

How to Develop a Prayer Team

In many churches throughout the world God is using prayer ministry teams to revive and renew His church. A prayer ministry team is a group of two to six people committed to praying with hurting people—both churched and unchurched. The members, men and women who have strong personal prayer lives and a love for people, work in groups of two or three.

What does a prayer ministry team do?

- Go out and pray with sick and shut-ins
- Pray with those who come forward for prayer during or after worship
- Be available for prayer with individuals at specified times during the week
- Be present at healing services or prayer services to pray with individuals

Churches can expect to reap rich spiritual benefits from the work of prayer ministry teams, including:

- Answered prayer
- Freedom from sin
- Increased use of the spiritual gifts, especially the gifts of intercession, faith, and encouragement
- A great openness to the ministry of the Holy Spirit
- A uniting experience of love in the community of Christ

For more information about how to start a prayer ministry team in your church, see *The Praying Church Sourcebook*, published by Church Development Resources, 2850 Kalamazoo Ave., S.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49560. To order, call 1-800-333-8300. (See review of this resource in this issue.)

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