective as spoken ones. If you have never prayed aloud, please know that we know that your heart is with us in our spoken prayers. Silence is golden; however, we must remember simple words from our hearts touch the heart of God.

Small groups of ten or less are most effective. If your group averages over ten women attending for more than two months, please ask God for another Hostess and Guide in order to form another group.