

PARTNERING IN PRAYER

Deepen your spiritual experience by praying weekly or daily with a prayer partner. "If two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven." (Matt. 18:19, NIV)

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 to work in your life and in the church.

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 Bible 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.

Work Through the Barriers of Prayer Partnering

- **Time:** We make time for what matters to us. Prayer is a paradox that both takes time and frees time.
- **Risk:** We fear being vulnerable or misunderstood. What may seem initially intimidating can become a blessing if we give it time.
- **Previous Bad Experience:** One bad experience doesn't have to lead to another. If your first experience with prayer partnering does not work out, try again with a new partner.
- **Feelings:** Some struggle with feelings of inadequacy, fear, or doubt in their prayer lives. These feelings are normal when trying something new. Honestly acknowledge your feelings and pray about them.

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
- Pastor and church leaders
- Prayer Partner Ministry
- Students, teachers, and schools

“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.” (Eph. 6:18, NIV)

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