

# THE POWER OF PRAYER IN PWOC

## Ways to Encourage Prayer in your PWOC

“Far be it from me that I should sin against you, O Lord, by ceasing to pray for others.”

I Samuel 12:23

### **PWOC Prayer Mondays**

TNT groups – if you don’t already have a TNT prayer group that meets on Monday, form one. This is a time of dynamite prayer that will make a difference! Just set a time, invite ladies to come, and pray! If you find that your group doesn’t seem to be motivated to meet together on Mondays at one location (which is the best way to do it), consider uniting in prayer through the telephone or email. Ask ladies to “buddy” up with another PWOC lady and call her every Monday to pray. This is especially recommended for your board members. Email is also a great way to unite. Send out an email prayer to your ladies (or at least a list of requests) and ask them to take a moment right then to agree in prayer with each other.

**T** – targets of the enemy within the military community: Chaplains, PWOC leadership, and any others who are working to further the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

**N** – new people for the Kingdom of God and PWOC

**T** – tenderness issues – things that weigh on women’s hearts.

### **PWOC Prayer Vines**

Prayer Vines are an important part of PWOC ministry. There is great comfort and encouragement in knowing that someone is there to pray for you in a time of need. Refer to attached sheet for suggestions and guidelines.

### **PWOC Prayer Chair**

Prayer can take on a whole new vitality if you appoint a Prayer Chairperson. A Prayer Chairperson can give concentrated effort to helping your PWOC group grow in the area of prayer. This is not the same thing as a Prayer Vine leader (although the Prayer Chair can be that as well). The Prayer Chair oversees the entire PWOC Prayer ministry: prayer vine, TNT groups, special prayer events, encouraging women to pray and equipping them to pray...

### **PWOC Prayer Budget**

Consider putting a prayer line item in your budget. While prayer itself is free, materials on prayer are not 😊 We budget for paper supplies, decorations, food – all necessary but temporary shouldn’t we also budget for something even more necessary and eternal? Invest in some books on prayer to help encourage your women to pray. Purchase booklets or other aids that help when we pray. Pretty cards to write prayer requests on. The point is to show women that prayer is important enough to spend money on!

### **PWOC Prayer “Bear”ers**

Ask ladies to sign up to faithfully lift one particular board member up in prayer for the entire PWOC year. What a way to encourage and bless your board!

## **PWOC Prayer Networks**

At the *Local Level*, consider pairing-up with a “sister” chapter. Have your board members pair up with their board members to pray for each other by phone (local call) or email (long distance). Since they will most likely share many of the same job responsibilities in common, there should be great agreement in prayer. \* Note: this is *not* a way to compare or complain about your PWOC groups!!

At the *Regional Level*, appoint a Prayer Person – someone much like a Prayer Chair that can keep in touch with the area PWOC Prayer Chairs to encourage and unite the area in prayer. The Regional Prayer Person could organize a “prayer team” for the Region (great for covering conferences and regional board meetings in prayer). That person would also be an excellent contact person for the National Prayer Coordinator and Prayer Vine Leader to help facilitate prayer requests and praises among the PWOC.

## **PWOC Prayer Time**

Below are a few things to consider as you pray corporately in your PWOC meetings (Bible Study, Monthly, or Prayer):

1. Really take time to listen to each other’s prayers. Give time during prayer for people to add their own silent prayer or amen after someone has prayed.
2. Encourage your women to say “short” prayers with many people praying. This way no one is overwhelmed with the “spirituality” of one person’s prayer compared to their own.
3. Plan your prayer time. Treat prayer time with the same regard you do the rest of your program or study. Prepare for it.
4. Set an example of prayer. If you are a PWOC leader, show your own dedication to corporate prayer.
5. Incorporate Scripture into your prayer. Pray God’s Word when you lead others in prayer. The Psalms are a great way to pray Scripture. (This can be helpful if you don’t have women who like to pray “out loud”. It is less intimidating.
6. Add variety. Don’t be afraid to try different ways of praying. “Popcorn” prayer (very quick prayers offered by any), One word prayers, Prayer walks, Prayer mugs... Refer to attached information for specifics on these ideas and others.
7. Ask for permission before you give a prayer request. Make sure you know how much information that person is willing to have given out. Use discretion.
8. Remember that you are talking to God, not “sharing” with those around you. Prayer time is not a time to “announce”, “rebuke”, or “inform” anyone. Unless of course, it is to God☺
9. Consider whether the prayer request is better prayed for in private than in public. Encourage your women be discerning – perhaps the prayer should be made as an “unspoken” one.
10. Balance your prayers. Don’t just spend all prayer time, every time in prayers of petition. Set aside times just to pray prayers of thanksgiving or adoration or contriteness.
11. Enjoy prayer. Sometimes we have to learn to enjoy prayer (in our group and personal life). Let the Spirit teach you.

12. Don't get caught up in the process – get caught up in Prayer. These are just some suggestions that you may or may not find effective for your PWOC group. Either way, the important thing is just to PRAY!

### **PWOC Prayer Team and Prayer Vine**

There is a National PWOC Prayer Team which prays daily for the needs of the National and Regional PWOC Boards and for any prayer request for the PWOC ministry specifically. The National Prayer Vine is an opportunity to have more personal requests prayed for. If you have a request for or a call to become part of either of these ministries please contact: Christina Wood (Prayer Team) at [cpotea4me@home.com](mailto:cpotea4me@home.com) or Kimmy Morris (Prayer Vine) at [hueyndaisy@earthlink.net](mailto:hueyndaisy@earthlink.net)

*\*Check out the PWOC website for more helps and ideas on prayer. We will be working on it during the summer – so be sure to log in to see what's new in August 2001.*