

## Prayer Ministry Tips – (for Small Group Leaders)

- First establish that the person you're praying with acknowledges Jesus as Saviour and Lord.
- If you're unsure of what the Holy Spirit's doing, keep the prayer general.
- Be sure you pray blessing, not cursing. (example of not praying that a store go out of business, but rather that God would make himself known to the business owner.) Remember that our words have power in the spirit realm, particularly as we pray in Jesus name.
- Pray that God's will be done. Some things we can be sure are within God's will, e.g. blessing, forgiving, healing. Other things are not as clear.
- Don't push people into things that they're not ready for, e.g. forgiveness.
- Let Gentleness be characteristic of your interactions with people, so we don't impose on people.
- Don't be afraid of silence.
- Encourage the person to share with you any visions, ideas, manifestations, etc. that are occur to him/her during the prayer time. To help reinforce this, feel free every few minutes to ask him/her to share what he/she is hearing/seeing/feeling/thinking.
- While we must give people the freedom to choose (e.g. to forgive someone) it is also legitimate to let them know that the process will likely be stuck until they're ready to deal with certain issues, e.g. forgiveness. Be sure if you feel strongly that you must share this, that it doesn't come across judgmentally or dismissively, as if you won't have anything more to do with the person until they come to terms with the tough step that they face.
- It's okay sometimes to ask the person to pray him/herself. This is important, particularly if there is forgiveness or renouncing needed.
- Confidentiality reminder. Sometimes this means not only not sharing details of a situation, but may also mean not sharing the very fact that prayer occurred. Ask permission of the person with whom you prayed before sharing information.
- Limits of confidentiality – If a person is suicidal or there are abuse issues, then we are obliged to share that information with someone else, usually authorities.

**Dunamis Participants**  
**Tips on Praying with/for Others**

- Generally it is best that the person being prayed for simply receives the prayer, rather than praying him/herself. However, if there is a need to forgive someone or renounce something it is necessary for that person to verbalize that forgiving or renouncing.
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- If you receive what you think may be a word/impression/vision from God, offer it tentatively, so that the person may apply his/her own discernment on whether it truly applies.
- Ask the person what they are hearing/sensing/thinking during the prayer time.