



Ministry Prayer Support

If you are involved in prayer ministry – praying for others in person or as an intercessor - it is important to make sure you are ‘covered’ with prayer. By praying God’s will for others, you are doing a great service for God’s Kingdom; and in order to do so effectively and without interference, you need to have others come beside you to uphold and protect what the Lord is doing through your prayers.

One way of doing this is to establish a ‘personal prayer support team’ that will cover you, your family, and your ministry in prayer. This support team can pray both for your ongoing ministry but also to support and pray for any prayer appointments that you may have, praying for someone else (recognizing always your duty of confidentiality with a prayee).

Whether you are building a prayer support team for yourself as a prayer minister, or for someone else in ministry leadership, the following is a format that we have found is easy to establish and to maintain.

Establishing a Prayer Support Team.

The first step is to list potential personal prayer team members and give your list with each person’s contact information to [*name of an individual*], who will contact each person to ask them to prayerfully consider being on your prayer support team. As personal prayer team members, they are asked to pray for your needs during their personal pray time, for one year. After the year is up, you can reconnect with your support team, giving them the option to continue or to step away.

Who do you ask to be on a Prayer Support Team?

We recommend you ask three or more prayerful sisters and/or brothers in Christ who are regularly in God’s Word and understand the importance of prayer; can be trusted with confidential information; may or may not be members of your church or family, and may or may not live in the area.

How are prayer requests shared?

After your team is assembled, you ask one prayer team member to be your ‘team leader’. [*Having a team leader counteracts our tendency to ‘put off’ something that is for ourselves in favor of ministering to others, or attending to other worthwhile items begging for our attention.*]



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Your team leader will connect with you once every few weeks (or whatever time period is agreed upon), to ask about any specific prayer requests covering you, your ministry, and your family. The team leader sends or e-mails the requests to the rest of your team. The team is *not* asked to meet together for prayer, unless there is a specific need to do so at your request.