

Prayer Servant Team (PST) Ministry



Prayer Servant Team promotes prayer ministry, helping individuals and supporting church ministries in regular, persistent ways. Team members meet on a regular basis, in person or online, and engage in spiritual discipline as a prayer team participating in small group studies.

1. Prayer team members engage in *small group Bible studies on the subject of prayer* to nurture for their own spiritual growth and relationship with Jesus, renewing, deepening, and expanding their understanding of his teachings on prayer and of other parts of the Bible.
2. Provide *prayer(s)* for *regular worship services* and *special services* as needs arise.
3. Collect *prayer requests* and *celebrations* discerning if each prayer or celebration can be shared with the congregation or if it is private. If it is private, have it available to the pastor who will connect the one who requested it. The prayers, sharable with the congregation, will be put in the worship bulletin for about 3 weeks and then removed for a while unless there is no update. The prayer team will pray concerning prayer requests on a weekly basis.
4. Engage in *visitation ministry* along with the pastor: visiting the homebound and those who stay at nursing home, assisted living home, and hospitals; sending cards to them; and making phone calls. The team is to develop *the visitation plan* (with the pastor) to perform this activity in effective and fruitful manners.
5. Plan and lead *prayer services* as a team for special seasons (e.g., Lent or other seasons).
6. Support church ministries in daily and weekly prayers. The team makes the list of all church ministries (active, inactive, and new), share it with one another, and pray for each ministry.
7. Develop *the prayer chain* to have all connected for prayer ministry based on the item 9. Keep it active and current. If any prayer member comes to have prayer concern, share it with the pastor and put it in the prayer chain if necessary.
8. Have *prayer-team-written publications* available for prayer ministry (e.g., prayer request form, pamphlets, brochures, pocket books, and so on). Also, provide external yet relevant prayer resources for the entire congregation and visitors and have them available and easily accessible in the sanctuary and hallways.
9. Prayer team consists of *nine members in 3-year term* to serve: *seven members* are assigned to each day of the week and to pray for a group of church families, Sunday through Saturday. For this purpose, all church families are grouped in seven groups, and each assigned team member prays for the assigned group of church families. If possible, create connection with them taking follow-up action for any update. Share information with the pastor as needed. *Two members* discern new visitors, returning visitors, and those individuals in need, make connection with the pastor, and pray for them. *One of the two* serves as the facilitator.
10. Meet on a regular basis (e.g., weekly by email or other media and once a month in person) as a group for reflections on the progress of prayer activities and Biblical devotionals.

This guideline is to be updated by adding, revising, and clarifying whenever new needs arise.

Reflections:

- What would happen if all church members and worshipers fully claimed their heritage as a people of Prayer?
- What do you think the effect would be if 100, 50, 20 or even 7 people made a commitment to prayer for the people of our church and the unchurched in our community on a regular basis?
- What do you think would happen if there were a grassroots movement of all the people who suddenly began praying for one another on a regular basis?

The answers to all these questions are in God's hands. Seeking to be a part of that answer and seeking after revival in our church is *the purpose of Prayer Servant Team Ministry!*