

REVIVE CHURCH—PRAYER TEAM MINISTRY TRAINING

Expectations & Guidelines

- Attending minimum 6 months, have gone through **Rooted Membership Class and identity formation**, and you are an active part of our **body who has a good understanding our culture**.
- Personal fellowship with the Lord daily and walk in purity and integrity. When you are scheduled on the prayer team, be intentional about coming in “full” spiritually so you are able to minister from a place of overflow from your own personal intimacy with Jesus.

Ministry at Revive

1. Teamwork

- Pray in twos unless it's not possible
 - Do your best to Avoid 1 woman praying for 1 man or vice versa
 - **If you feel that inappropriate intentions are present, or the nature of their request is private in nature, please pull someone in (leadership/prayer team) of the same gender of the person asking for ministry. Grow in Discernment.**
- Pray with eyes open & watch for people and what is going on in the room. **We need to grow in awareness of what's happening in the room.**
- When not praying for a person, intercede for breakthrough in the room
- While waiting for people to come, be available- please do not spend time talking or receiving ministry in that time.
- If you are wanting to be ministered to, please wait until the ministry time has ended or grab someone before the service.
 - Make eye contact with prayer partner to determine who is sensing the Lord moving on them. That person should take the lead. *Only one person needs to pray* but if the other partner has something pressing or specific they could pray as well.

2. Connecting with the Lord while praying

- When praying in the Spirit, *please do so quietly or under your breath*. (1 Cor 12). We are ministering to the person in a way that can be understood, received and applied.
 - Ask permission to lay hands and be wise where you place hands.
- Yelling/getting worked up is rarely necessary. Authority does not come by yelling
- If you need some time to hear Jesus, take it.
- If you are not sure how to pray, declare Scriptural truth over the person. You don't always have to have a picture or prophetic word.

- Listen to the person, pray for the person ALWAYS point them back to Father, Jesus and Holy Spirit
 - This is not advice giving time!
3. Managing time (3-5 minutes is ideal sometimes longer is needed)
- Sometimes people come up and want to share long stories about their life circumstances- this is rarely helpful and almost never necessary to pray for them.
 - IT IS OK TO STOP PEOPLE! Be kind, but direct when this is happening.
 - Sometimes stopping this while it is happening can help someone become aware of how they're managing the situation. Encourage them to receive and rest.
 - If you are getting frustrated in the moment, ask Jesus for his heart for the person and how best to love them.
 - Compassion is the goal, not sympathy---whatever we focus on, give attention to or think about, we will empower. You are not there to partner with their problems.
 - Steer the person away from their past or present condition and toward Jesus, his will for them and their good future.
 - When folks are asking for prayer for others
 - Pray for the person or situation they are asking you to pray about and for them.
 - Give them space & invite them to declare the truth over their family member/whoever so they come into agreement as well.
 - Creating an atmosphere for healing
 - Become aware of the One living in you (Romans 8:11)- even if you cannot physically feel Him. Trust that He is in you and wants to minister through you.
 - Keep your eyes on the answer, not the problem. Jesus is always the answer and focusing on him will empower you to be victorious.
 - We must go up and by faith grab hold of what has been paid for by the blood of Jesus and apply it to the current need!
 - Follow Jesus' example.
 - Jesus did not scream at affliction or spend hours praying. His example was simple prayers full of faith-
 - Take up your mat and walk (Mark 2:11)
 - Come forth (John 11:43)

- **If you don't know the person:**
 - Find out their name
 - Ask them if they are saved/ have accepted Jesus personally
 - Fresh breath – Gum/Mints
4. Ending the prayer time
- Love the person in front of you and trust Jesus to move in power.
 - Bless and thank the person for allowing you to pray for them and leave the person in a place of faith.
 - Remind them to be on the lookout for moves of God as they leave and go throughout their week- to stay in a place of thanksgiving.
 - If you sense there is more going on or if the person needs additional counsel, refer them to our inner healing or deliverance ministry as a possibility to look into.

Your Next Steps

- List – please fill in the attendance list tonight – including your intentions/desire to move forward in regards to the prayer ministry team
- New prayer team members are to be paired with experienced ministry teams members/staff when you have been placed on the schedule and are serving.
- If you have not already attended our **Rooted Class** – watch for details of the next opportunity.
- You are encouraged to be a part of **Identity Formation**. The next session will begin on Wednesday evenings starting in September.
- Active Prayer Ministry Team members will be scheduled using the Planning Center Services program. Initially, you will receive an email from us alerting you to create an account and to download the Planning Center app. Please set up your account as soon as you receive the link to ensure you know when you are scheduled. Janna Puckett will help with this

John Wimber proposed a prayer model simple enough that anyone can do it. The ministry does not reside only in the “power healers” or the person leading a service, but includes all who are followers of Jesus who desire to pray for the sick. The model promotes the truth of the Reformation principle of the priesthood of all believers. John Wimber put the participation in healing ministry this way, “Everyone gets to play”.

- 1) We must remember it is not a model or technique that brings healing, but the Father’s will, his Holy Spirit at work, his Kingdom’s presence.
- 2) The model is an avenue that puts us in a place to hear God and see him move in and on a person who is receiving ministry.
- 3) Our goal in ministry to the sick and broken is intimacy with the Father, connectedness with God, not manifestations and not just feeling better, but sensing God’s love, presence, forgiveness, comfort, etc.

Five Step Vineyard Prayer Model

1. The Interview

The “Interview” answers the question, “Where does it hurt?” or “What is wrong?” or “What would you like Jesus to do for you?”.

- Listen on a Natural Level: ask the Father for His heart for them. Lovingly listen to their needs!
- At the same time we are listening on a supernatural level to God
 - We gain knowledge through the gifts of the Holy Spirit; word of wisdom, word of knowledge, visions, intersecting thoughts, impressions from the Holy Spirit.
 - We are looking to God at the moment for information that we would not otherwise have.
- The interview is complete when: You know what you are praying for.

2. The Diagnostic Decision or root cause of the problem

The “Diagnostic Decision” answers the question: “What is the root cause of the problem?”

- Is it from the person’s own sin or a sin done to them?
- Are we dealing with emotional sickness, anger, bitterness, unforgiveness?

- Are we dealing with demonic activity, curses, inner vows?
- Are we dealing with abuse or hurts from the person's past?
- Look at what is going on, what the person has shared with you and what the Holy Spirit has shown you and then decide how to pray.
- Remember that man is made up of spirit, soul and flesh and one part of a person affects all the other parts!

3. The Prayer Selection

The "Prayer Selection" answers the question: "What kind of prayer will help this person?" This is where we decide how to pray or what type of prayer to use.

- **Blessing** - God may already be at work when the person comes for prayer and we simply get in on what the Father is doing in the person's life by blessing them with peace, joy, wisdom in working on their marriage, continued healing of a hurt that has already begun to be healed, etc.
- **Petition** - Join the person in asking God for healing and asking for the Holy Spirit to come and heal the person.
- **Command** - We speak to the command or condition and command it to go away, especially in case of demonic oppression.
- **Intercession** - Pray along with Jesus on behalf of the person.
- **Rebuke** - breaking the power of a demonic stronghold in the person's life. Verbalize your authority by acknowledging Jesus power over the kingdom of Satan. (Use Jesus' strong and powerful name).

4. The Prayer of Engagement/ Ministry Time

The "Ministry Time" answers the question, "What is God doing for the person?" We pray and observe (look, ask, listen), watch the person for indications of what God is doing with them and we wait on God for impressions.

- We ask the Holy Spirit to come and minister to the person.
- We lay hands on the person with permission
- We look, ask, and listen so we can see what the Father is doing during the ministry time.

LOOK - We keep our eyes open as much as possible and look for observable signs of the Holy Spirit's presence and work such as, fluttering eyes, tears, trembling, openness, resistance, facial expressions...

ASK - Ask the person what they want God to do for them, ask God what does he want to do in the ministry time, ask God why is the person crying, what is the resistance, etc. Don't just analyze, pray and ask God and the person for information. Ask how the person is feeling and what they are hearing or sensing through the ministry time.

LISTEN - To hear God you must keep your own heart clear and open in order to give them Jesus' ministry. Remember to listen to the person and to the voice of God.

Stop praying when the person indicates it is over, the Holy Spirit indicates to you that it is over, you run out of things to pray or you have prayed for everything even if nothing has happened that you can observe.

5. Post-Prayer Direction

The "Post Prayer Direction" answers the question: "What do I do know?"

- Help the person process and digest what just happened in the prayer time.
- Simply leave them with a blessing!
- You may direct them to go and make things right with someone.
- You may say like Jesus did, "Go and sin no more."
- You may direct them to read specific scripture.
- You may direct them to join a small group.
- You may direct them to further or more specific deliverance ministries .

Further Guidelines for Prayer Ministry

1. Before praying for the sick or bound, come ready to minister by having a clean relationship with the Father having spent regular time with him. Remember prayer comes from intimacy with the Father!
2. Beware of assumptions, beware of judgements, beware of sentimentality, beware of telling your own stories, beware of counseling the person.

When using the prayer model:

- Keep the interview brief.
- Ask for the compassion of Jesus.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to come and patiently wait on him.
- Remember to lay your hands on the person. If led by the Holy Spirit and permission is granted use anointing oil.
- Don't pray with too many words (to fill the space).

- Pray with authority and quiet faith.
- Pray believing God is present and wants to direct you and speak to you.
- Pray taking risks!
- Don't be afraid to fail.
- Remember to ask the person how they are doing, what they are experiencing, and what the Lord may be speaking to them all along the way.

Precautions:

Don't do anything with your hands that would distract the person from receiving:

- Putting excessing pressure on the person
- Pushing on the forehead or shoulder or chest.
- Rubbing their pack or any part of their body.
- Waving your hands in some sort of mystical way. e) Excessive shaking of your hands.
- Inappropriate touch of either sex.
- Use breath mints!
- Practice, practice, practice. Get in the game and watch to see what the Father is doing all around you. Remember, "Everyone gets to Play!"
- Finally, make part of your everyday living the question, "Can I pray for you right now?"