

## Perimeter Church is praying for GoJourney Missionaries

Thank you for serving Perimeter Church through prayer and intercession for others. God through His Holy Spirit has placed within us one of the highest calling of the Christian faith — praying for the needs of others.

Each year Perimeter sends out hundreds of people on short-term mission trips. Many teams come to Tuesday evening prayer asking for the pray-ers to pray for them. We count it a great privilege to pray for those going out.

When asked to pray for others we should consider it an honor and a responsibility. When Samuel was asked to pray for others in —1 Samuel 12:23 he said. "Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you..."

God desires unity in the body and no where is agreement more needed than in our prayers. The following information is intended to give us guidelines to consider as we pray for missionaries.

- Pray at home first. Put in "prayer closet" time before corporate prayer. Make sure you are spending quality time alone with God daily in your own personal time of worship, prayer and fasting. Do not allow the Perimeter Prayer Meeting times to be your *only* time of prayer throughout the week. Jesus warned us many times about those who would love to stand before men and let their prayers be heard. Jesus called them hypocrites. For our "corporate" prayer time to be effective, we need to make sure we are spending time alone with God everyday. So God will not look at us and say — who are you?  
Matthew 6:1-8 Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven. 2 Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. 3 But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: 4 That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly. 5 And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. 6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. 7 But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. 8 Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.
- Enter the prayer room with good thoughts.

Our conversation before the prayer meeting starts, can set the stage for the tone of the prayer meeting. Words of encouragement. Hope. Faith. Build up each other.

Grumbling, murmuring and complaining can set a bad tone for the entire evening.

### **Prayer. One-on-one.**

We usually have time one-on-one with those going out. During this time be bold to ask questions, be gentle and patient to allow the person to share. Be a good listener.

Affirm them for coming for prayer.

Encourage them. Tell them that asking for prayer shows faith in the things of God. Thank them for allowing you to be part of their ministry.

The art of listening.

Be a good listener. Take notes if needed. Listen for the "real" desires of their heart.

Ask questions like:

Why are you going?

Do you have any concerns?

How do you want to be used by God?

How can I pray for you?

Missionaries many times are concerned about the following:

- Traveling to a new place.

Jesus said He would be with us when we go.

Matthew 28:19,20 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

- Health issues

Jesus is with them

- Not spiritual enough to be used by God

God uses the weak to bring himself glory. 1Cor. 1:27but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong,.

- Leaving family members behind

Jesus said we would leave mother and daddy and family to serve Him.

Matt. 19:29 "And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or farms for My name's sake, shall receive many times as much, and shall inherit eternal life.

- Fear of the unknown

God does not give us a spirit of fear. He gives us power, love and a sound mind. 2 Timothy 1:7 For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline.

- Spiritual warfare

Our team wins. God has defeated Satan. Our weapon is God's strength and prayer

1John 4:4 You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.

Eph. 6:10 Finally, be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of His might.

11 Put on the full armor of God, that you may be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.

Pray the things that they have requested.

Things you can pray that they may not have asked for.

- Pray that they would draw closer to God.
- Pray that they would see this time as a time to depend 100% on God.
- Pray that they would have a servant's heart, and serve others on the team.
- Pray that they would place the needs of others over their own needs.
- Pray that they would be yielded to God 100%.
- Pray that God would use them in a mighty way.
- Pray that God would give them the words to speak when needed.
- Pray that the name of Jesus would be exalted.
- Pray that they would be able to speak words of healing to the sick.
- Pray for protection from the evil one.

- Pray that they would not fall into any temptation.
- Remind them that Jesus says in Matthew 28 that he will always be with them.
- Pray that they would be healthy.
- Pray that they would have traveling mercies.
- Pray that God would reveal to them where and how to minister
- Pray that God would open their ears to His voice
- Pray that God would unite the team in daily prayer

### Don'ts

Many people are fearful of things that could happen.

Pray positive things. An example would be. Father keep Hollie safe while she travels. Instead of "Father, do not let Hollie get a stomach bug or diarrhea or throw up or a high fever or Malaria or..." Get the picture?

Pray positive things. An example: "Father, give Bill the power to overcome any opposition from the evil one. Be his strength. Let him rest in your power. Surround him with your angels. Lead him. Be His rock." Instead of. Father, I know the devil is roaming India looking for those he can devour. Do not let the demons come and torment Bill while he is there.

Use scripture to build up, encourage.

Many missionaries are fearful. Send them to 2 Timothy 1:7. For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

Tell them Jesus is there with them always. Matthew 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Matthew 28:20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

### Allow the Holy Spirit to lead.

Be careful to listen for the prompting of the Holy Spirit. Learn to listen. Ask God to show you what to pray for.

- Romans 8:23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body. 26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. 27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.
- John 15:5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. 6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. 7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. 8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

### Pray from your heart.

Pray as if you were speaking to your Father. Your heavenly Father. With reverence. Matthew 6:7 But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. 8 Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

### Pray scripture.

Many times as we are in prayer God will bring a verse or verses to mind that would

be beneficial for the group to hear. Open the word and pray scripture to God.

2 Timothy 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Psalms 119:11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

### Keep prayers in confidence.

Many deep things are shared in the prayer room. Prayers and the people and ministries come to the Perimeter Prayer Team for prayer. People need to feel "safe" in sharing their heartfelt needs. They trust that we will not share with others. We are free to share with others only if those we have prayed for give us permission to do so.

Psalms 141:2 May my prayer be set before you like incense; may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice. 3 Set a guard over my mouth, O LORD; keep watch over the door of my lips.

Psalms 39:1 I said, "I will watch my ways and keep my tongue from sin; I will put a muzzle on my mouth as long as the wicked are in my presence."

James 1:26 If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless.

1 Peter 3:10 For, "Whoever would love life and see good days must keep his tongue from evil and his lips from deceitful speech.

### Prayer or counseling?

We are to pray for others. We have been called to *pray* for others. Be careful about going into a full-blown counseling session. Some counseling is closely connected to prayer as we see the needs of the people we pray for. We are to pray and give words of encouragement. We are to point others to Christ and God's Word. When appropriate we should refer those we have prayed for who we feel need counseling or are unrepentant of obvious sin to Kipper, Larry and/or Prayer Team Leadership.

- Proverbs 11:14 Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counselors there is safety.
- Proverbs 12:15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise.
- Proverbs 15:22 Without counsel purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counselors they are established.

### Pray with love.

Do all things in love. Make sure your heart motivation is pure as you pray.

- John 15:17 These things I command you, that ye love one another.
- Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,
- Ephesians 4:2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in **love**;
- 1 John 4:8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.
- 1 Corinthians 13:1 If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

### Pray blessings not curses.

Jesus taught us to bless others. Not to curse. Be careful to bless not curse others when you pray. Encourage. Don't discourage.

- Matthew 5:44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;
- Luke 6:28 Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you.
- Acts 3:26 Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.
- Romans 12:14 Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not.
- Luke 9:51 And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he steadfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem, 52 And sent messengers before his face: and they went, and entered into a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him. 53 And they did not receive him, because his face was as though he would go to Jerusalem. 54 And when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command

fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did? 55 But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of. 56 For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them. And they went to another village.

### Pray big.

Man's ways are not God's ways. Do not limit yourself. Remember all things are possible when we yield to God.

- Luke 1:37 For with God nothing shall be impossible.
- Luke 17:1 Then said he unto the disciples, It is impossible but that offences will come: but woe unto him, through whom they come!
- Luke 18:27 And he said, The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.

### Pray in faith.

We must pray with faith. Faith is believing God for things we have not seen. Jesus is the author and perfecter of our faith. If you lack faith — ask God to provide you faith.

- Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.
- Luke 17:5 And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith.
- Luke 17:6 And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you.
- Luke 22:32 But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.
- Romans 1:8 First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world.
- Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.
- Heb. 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

### Pray for God's will to be done.

Pray for God's will — not your will. How can we know God's will? Stay in His word.

Spend time daily in prayer.

- Matthew 6:9 "This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, 10 your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
- John 5:19 Jesus gave them this answer: "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. 20 For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, to your amazement he will show him even greater things than these.
- John 5:30 I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.
- Matthew 26:39 And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.
- Matthew 26:42 He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.

### Pray prayers that are edifying to the body.

Prayer team members are to encourage and lift up the church. Edify the church.

- 1 Corinthians 14:26 What is the outcome then, brethren? When you assemble, each one has a psalm, has a teaching, has a revelation, has a tongue, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification.
- Hebrews 10:24 and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, 25 not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more, as you see the day drawing near.
- Romans 14:19 Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.
- 1 Thesalonians 5:11 Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

### It is always God. Never us.

As we pray we need to always be mindful that we are asking God to do the work. That He would be glorified. Not us. We are to point others to Christ and His power. We are to be invisible so He can be lifted up. He is our Lord and Savior.

- Luke 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the

blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

- John 3:14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:
- Ephesians 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.
- 1Cor. 1:18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.
- 1Cor. 2:5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.
- Mark 3:14 And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach,  
15 And to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils: