

Prayer Ideas

Below is a list of suggested prayer ideas. Please do not become overwhelmed by this list, select the ones that fit with the vision of your church and prayer ministry. Please send me your prayer ideas to Diane Aardema at daardema@msn.com; she would appreciate your thoughts to add to this list.

24 Hour Prayer Watch. Prepare a sign up list, asking people to pray for 15 (or 30) minutes in the privacy of their home. One suggestion is to begin this watch on a Friday night at 6:00 pm and end on Saturday at 6:00 pm. Ask your pastor to recommend a prayer theme for this watch.

Parents of Prodigals. Invite parents to stay following a worship service to pray for their disconnected children. Ask your pastor or an elder to participate. Begin by asking the parents for the first names of the children you will be praying for. Invite the parents to pray for their children, however, be prepared to lead this time.

Prayers for the Little Lambs. Have your group enter your church nursery and pray for the precious young lives the Lord has brought into your congregation. Pray they will come to know the Lord at an early age. Pray for leaders to rise up from among them. Pray protection for them.

Prayers for the youth. During a worship service-ask your Pastor to invite the youth of your church to stand or come forward for prayer. Pray wisdom and good decisions for your young people. Pray their friends will encourage them and remove anything that would hinder their walk with the Lord.

Prayer Walk through your church praying for each space accordingly.
Begin with a time of praise for the past, present and future faithfulness of God and all His blessings.
For the church office- thank God for the staff of your church and each individual gift given to them. Pray for clarity of mind and organization skills.
Pastors office-Pray your pastor will always put Christ first. Lift up their spouse, marriage and family. Increase their hunger for God's word. May they have a passion for the lost, have a spirit of humility, love and gentleness.
Entry or Narthex-Pray your church will be a safe place especially for first time attendees. As people enter may they sense the presence of the Lord and they would feel a spirit of compassion and not judgment, may friendship form and warm handshakes given.
Youth Ministries-prayers for friendships, safe place to connect, pray for the youth leaders.
Sanctuary-Pray for the leading of the Holy Spirit and that your congregation may strive to honor, praise and glorify God. Pray for protection, unity, blended hearts and lifting of burdens.

Prayer Bus (or car) Ride. Invite people to come together and take a ride on your church bus praying as you go for your community, your schools, nursing homes, police and fire stations.

Team Grandparents. Organize a group of grandparents to pray for their grandchildren. Go to www.teamgrandparents.com for ideas and join a growing number of churches who pray on the first Sunday of the month for their grandchildren.