



*"From the Neighborhoods to the Nations and From the Workplace to the World -
Transforming Our Cities for Christ through United Prayer"*

Dear Potential WPI PrayerLeader,

Re: Starting a WPI Neighborhood Lighthouse of Prayer,

Praise God for you and your interest to serve Him in WPI as a Prayer Guide and/or Prayer Hostess in your neighborhood; and most especially praise Him for your heart to see Jesus' prayer in John 17:20-23 fulfilled before He comes again - *that we may be one so that the world will know Him*. The WPI groups come together once a month in neighborhoods or workplaces for "kingdom praying" across denominations, cultures and generations - Protestant and Catholic, charismatic and non-charismatic. God has used our guidelines to keep women focused on the prayer topics, praying in one accord, and thus developing sisterhood relationships - **to Him be the glory!**

After you prayerfully review this Leadership Package (5 documents), please complete the leadership application and return it to us. We are requesting a suggested donation of \$10.00 for the Prayer Kit, which will be mailed to you upon receipt of your application. If you are local, you may pick it up at our office. We believe that the material in this application package along with the material in the Prayer Member Handbook will guide you in your responsibilities as a Prayer Guide or Prayer Hostess. *When you receive the Prayer Kit, please prayerfully read the Prayer Member Handbook.* When you distribute a handbook to each woman in your group, please encourage them to also prayerfully read it. If you do not have someone to partner with now, you may choose to guide and hostess a group yourself, while we "pray her in."

The Prayer Kit Includes:

- Prayer Member Handbooks (10)
- Steps to Peace with God (10) An evangelical tract written by Billy Graham (inserted in each handbook).
- Current Prayer Focus (10) Written twice a year by our President for January – June and July – December.
- Prayer Group Roster form (2) Keeping a record of your ladies. This form can also be emailed to you upon request. We ask that you send the Roster twice per year by scanning and emailing or mailing it around January and June.
- Brochures with Invite form (20) - for both Prayer Guide and Prayer Hostess to invite women.

We pray you will be inviting women in your neighborhood from various Christian churches with diverse prayer styles. If you readily embrace and apply the information you will be receiving, your group will be viable, ongoing and will remain committed to pray for the transformation of your city and nation for Christ. The WPI website will help to further familiarize you with our ministry. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us. *Our prayers are with you for God to use you as a vessel to unite His body through united prayer - unto His glory!* Our hope is that you will soon be led to complete, sign, and return the application!

Your sister in Christ,

Joan Courtney, CEO

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WPI LEADERSHIP PRINCIPLES

The WPI Leader:

- has a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and can communicate her salvation experience and her walk with Christ to others
- is an active member of a local church that professes the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- understands that her everyday lifestyle and demeanor represent Christ, her church and WPI.
- commits to pray regularly for her city and nation, the ministry of WPI, and the ladies in her group.
- agrees with the **WPI Statement of Faith, Mission and Vision**. (*See pg. 3*)
- follows her Leadership Responsibilities specific to her position when praying with the Lighthouse prayer group.
- maintains regular communication with WPI leadership and those she leads.
- is loyal and supportive of WPI leaders and seeks counsel from them when necessary.
- commits to serving in WPI leadership for a minimum of one year. Prayer meetings are one hour in length, held monthly or weekly, as determined by the Prayer Guide and Prayer Hostess.
- understands she is to make her family and church commitments a priority, but will honor her time commitment as a leader of WPI when scheduling other activities.
- follows WPI principles and will inspire others in WPI to do so.
- is faithful to assure that those under her leadership receive WPI material or announcements in a timely manner.
- reads and regularly reviews the WPI material specific to her position.
- understands that the unauthorized use of the name, Women's Prayer International, or logo is prohibited.
- makes a priority to attend when possible, the WPI events held in San Antonio, Texas: The WPI Celebration Dinner (*annual fundraising event*) in the fall. When offered, the Praise and Prayer Brunch, Call to Prayer and a Leadership Conference, (*the conference is designed for all current and potential leadership in the San Antonio area and beyond*).



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Statement of Faith

As women united in Christ we believe that:

- There is one Eternal God existing in the Trinity of three persons as shown from Genesis to Revelation – “God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.”
- The Bible is God's infallible, irrefutable Word.
- The sacred union of marriage is between one man and one woman.
- Life begins at conception.
- God created the heavens and the earth by the power of His spoken Word.
- Jesus Christ is God who became flesh through a Holy Spirit conception and virgin birth.
- Man is sinful and cannot save himself from eternal separation from God.
- Jesus Christ's death on the cross is the only provision for man's sin.
- Salvation is through faith in Jesus Christ by individually repenting of sin and receiving Him into one's life as Savior and Lord.
- Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church, His Body, which is composed of all men and women, living and dead who have been joined to Him through saving faith.
- Jesus died, was buried, arose from the grave, walked among men, ascended into heaven, and indwells every Believer.
- Jesus is one day returning for His Bride, the Church, to consummate God's eternal plan for mankind.

Mission Statement

“We, as co-laborers in the body of Christ, commit ourselves to be used of God to redeem a lost world unto Himself as we unite with one heart to pray across denominations, races and cultures, not forsaking our own assembly.”

“By the Spirit of Christ, we will persevere and trust God for the increase of passionate intercessors and the coming end-time harvest of souls.”

Vision Statement

Sisters in the Lord across the nations united in prayer in *their* in their neighborhoods and places of work, with a holy desperation for Jesus' prayer in John 17:20-23 to be fulfilled for their city and nation in our lifetime.

*“I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they may also be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me. **John 17:20-23**”*



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Qualities of a WPI Neighborhood Prayer Guide

A woman who:

- lives a life of purity, humility and integrity before God and man.
- is a sweet-spirited person who will gently keep the prayer meeting within WPI guidelines.
- has a servant's heart for prayer and is dependent on the Holy Spirit as she guides the women in prayer.
- understands and embraces the need to maintain communication with her Prayer Hostess, the Prayer Members in her group, and those at the WPI headquarters.

Responsibilities of a WPI Neighborhood Prayer Guide

- Pray! Pray! Pray! Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you.
- Be punctual so the meeting may start and end on time.
- Familiarize yourself periodically with the Prayer Member Handbook.
- Begin the prayer time 10 minutes after the scheduled meeting time with reading a short praise Bible scripture passage focusing on God's goodness and glory.
- Utilizing the A.C.T.S. Pattern of Prayer - **A**doration, **C**onfession, **T**hanksgiving, **S**upplication (requests), pray for the first topic and proceed with the eight Prayer Focus topics on the Prayer Focus sheets and the Holy Spirit leads you. A current Prayer Focus will be emailed to you bi- annually.
- Before the end of the hour, conclude the Prayer Focus topics by saying a brief prayer on the remaining topics for which you have not prayed.
- Allow the last 10 minutes for personal prayer at the end of focused prayer topics. Simply pray for a personal need for yourself, a family member or a friend.
- Be timely in closing the meeting with a prayer praising God for this time and thanking Him for the women. Remind the women about the next meeting date and encourage them to invite others.
- Collect any love gifts and thank them for giving. Please mail the offering to Women's Prayer International the first week of each month. Envelopes are included in your Prayer Kit. A yearend tax receipt will be given.



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Qualities of a WPI Neighborhood Prayer Hostess

A woman who:

- lives a life of purity, humility and integrity before God and man.
- is a gentle and tactful person who will help the Guide to keep the Prayer Meeting within WPI guidelines.
- understands and embraces the need to maintain communication with her Prayer Guide, the Prayer Members in her group, and the WPI headquarters.

Responsibilities of a WPI Neighborhood Prayer Hostess

- Pray! Pray! Pray! To set the atmosphere for your prayer members
- Familiarize yourself periodically with the Prayer Member Handbook
- Use the Prayer Member Roster to keep track of the women who attend each meeting
- Ensure your prayer gathering is free of distractions and noises (i.e. pets, radios, telephones, answering machines and cell phones)
- Place a basket on a table for women to have the opportunity to give to financially support us
- Lovingly encourage prayer members to sow into the ministry each month
- Have water available and/or coffee. Keep refreshments light if you desire to have them available.
- Make reminder calls to the women.
- Maintain additional copies of the Prayer Member Handbooks and the current WPI Prayer Focus to have on hand for each meeting.

**Thank you for partnering with the Guide to greet the women, start the meeting on time,
help keep the meeting focused on praying in one accord.**



Neighborhood Leadership Application

[Please Print]

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____
Street Apt.# City **NW, NC, NE, SW, SC, SE** State Zip Country
(Circle one)

E-Mail address _____ Fax No. _____

Phone (W) _____ ext. _____ (C) _____ (H) _____

Occupation _____ Employer _____ Part Time_ Full Time__

Marital Status: Single___ Married___ Years of Marriage _____ Divorced___ Widowed ___

Birth date _____ If married, spouse's name _____
Month, day

Briefly describe when you received Jesus as your Savior (Use back if more room is needed)

Name and denomination of church you attend _____

Are you a member _____ How long? _____ Pastor's Name _____

Church email address _____

In what areas of leadership are you currently serving or have served in your church or community?

Organizations you are currently or have previously been involved with. (volunteer groups, community organizations, Bible studies, etc.) _____

Are you interested in (circle one): guiding a group hosting a group both?

I, the undersigned, give my authorization to WPI to verify the information on this form. I have read the information and will uphold Women's Prayer International's Leadership Guidelines.

Signature _____ Date _____