

GUIDELINES & IDEAS FOR PRAYER VINE AND TNT GROUPS

Suggestions for local prayer vines:

Your prayer vine may be by telephone, email or both. The idea is to pass a prayer request from one to another and pray. One way: "leader" telephones the second in line and prays for the need while still on the phone. Number two calls number three and does the same. Encourage each to keep a notebook by the phone for dates, requests, and praise reports. This method gives newer Christians confidence hearing another pray and then hearing themselves pray. The praise reports of answered prayer will encourage their hearts as they learn.

For an email vine, the "leader" sends out the request via email. The only response needed from those receiving email requests is to pray when they receive the request. If you have the capability, please send out requests with Blind Copies so that our addresses are protected.

Make sure that you are praying not gossiping. Only give out the details you have permission to give out and *never* share the request with anyone outside of the Prayer Vine without permission!

Ideas for TNT Groups:

For your meeting days, you can encourage women to discover that you aren't the only one who can pray for the needs of the group. Over a period of time, you might try:

1. Dividing a big group at your meetings into smaller groups to pray for the weekly needs.
 - a. Divide into three groups: first group prays for the immediate need or a person in leadership position; second group prays for spiritual growth; third group, for relationships-father/mother, husband/wife, sister/brother, etc.

An example would be that you'd direct the group to pray for President Clinton. It will be somewhat like TNT except that all three areas are covered at the same time. (Group one would pray for him as a leader, one in authority. Group two, for him spiritually, and group three for him as a husband and father).

Encourage women to pray scripture principles by suggesting a few scriptures that could be prayed for each of the three groups.
 - b. Divide women by primary motivational gift, and pray from that aspect. For example, one who exhorts praying scriptures of hope and encouragement. The servant praying to meet the immediate needs. The perceiver praying for the long-term need . . . You get the idea.
 - c. Form a circle for a small group as you or another pray.
 - d. Have the women join in groups of three or four, holding hands, while you or another pray.
 - e. Have groups of three or four share their own needs and pray for each other, allowing at least five minutes. Eight to ten minutes would be better. Thus, the needs of every woman have been prayed over. You would close in prayer.
 - f. Explain that you will announce the prayer need and each will pray silently as the Holy Spirit leads her. You will open and close the prayer time.

As your group grows, moving about takes a lot of time. Be conscious of this if your opening time is short. Adapt! In-group prayer assures shy participants that if they aren't comfortable praying out

loud, they don't have to. But also, encourage those who are very comfortable to be gracious and not dominate the prayer time. Each should be allowed to express the prayer of her heart if she wants.

2. On a weekly or monthly basis, you might have emphasis on unsaved family members, not necessarily by name at PWOC, but women bring their unsaved lists to PWOC. You pray for the unsaved as the women concentrate on their list.

3. You might have "Adopt a Chaplain" prayer month or a "Love your neighbor in" prayer month--the Lord will give you more. Pray a different scripture each week of the month as a group, and then encourage the women to pray that same scripture all week. Each of us must accept the responsibility to love our own neighbors with the love of Jesus Christ. Sincere prayer for neighbors will change our hearts towards the lost and dying world. It will encourage your chaplains to let them know that the women are praying for him/her.

4. Not all will run with this, but even 50% would be a wonderful start! It will be these "starter" women who will like the idea of neighborhood light houses of prayer, prayer walking their neighborhoods--just walking down the street, maybe even pushing a stroller, praying scripture over their neighborhood....

Share with the women that if they know those in the houses, they might pray as they walk: Lord, I pray that the Smiths will have eyes to see and ears to hear. Thank You, Lord, that the Jones' know You. May they be even more hungry and thirsty for You. I pray that little Mary continue to seek You for You said that those who seek You, find You. I pray that You surround her with others who love You and that she would be light and salt to her family. Oh, Father, the Walkers have been sick for a month. I pray that You would clean the germs out of their home and build their immune systems. I wish above all else that they may prosper and be in health, even as their soul prospers (III John 2).

You may provide the women scriptures, if need be, that they could use as they walk their neighborhoods...they can pray protection, salvation, strength, the list goes on.

We might think of prayer time at PWOC as the morning briefing/maintenance crew, praying scripture as basic training, Dynamite TNT Prayer Groups as the "aggressors," and the prayer vine as a "reactionary force" both at local and national levels.

Praying Scripture: Agreeing with God

We might think of praying scripture as "basic training" for our prayer efforts. Women love to pray scripture (which of course, agrees with God's will). Praying scripture trains women to pray consistently and with confidence. Some will need to be shown how easy it is, though.

Scripture Prayers for Believers, especially those in leadership--the first "T":

Recognition that Christ is able to meet every need in each situation (Philippians 4:19)

That God's people would clothe themselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience (Colossians 3:12, Hebrews 13:3, Ephesians 4:32);

That those ministering to the persecuted and those in bondage would be a channel for God's comfort (2 Corinthians 1:3-4)

That God's people would have boldness and confidence in Christ (Ephesians 3:11)

That He would grant them, according to the riches of His glory, strength with might by his Spirit in the inner man; Christ dwelling in their hearts by faith, rooted and grounded in love, able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, length, depth, and height and to know the love of Christ, which passes knowledge, and be filled with all the fullness of God (Ephesians 3:16-19)

That they may have the spirit of wisdom and revelation of Him, eyes of understanding, know what is the hope of His calling, the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and the exceeding greatness of His power to us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power (Ephesians 1:16-19)

Philippians 1:9-11
Colossians 1:9-12
Ephesians 6:10-19
Galatians 6:9
II Chronicles 7:14
Proverbs 14:26
Ephesians 5:1-2 (you fill in the names)

Scripture Praying for Unbelievers--the "N":

John 6:44 (that God draws them to Himself)
Acts 17:27 and Deuteronomy 4:29 (that they seek to know God)
I Thessalonians 2:13 and Romans 10:17 (that they believe the scriptures)
Matthew 13:19 and 2 Corinthians 4:4 (that Satan is bound from blinding them to the truth)
John 16:8-13 (that the Holy Spirit works in them)
Matthew 9:37-38 (that God sends someone to lead them to Christ)
John 1:12 and 5:24 (that they believe in Christ as Savior)
Acts 17:30-31 (that they turn from sin)
Romans 10:9-10 (that they confess Christ as Lord)
2 Corinthians 5:15 (that they yield all to follow Christ)
Colossians 2:6-7 (that they root and grow in Christ)

Scripture Prayer for Children--part of the last "T":

Psalms 63:1, I Timothy 3:15, Psalm 97:10, Psalm 119:71 (that they may be caught when guilty)
John 17:15, Daniel 6:3 (responsible attitude in interpersonal relationships)
Romans 13:1, Proverbs 1:10b, 15 (desire godly friends, protection from wrong friends)
2 Corinthians 6:14-17 (saved for the right mate)
I Corinthians 6:18-20 (pure until marriage)
James 4:7, Romans 12:1-2, Isaiah 11:2-5 (that the Lord would raise up a godly heritage for the next ten generations and that out of the family line would come committed fathers, mothers, lawyers, ministers, senators, representatives, community leaders...
To put trust in God and not forget His deeds but keep His commands (Psalm 78:7)
Follow the will of God and walk the narrow way (Psalm 143:10)
Resist peer pressure, be strong and courageous followers of God (Deuteronomy 3:16)
Hear the Word of God and not depart from it (Proverbs 22:6)
Be known as God's disciples and love as He loves them (John 13:34-35)
Be lights to others (Matthew 5:14)
Be filled with praise for God and good cheer for others (Ephesians 5:19)

For those in authority:

I Timothy 2:1-4 Micah 6:8 Matthew 5:6 Understanding of Psalm 111:10
Amos 5:14 I Peter 5:5

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