

[SUGGESTIONS ON: HOW TO PRAY FOR SERVICES]

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Naturally, there are as many ways to pray as there are Christians, but here are some brief guidelines that might be helpful.

- **Enjoy the worship service.** Even though you are going to spend much of the service in prayer, feel free to participate in worship. Most Service Prayer Teams will go to the staff conference room to pray at offering time.
- **Cooperate with the purpose of God.** God has a number of strategic purposes for every service. For example, one thing He seems to be doing right now is increasing our faith for a release of divine healing. Let your prayers encourage what He is doing. God also has a specific purpose for each individual in attendance. You may know a friend or family member with a special need, a note may be sent in from the service requesting prayer for a visiting pastor or missionary or the Holy Spirit may move you to intercede for someone you do not even know.
- **Cooperate with the Holy Spirit.** **Romans 8:26-27** states that we often do not know how to pray (I know the feeling). Fortunately, the Holy Spirit can intercede through us. In fact, the verse goes on to say that the Holy Spirit's intercessions may come in ways that cannot be expressed in words. Be led by the Spirit and feel free to pray in tongues.
- **Cooperate with the team leader.** For continuity, communication purposes and safety, a leader has been appointed for each Service Prayer Team. We believe each of these leaders to be mature in the Lord. Each leader also has a degree of liberty in how they structure the prayer time. If it turns out that their particular prayer structure is not exactly your preferred style, please go with the flow. God will be pleased with your flexibility and has promised to bless those who walk in unity and agreement.