

Building a People of Prayer
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These ideas are geared toward creating a thriving culture of prayer through creating a strategic prayer framework within a church body.

Build Relationships with People

The time taken to build the friendship helps protect us from selecting someone too quickly for a leadership role. We desire everyone to pray and to participate in our prayer groups and events. However, we need to ensure spiritual maturity and dedication in our prayer leaders.

Cultivate the Prayer Leadership Wisely

Remember, prayer leadership, not just prayer, so the leadership qualities of the leaders you recruit need to be strong. Availability must also be considered, as most within a church who are capable leaders are already serving in some ministry. Be honest about time commitment and ask if it is doable. Seek prayer leaders who get excited when you pose this question, “What could our church look like if we had more prayer going on?”

Recruit Men

Women, of course do a wonderful job in prayer ministry. But when men see a ministry run by women, they may simply move on, especially if not comfortable praying. I have found that when we have male prayer leaders, other men join in.

Encourage Reading

Consider recommending and lending/giving great books and articles as a way to inspire others to pray. Get familiar with the excellent works that are available (see our recommended reading list).

Put Ministry in Their Hands

When all we do with ministry is talk about it or watch someone else doing it, we quickly lose interest. If you want a vibrant prayer ministry and people who are engaged in that ministry, then *give it away*. Don't make the mistake of doing it all yourself; give major portions of prayer leadership to others. Make their contributions so significant that if they fail to follow through, the work will suffer. This will ensure they have “skin in the game” and will feel the importance of their service.

Connect with Prayer Leaders Regularly and Do Life with Prayer Leaders

Gather over a meal, check-in on each other's personal lives, share a devotional and discuss, ask what they need/want from you, listen to what they are saying about how it is going, share answered prayer!

IT IS VITAL THAT YOU PRAY FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP TEAM.

I have been astounded how the evil one works to destroy prayer in our churches. Satan is determined to do all he can to prevent intercession, prayer meetings, and prayer ministry. I learned a long time ago that the ministry would go better if I was faithful to pray for the prayer leaders and pray-ers.