



Webinar Leader's Guide



Prayer

Question: How do we model a lifestyle of prayer for believers?

CREATE ON-RAMPS: Normalize prayer by creating natural on-ramps, so others can participate in prayer with you. Pray in a manner that is natural, and use words that are inviting, not intimidating, to a new believer so they will be encouraged to pray also.

MODEL: Bring others into a greater level of spiritual maturity by modeling for them how to pray, as Jesus modeled for His disciples and Moses modeled his prayer life to Joshua when he talked with God in Exodus 33:11.

HOW DO WE PRAY? When the disciples asked Jesus how to pray, He gave examples and then prayed the Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6:5–15. Develop a prayer rhythm from the templates we see in Scripture, and then let the Spirit guide you as you speak to God in your own words from your heart. As we learn to pray, we develop stronger “muscles” to deepen our prayer life.

WHY DO WE PRAY? We talk to those we love. Praying is to every believer what breathing is to our physical bodies. No one can do it for you. You can't delegate prayer. We all must talk and listen to God for ourselves.

Question: How do we incorporate prayer in the various ministries and age levels of the church?

PRAY SCRIPTURE: Pray Scriptures and the promises of God. The prayer Samuel spoke in 1 Samuel 3:7–11 is an example of using Scripture to guide our prayers: “Speak, your servant is listening.” Kids and adults can remember this prayer as a way into the presence of God.

THE THEOLOGY OF PRAYER: Don't approach prayer as a Santa Claus wish list, where you stop praying if the prayer isn't answered. Rather, teach a biblical theology that prayer is a conversation with God. We leave the results to the Lord and trust in His timing for the answers.

WHERE DO WE FIND THE TIME TO PRAY? Honor God first. We not only give God the title of our money, but also the title of our time. Times of prayer woven throughout our day fuel powerful times with the Holy Spirit.



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PRAYER GOLDEN NUGGETS

1. Journal your prayer trajectory and see His faithfulness over the years.
2. Meditate on Scripture and listen to what the Lord says.
3. Use a liturgy style prayer, intertwined with Spirit-led personal prayer.
4. Develop a discipline to be intentional about praying in the Spirit every day.
5. Have integrity and pray if you say you will.
6. Look at church history and learn how others have modeled prayer.

Discussion Questions

Take a few minutes to continue this conversation with your team

1. Moses modeled prayer for Joshua in Exodus 33:11. Who is the Joshua in our life that we can on-ramp and model prayer to?
2. Prayer helps to position and align our mission and purpose with *Missio Dei*, God's mission. Do we invest the time needed in prayer to discover our role in God's mission and what He is doing redemptively in the world today?
3. What are some practical things we can implement in our daily life to renew our passion and love for God and rejuvenate our prayer life?

Resource Highlights

- *Leveling the Praying Field* by Donna Barrett — MyHealthyChurch.com
- *Second Chronicles Seven: Fourteen, A 28-Day Journey in Prayer* by Jim Bradford — MyHealthyChurch.com
- *The Spirit Helps Us Pray* by R. Brandt & Z. Bicket — MyHealthyChurch.com
- Prayer Zone Partners - AG Youth Ministries — Youth.ag.org (*search* Prayer Zone Partners)
- AG World Prayer Center — <https://news.ag.org/News/AG-World-Prayer-Center-Welcomes-Early-Guests>
- Bible Engagement Project — BibleEngagementProject.com
- Radiant Life (Sunday School Curriculum) — RadiantLifeCurriculum.com
- Girls Ministries — NGM.ag.org
- Royal Rangers — RoyalRangers.com