

Partnering in Prayer

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“Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my father in heaven.”

Matt. 18:19

1. WHY IS PRAYER PARTNERING SO IMPORTANT?

- God asks us to pray for each other (Eph. 6:18).
- Praying with others enriches our personal prayer life.
- Prayer partnering fills people’s deep hunger to have others caring and praying for them.
- Prayer partnering helps us appreciate the meaning of Christian community.
- Prayer partnering assists us in being accountable to at least one other person.
- Prayer partnering puts us on track with God.
- Prayer partnering puts God’s power to work in our lives and in the church.

2. GUIDELINES FOR PRAYER PARTNERING:

- Decide how often you will meet.
- Withhold judgment regarding anything said.
- Resist the temptation to become a counselor; your partner’s problems are not yours to solve.
- Maintain confidentiality.
- Try to spend most of your time together praying, not talking about what to pray about.
- Keep a record of answered prayer.
- Claim Scripture promises as you pray.
- Keep prayer times conversational; pray in short sentences or paragraphs.
- View pauses or silence as a normal and positive aspect of your time together.

3. WORK THROUGH THE BARRIERS OF PRAYER PARTNERING!

- **Time.** We make time for what is important to us. Prayer is a paradox that takes time and frees time.
- **Risk.** Most people are afraid of being vulnerable or misunderstood. What may seem initially intimidating can be a benefit.
- **Previous bad experience.** One bad experience doesn’t have to lead to another. Try again with a new partner.

- **Feelings** (*inadequacy, uncertainty, doubt, etc.*). For most people, these feelings are normal when attempting something new. Honestly acknowledge your feelings and pray about them.

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.”

Eph. 6:18

4. What do prayer partners pray about?!

- Praise and thanksgiving
- Family concerns (spouse, children, in-law issues)
- Mutual friends
- Work pressures
- Church matters
- Personal requests (temptation areas, new ministry opportunities, future dreams, etc.)
- Individual and corporate church revival
- Outpouring of the holy spirit
- Non-attending members
- Your community
- National leaders
- Your pastor and church leaders
- Prayer partner ministry
- Students, teachers, schools

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