



## **7 Days of United Prayer**

A global prayer initiative for the EMC in 2018

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Thank you for making the commitment to become a more intentional intercessor in prayer. The Holy Spirit is calling us to pray, just as he has always done. Our privilege, and responsibility is to respond so that we may experience personal renewal, corporate revival, and a global harvest of souls. This is our 4th year of this prayer emphasis, and we have received several reports of powerful answers to prayer from around the world. We would love to hear how God has answered your prayers.

**The EMC is encouraging a world-wide answer to God's call to prayer ... a commitment to intentional, focused intercession for 7 days that culminate on Palm Sunday 2018.**

During 7 Days of United Prayer 2018, we will be walking devotionally through Wesley Duewel's thoughts about prayer and revival during the kingship of Hezekiah. Duewel writes, "Hezekiah's revival was characteristic of Old Testament revivals. Yet God can revive us again today! Lord, send revival fire again."<sup>‡</sup> **Let's pray that God will light revival fire in us, and then revive the world through us!**

Then, as a template or structure for an hour of intentional prayer, we will be praying through what is often called the Lord's Prayer, found in Matthew 6:9-13 and Luke 11:1-4.

Jesus' life was totally saturated in prayer. In daily fellowship with God, He found strength, comfort, power, and joy. In what seems an evident pattern, often His early morning hours were spent in intentional communion with His Father, worshipping and seeking guidance for the day.

The disciples were impressed by Jesus' habit of prayer and asked Him to teach them to pray. In answer, He encouraged the pattern of prayer He had given in the Sermon on the Mount. There is so much more to this simple prayer than we at first understand.

Followed as a guideline (rather than simply recited as a ritual), it turns our attention away from ourselves, and properly focuses us on our Father God. As we align ourselves with Him and His kingdom and will, we can then ask him to meet our needs, both corporately and individually.

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# Day One

## Prelude to Prayer



Read 2 Chronicles 28. “Ahaz ‘did not do what was right in the eyes of the Lord.’ He followed the lifestyle and practices of the wicked kings of Israel. He participated in the idolatry of the nations around him.” “Throughout Judah’s troubled period, Ahaz became more and more unfaithful to Jehovah. He removed the bronze altar and replaced it with an altar modeled after the pagan alter in Damascus. Ahaz finally even shut the doors of the temple and set up pagan altars ‘at every street corner in Jerusalem.’”<sup>‡</sup> Under his leadership, the nation was certainly experiencing a dark time.

“The nation of Judah was reduced to disgrace, but thank God, one son of Ahaz (Hezekiah) survived and became king.”<sup>‡</sup> It is truly amazing what God can do for, and through one person (or a church) on fire for God. Now in our time, our world too is a dark place. But God has a plan, and the church is a part of His great plan to win people back to himself.

As we enter these 7 Days of Prayer let us remember that we are God’s servants, and His power is great, so if we are fully prepared and fully believing, we will experience real victories as a result of these days of devoted prayer.

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## Adoration (Approx. 10 minutes)

*"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name"*

- Begin your prayer time by praising God just for who He is (His character) and for all He has done.
- Take time to joyfully worship God, and praise Him for teaching us to pray more effectively.

## Confession (Approx. 10 minutes)

*"Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors"*

- Certainly confess any known sin, but also take time to ask God to reveal any attitudes or actions in your life that may be hindering your relationship with Him or with others; then take time to silently listen for His answer. Ask His forgiveness and joyfully accept His mercy.
- You may feel the need to confess a lack of prayer (both personal and corporate), asking God to forgive the failure to commune with Him in prayer and intercession. Old Testament Samuel equated a failure to pray with sin ... "Far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you" (1 Samuel 12:23).

## Thanksgiving (Approx. 10 minutes)

*"Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever"*

- Rejoice that God hears and answers our prayers. (Jeremiah 33:2-3)
- Take an adequate time to thank Him for specific blessings, graces, and answers to prayer in your own life.

## Supplication and Intercession (Approx. 30 minutes)

*"Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done ... Give us this day ... and do no lead us into temptation, but deliver us ..."*

- Pray for a passion for prayer, a conviction of how much we need to pray, and a realization of the power available to us through prayer.
- Pray for prayer groups to spring up everywhere. Ask God how to have more prayer in your church.
- Pray that we will learn to pray for God's guidance before making plans.
- Ask God to bring five people to your mind out of your own circles of influence that you can consistently pray for during these days and beyond.
- Pray for other requests that are on your heart.
- Pray for the spread of the gospel around the world, and for a global harvest of souls ... For the true church of Jesus Christ to swell with new disciples from every nation, tribe, and tongue.

# Day Two

## Power of United Prayer



Read 2 Chronicles 29:1-15; Isaiah 6:1-8. “The very year Hezekiah was born God called Isaiah by a wonderful vision and made him His prophet. Isaiah lived in Jerusalem and was related to the royal family. He was keenly observant of all that was happening in the palace and in the nation. Isaiah was God’s prophet in God’s place at God’s time. Scripture does not [fully] record what the godly influences were that prepared Hezekiah for his great role. With a father so apostate and totally given to idolatry and the rejection of Israel’s godly heritage, how did Hezekiah reach such total commitment to the Lord? Could it not be that God used Isaiah in a hidden but strategic role? Surely Isaiah became the counselor-pastor to the young prince Hezekiah. They may well have talked and prayed together often about how Hezekiah could turn the nation back to God once he became king.”<sup>‡</sup>

“Most revivals have their roots in long periods of behind-the-scenes intercessory prayer,”<sup>‡</sup> and that is exactly what we need to remember today. God would love to pour out revival fire upon our world, and we must partner together with like-minded, faithful individuals who will covenant to pray for spiritual renewal in the hearts of God’s people.

God tells us in His word that these are the keys necessary for revival to begin - - “If my people, who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray, and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.” (2 Chronicles 7:14)

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### Adoration (Approx. 10 minutes)

*"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name"*

- Begin your prayer time by worshipping God for His bountiful grace and mercy.
- Meditate on what it means to "Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness." (Psalm 96:9)

### Confession (Approx. 10 minutes)

*"Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors"*

- Let us confess our need for the victory over sin that the work of Christ made possible. Paul writes, "Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. ... For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace." (Romans 6:12, 14)
- In Charles Wesley's hymn, "O for a thousand tongues," he writes, "He breaks the power of cancelled sin, He sets the prisoner free ..." Augustus Toplady in "Rock of Ages" says it this way, "... Be of sin the double cure, save from wrath and make me pure." The work of the cross not only makes forgiveness possible, it breaks the addictive power of sin. Let us confess our need to fully appropriate the power of the cross.

### Thanksgiving (Approx. 10 minutes)

*"Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever"*

- Honor the Lord with a thankful heart for relationships - family, friends, work and/or school peers.
- "And let the peace of God rule in your hearts ... and be thankful." (Colossians 3:15)

### Supplication and Intercession (Approx. 30 minutes)

*"Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done ... Give us this day ... and do no lead us into temptation, but deliver us ..."*

- Continue to pray for a deeper passion for prayer. Renowned intercessor Rees Howells believed that one of the greatest answers to prayer was more prayer.
- Pray for physical and mental healing over your church and family members.
- Continue in prayer for the five people you asked the Lord for a burden of prayer for. Spend adequate time lifting each one of them to the Lord by name and by need (as best you know them.)
- Pray for other requests that are on your heart.
- Pray specifically for the ongoing work of the EMC around the world. Jesus said that we would be witnesses in Jerusalem (our home), Judea (our region), Samaria (cross-culturally), and to the uttermost parts of the world. We began on day one praying for the church universal around the world, continue today by praying for the work of the EMC in those parts of the world farthest from your home. Pray for churches, pastors, and believers in Africa, the Philippines, Myanmar, Mexico, Europe, Canada, and the United States of America.

# Day Three

## Purging the Temple (the heart)



Read 2 Chronicles 29:15-36. “The priests consecrated themselves and started to obey Hezekiah’s command, ‘following the word of the Lord.’ ... for eight days, they did nothing but purge the temple, carrying out everything unclean. This probably included not only the rubbish and dirt that had accumulated during the years the temple was shut, but also the idols Ahaz had made and put inside the temple. (2 Chronicles 28:2) All were destroyed and burned at the Kidron stream as King Asa had done 150 years before.”<sup>‡</sup>

In King Hezekiah’s renewal, one of the key elements necessary for revival was the purging of the temple, and the New Testament affirms that our bodies are the Temple of the Holy Spirit. (1 Cor. 6)

Spiritual renewal is necessary for every generation! Just because God poured out His Spirit on earlier generations does not mean there is no need for a new wave of renewal. Likewise, as individuals we cannot rest on past victories as once-and-for-all experiences. WE NEED TO PURGE OUR HEARTS AFRESH so that the Spirit of God may once again pour Himself out upon us.

Cleaning is not glamorous work. It isn’t comfortable nor even pleasant. But it is necessary. David prayed, “Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.” (Psalm 51:2)

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### Adoration (Approx. 10 minutes)

*"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name"*

- Read a worship Psalm out loud to the Lord in praise. (Consider one of Psalms 95-101)
- Play a favorite worship song, sing one yourself, or think through a favorite song or hymn, and spend time worshipping the Lord through the lyrics.

Suggestions might be Matt Redman's, "Heart of Worship" or "10,000 reasons"; or Stuart Townend's, "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"; or Charles Wesley's, "And Can it Be?"; or Isaac Watts', "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"; or Martin Luther's, "A Mighty Fortress is our God"; or Fanny Crosby's, "To God be the Glory."

### Confession (Approx. 10 minutes)

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- Jesus said, "And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first commandment. And the second, like it, is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." (Mark 12: 30-31) Walk through an examination of conscience with these commands in mind, and then spend time confessing whatever shortcomings the Lord impresses upon you.

### Thanksgiving (Approx. 10 minutes)

*"Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever"*

- "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name" (Psalm 100:4)

### Supplication and Intercession (Approx. 30 minutes)

*"Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done ... Give us this day ... and do no lead us into temptation, but deliver us ..."*

- Seek for a passion for prayer that will far outlast these 7 days. Ask for creativity and inspiration ... ideas for how to kindle new circles of prayer in your church or community.
- Pray for national, state, and local leaders.
- Continue in prayer for the five people in your close circle of influence.
- Pray earnestly for the work of the EMC in other cultures, tribes and languages. Jesus said that we would be witnesses in Jerusalem (our home), Judea (our region), Samaria (cross-culturally), and to the uttermost parts of the world. On day one, we prayed for the church universal, and day two we focused on the the global EMC. Today, pray for the cross-cultural ministries in and out of your home country ... efforts to reach people of different languages and tribes. For example, pray for Spanish-speaking churches in the US; for European outreaches by our Congolese churches in London and Paris; and for tribal missions outreaches in Paletwa in Myanmar.



# Day Four

## Participation in Prayer



Read 2 Chronicles 30:1-20. “Hezekiah was so thrilled he sent out letters to all of Judah and to all the Jews who survived in Ephraim and Manasseh, inviting them to come to Jerusalem and celebrate the Passover: ‘People of Israel, return to the Lord, the God of Abraham, Issac and Israel, that he may return to you who are left ... For the Lord your God is gracious and compassionate. He will turn his face from you if you return to him.’”<sup>‡</sup>

“The people became so excited that they joined in the revival-reformation. They went around Jerusalem clearing out street by street all the incense altars that Ahaz had built. Then what a Passover they held! ... Hezekiah prayed for the people, the priests played, and the Levites sang as all the people rejoiced.”<sup>‡</sup>

Just as Hezekiah invited wide participation by all the people, we also must understand the need for wide involvement by all of God’s people. These seven days of prayer are not just for pastors, or for church leaders, nor is it to be just one week to be soon forgotten. Prayer must rise in the hearts of everyone in the church if we are to expect revival, or God’s hand of blessing on our nation and our world.

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- Read a different worship Psalm out loud to the Lord in praise. (Psalms 95-101)
- "Oh, magnify the Lord with me, And let us exalt His name together." (Psalm 34:3) How do WE magnify the Lord. We cannot make Him larger, nor more attractive. But we can enlarge our view of Him, by meditating on who He is ... His character, His work, and His way.

### Confession (Approx. 10 minutes)

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- Pray your way through Psalm 51, King David's great prayer of repentance. "Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin ... Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me." (vss 2, 10)

### Thanksgiving (Approx. 10 minutes)

*"Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever"*

- Mentally recount your own faith story, remembering large and small ways the Lord reached out to you through someone's kindness, or miraculously provided for, or protected you on your way to Him.

### Supplication and Intercession (Approx. 30 minutes)

*"Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done ... Give us this day ... and do no lead us into temptation, but deliver us ..."*

- Continue to ask for a kindling of prayer in your life, and the life of your family, friends, and church.
- Pray for your pastor, and the leaders of your church. Pray for wisdom and insight for each of them. Pray for their success and protection. Pray for Christ to increase in their lives, and for each of them to decrease. Pray for evil to be kept far from them, and for a hedge of protection around them so high, thick, and deep that the enemy cannot even find them.
- Pray for school administrators, teachers, and students.
- Pray for a birth of true righteousness in government. "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." (Psalm 33:12)
- Continue to pray for the five people you have been burdened for.
- Pray for the work of the EMC in your own country. Pray for every pastor and church. Pray for revival, and for new believers. Pray for churches to be planted, and lives to be changed. Jesus said that we would be witnesses in Jerusalem (our home), Judea (our region), Samaria (cross-culturally), and to the uttermost parts of the world. On day one, we prayed for the church universal, and on day two we focused on the the global EMC. On day three, we prayed for cross-cultural efforts. Today, pray for your "Judea" ... your home country.

# Day Five

## Participation in Praise



Read 2 Chronicles 30:21-27. “Hezekiah encouraged and thanked the Levites, telling them to keep up the good work. The people fellowshiped and praised God for seven days. Then they asked for more. They did not want to go home. So for a total of fourteen days, they fellowshiped, praised, and sang. They sacrificed 2,000 bulls and 17,000 sheep and goats. The people were so fired up, so revived, so blessed that they all wanted to clean up the nation from idolatry.”<sup>‡</sup>

Participation in prayer should always lead us to participation in praise. And praise to the Lord is not just giving lip-service. It means our hearts will be transformed in genuine gratitude to God which results in action. “[Hezekiah] gave generously to the temple from his personal possessions and then called on the people to bring in their first-fruits and tithes. The response was so wholehearted and overwhelming that all the needs were met ...”<sup>‡</sup>

Praising God shouldn’t only come when “big answers” happen. The people opened their hearts in fully-surrendered praise before mighty victory ever occurred. This kind of gratitude involves renewed devotion, words of thankfulness, AND action.

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### Adoration (Approx. 10 minutes)

*"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name"*

- Ponder the character and beauty of God that is conveyed through a survey of some of the names ascribed to Him in the Old Testament.

*El Shaddai (Lord God Almighty), El Elyon (The Most High God), Adonai (Lord, Master), Yahweh (Lord, Jehovah), Jehovah Nissi (The Lord My Banner), Jehovah-Raah (The Lord My Shepherd), Jehovah Rapha (The Lord That Heals), Jehovah Shammah (The Lord Is There), Jehovah Tsidkenu (The Lord Our Righteousness), Jehovah Mekoddishkem (The Lord Who Sanctifies You), El Olam (The Everlasting God), Elohim (God), Qanna (Jealous), Jehovah Jireh (The Lord Will Provide), Jehovah Shalom (The Lord Is Peace), Jehovah Sabaoth (The Lord of Hosts).*

### Confession (Approx. 10 minutes)

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- John the Baptist confessed, "It is He who, coming after me, is preferred before me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose." ... "He must increase, but I must decrease." (John 1:27 and 3:30)
- Think through the kinds of things that need to decrease in your life, so that Christ might increase. Confess those things and make plans to re-evaluate or re-order your priorities.

### Thanksgiving (Approx. 10 minutes)

*"Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever"*

- The Apostle Paul gave this instruction ... "In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (1 Thessalonians 5:18) Give thanks today for both good things and bad.

### Supplication and Intercession (Approx. 30 minutes)

*"Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done ... Give us this day ... and do no lead us into temptation, but deliver us ..."*

- As you near the end of the seven days, ask for a passion for ongoing prayer in your life.
- Pray for true revival to be poured out on believers, and churches across the body of Christ.
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# Days Six and Seven

## Prevailing Prayer - the Victory



Read 2 Chronicles 32:1-8; 22. “After all the revival and reformation God brought about through Hezekiah, Sennacherib, the Assyrian king, came to attack Judah. Hezekiah immediately began to strengthen the fortifications of Jerusalem, appointed officers over the people, and convened a national assembly. ‘Do not be afraid or discouraged because of the king of Assyria and the vast army with him,’ Hezekiah told them, ‘for there is a greater power with us than with him. With him is only the arm of flesh, but with us is the Lord our God to help us and to fight our battles.’”<sup>‡</sup>

Again we see that Hezekiah and the people, including the prophet Isaiah, joined together in united prayer. Hezekiah laid out before the Lord the written insults of the Assyrians, pouring his heart out to God in prayer, asking for deliverance and victory, AND GOD MIGHTILY ANSWERED. Sennacherib’s army experienced a huge defeat at the hand of the Angel of the Lord. God provided mightily because Israel turned their hearts to the Lord in faith.

No matter how big the task ... no matter how dark the night ... no matter how large the opponent, God is able, and victory through prayer is accessible. We must remain faithful, and vigilant, for we too have an adversary who loves to threat and taunt. But our mighty God is the same yesterday, today, and forever!

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#### **Thanksgiving**

#### **Supplication and Intercession**

For each of these days, we have followed a pattern of prayer for ADORATION, CONFESSION, AND THANKSGIVING. We will do the same today, and tomorrow, but this will be the last daily guide. Tomorrow will be Sunday. Worship fervently with your local congregation or family. Then in your own time, walk through the A.C.T.S. guide on the back.

<sup>‡</sup> This year’s daily devotions are largely taken from Rev. Wesley Duewel’s book, “Revival Fire,” (1995) chapter 5.

# Days Six and Seven - Suggested format for united prayer

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## Adoration (Approx. 10 minutes)

*"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name"*

- Ponder the majesty and glory of Christ that is conveyed through a survey of some of the names and descriptions of Him in the New Testament.

*The Lamb of God, the Only Begotten Son, the Bread of Life, the Word, the Door, the Way, the Truth, the Life, the Vine, Our Peace, the Chief Corner Stone, the Head of the Church, our Mediator, the Captain of our Salvation, the Author and Finisher of our Faith, the Great Shepherd, the Daystar, the First Begotten of the Father, the Alpha and Omega, the Faithful and True Witness, the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, the Root of David, the Lord of Lords, the King of Kings, the Bright and Morning Star.*

## Confession (Approx. 10 minutes)

*"Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors"*

- On these days, return to the basics of the discipline of confession. After a prayerful examination of conscience, confess any known sin, as well as any attitudes or actions in your life that may be hindering your relationship with God. Ask for His gracious forgiveness, and then joyfully accept His mercy and forgiveness. He is a gracious beyond and merciful, and eager to forgive confessed sin.

## Thanksgiving (Approx. 10 minutes)

*"Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever"*

- We will never be able to adequately thank God for His amazing provisions to us. Continue to practice the discipline of being thankful TO God before ever asking anything FROM God.

## Supplication and Intercession (Approx. 30 minutes)

*"Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done ... Give us this day ... and do no lead us into temptation, but deliver us ..."*

- The end of these seven days should not be the end of your prayer time. Pray for God to give you a deep hunger for an ongoing discipline of prayer.
- Pray for new believers in all of our churches this coming weekend. Pray for the five people you have been consistently lifting up, and that each of them would one day be saved.
- Continue to pray for your community, your friends, and your family. Pray for the person you know that needs God the most, and for the one who thinks they need Him the least.
- Jesus said that we would be witnesses in Jerusalem (our home), Judea (our region), Samaria (cross-culturally), and to the uttermost parts of the world. On day one, we prayed for the church universal, and on day two we focused on the the global EMC. On day three, we prayed for cross-cultural efforts, and then on day four, we, prayed for our "Judea" or home country. On day five, we prayed for our region, district, or section of churches. These last two days of the seven, pray for your family, and for your own personal discipleship. Ask God to make you a winsome witness and an effective disciple. Pray for God to share with you what you can do right in your own family, or your own church, or your own community to make a significant impact for Him.



## 7 Days of United Prayer Suggestions

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It is our great hope that during these days in March of 2018, every believer and every church will truly experience wave after wave of revival and spiritual growth. In preparation for this week, seek to unlock

creativity regarding your church's specific response. If you have a prayer ministry leader, invite them into a brain-storming process as to what kinds of corporate meetings you might plan to organize as kick-off, week-long, or culminating events. If you don't have a formal prayer leader, host a meeting of other key leaders (EMW or EMM leaders, Board of Stewards chairpersons, etc.) to discuss and plan your involvement.

### General Suggestions:

**PRAYING IN AGREEMENT:** When someone prays a request to God, be sure some others pray for that same request and agree together; this is powerful! Don't think that because one person has prayed about the request that no one else needs to. "Again I say unto you, that if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in Heaven" (Matthew 18:19, KJV). How encouraging it is to be lifted up in prayer!

**FASTING:** Invite those joining you in Seven Days of Prayer to consider some type of fasting, such as fasting from TV, secular music, movies, the Internet, or sweets. Use the extra time to pray and study the Bible, asking God to reveal Himself to you and your congregation.

**PRAY SCRIPTURE:** Reading or praying a short portion of Scripture is a wonderful way to ensure you are praying God's will. Praying God's promises back to Him is an incredible faith builder. God loves for us to pray His Word in expressions of praise or promise. "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord" (Colossians 3:16). You'll be amazed at how long a group can pray and enjoy it!

**SENTENCE PRAYERS:** Prayers should be short and to the point. This gives others an opportunity to pray as well. Try to limit your prayers to a few sentences. Each person can pray multiple times. Short sentence prayers keep the prayer time interesting and allow the Holy Spirit to impress the group how to pray. You don't need to open and close each short sentence prayer with phrases such as "Dear God" and "Amen." It is an ongoing conversation with God.

**SILENCE:** As a leader, don't dominate public prayer times. The goal is to get others praying. Times of silence are wonderful, as they give God time to speak to our hearts. Allow the Holy Spirit to work and give everyone time to pray.

**SINGING:** Spontaneous group songs, mingled between prayers, add beauty to a prayer meeting. Appropriate songs are listed at the end of each daily leader's guide. Do not feel that you need to use all the songs; these are simply suggestions. Singing is also a good way to transition from one prayer section to another.