

PARTNERING IN PRAYER

"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." MATTHEW 18:19

1. Why Is Prayer Partnering So Important?

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

2. Guidelines For Prayer Partnering

- Decide how many times you will meet and how often.
- 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 rather than talking about what to pray about.
- Keep a record of answers.
- 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 ingredient of your times together.

3. Work Through The Barriers Of Prayer Partnering

- TIME - We make time for what is important to us. Prayer is a paradox that both takes time and frees time.
- RISK - Fear 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.

4. What Do Prayer Partners Pray About?

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests." Eph. 6:18

- Praise & 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
- Pastor & Church Leaders
- Prayer Partner Ministry
- Students, Teachers, & Schools

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