Prayer Team

Training Guide

Calvary Church

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THE POWER OF PRAYER

James 5:16

The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

A righteous person does not mean a perfect person.

Righteousness means being in a right relationship with God.

A righteous person is someone who:

- Seeks God **sincerely**
- Repents when they fall short
- Desires to **obey God**
- Walks in faith and humility
- Lives with **integrity**

Many people feel:

- I'm not spiritual enough to pray
- God won't hear me
- I mess up too much

Prayer's power does not come from human perfection. It comes from God responding to faith-filled people who pursue Him.

OUR CONFIDENCE
COMES THROUGH CHRIST

Hebrews 4:16

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find gace to help in time of need.

- **We don't have to be perfect:** Our confidence comes from what Jesus has done, not what we have done.
- **We can approach God boldly:** Through Jesus, we have access to God's presence.
- **We can pray with confidence:** God welcomes us because of His grace, not because of our performance.

"Our confidence in prayer is not based on how good we are, but on how good Jesus is."

3 KEYS
POWER OF PRAYER

1) Prayer Connects Us To God's Strength

Prayer reminds us we don't have to carry life alone. God gives peace, wisdom, and strength when we come to Him.

2) Prayer Changes Hearts & Minds

Prayer brings healing, direction, miracles, and breakthrough.
God still moves when His people pray.

3) Prayer Builds Faith & Trust

Prayer teaches us to trust God's timing and believe He is working behind the scenes.

Prayer connects our weakness to God's strength.

OUR PRAYER CULTURE

Start with WHY

Prayer is more than volunteering; it's ministry that creates opportunities for hurting people to encounter God through a simple prayer that can change their lives forever.

Colossians 4:2

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

5 Keys to a healthy tone

- Be warm and approachable
- Listen before speaking
- Keep prayer faith-filled and encouraging
- Protect confidentiality
- Avoid counseling people during this time

PRACTICAL TIPS

- **Be prepared:** Before praying with others make sure you have spent time in prayer.
- **Be welcoming:** Make people feel comfortable coming forward for prayer.
- **Be compassionate:** Stay calm and encouraging when someone becomes emotional.
- **Be respectful:** Always ask permission before physical contact.
- **Be aware:** Occasionally open your eyes to ensure there are not people waiting for prayer.
- **Be intentional:** Keep prayers faith-filled, and focused.
- **Be discerning:** Know when to involve a pastor for serious situations, including self-harm, abuse, etc. Confidentiality is important, but safety comes first. Immediately notify a pastor when someone may be in danger.
- **Be supportive:** Let them know you are going to continually be praying for them.

SIMPLE PRAYER MODEL

LISTEN → ENCOURAGE → PRAY → FOLLOW UP

LISTEN

ASK, "HOW CAN I PRAY FOR YOU?" and listen with compassion.

ENCOURAGE

Share hope and encouragement through Scripture and Biblical truth.

PRAY

Pray simply, specifically, and with faith.

FOLLOW UP

Ask them how they are doing the next time you see them.

Scheduling & Communication:

- **Planning Center:** Used for scheduling and service assignments.
- **Slack:** Our primary tool for team communication.
- **Monthly Scheduling:** We schedule one month at a time and will request your unavailable dates a few weeks in advance.
- **Confirm Your Schedule:** You will receive a scheduling email. Please **ACCEPT** or **DECLINE** each request.
- **Plans Change:** We understand things come up! Just communicate with us as soon as possible if you can no longer serve.

Service Expectations:

- **Attend the service:** Be present and engaged in the service you will be praying in.
- **Listen to the message:** Often, the sermon will reflect what people come forward for prayer about.
- **Be presentable:** Dress neatly, wear clean and ironed clothes, practice good hygiene, and use a breath mint.
- **When to come forward:** Move into position once the speaker asks everyone to stand.
- **Where to stand:** Prayer Team members currently stand to the right of the stage in the doorway.

THE GREAT GREAT COMMISSION

Matthew 28:19 Go and make disciples to all nations.

As a Prayer Team, we have the opportunity to be part of that mission every time we pray with someone.

Purpose:

- We're not just praying for people. We're pointing people to Jesus.
- You never know what someone is walking through when they come forward for prayer. Your willingness to listen, encourage, and pray could be the very moment God uses to change their life.

Faith and Confidence:

- Don't be afraid to pray with faith, believe for miracles, and trust God to do what only He can do.
- Pray bold prayers because you serve a bold God!

Thank you for being willing to serve. I believe God is going to use you to make an eternal difference in the lives of others.

Every prayer is an opportunity to point someone to Jesus.

THE BIG 5

- **Love people well:** People remember how they felt more than the exact prayer.
- **Keep it simple:** Simple, sincere prayer is powerful.
- **Protect unity and confidentiality:** Trust is so important.
- **Rely on the Holy Spirit:** Trust Him to be the difference maker.
- **Be compassionate:** Meet people where they are with grace, empathy, and understanding.

Never underestimate what God can do through prayer.