

CONVERSATIONAL PRAYER GUIDELINES

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What is “conversational prayer?” It is “praying back and forth on a single subject until a new one is introduced by the Spirit.”

1. WORSHIP

Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise – Ps 100:4

Take time to focus on the greatness of God before rushing into intercession. Take time to magnify Jesus, who is seated at the right of the Father and who has all authority in heaven and on earth.

Enter the presence of the Lord with thanksgiving and praise. The Spirit may give you a hymn or a song, don't be afraid to lead out in it. Be willing to verbalize your expressions of praise as the group becomes one in the presence of Jesus.

2. PRAY IN JESUS' NAME

Jesus' name is the source of authority for answered prayer – Jn 16:24

When we pray in Jesus' name we are drawing on the riches of Jesus' account in the heavenly realms.

As you pray, include the phrase “In Jesus' name” at either the beginning or the end of your request.

3. AGREE IN PRAYER

Jesus has promised to do what we ask when two or more of us agree together – Mt 18:19

Agreement in prayer allows for everyone in the group to contribute to the prayer effort.

Be willing to give a verbal expression of agreement as you listen to others as they pray. Any appropriate expression will signal your agreement: “Yes, Lord,” “In Jesus' name,” “Amen,” etc.

4. SPIRIT-LED PRAYER

Listen for the Holy Spirit's prompting – Eph 6:18. It may come in the form of a song to sing, a verse of Scripture to quote, or a word picture to pray through.

Let the Holy Spirit guide you as you pray. He was sent to us by Jesus to be our guide – Jn 16:13

However many people have gathered together to pray, there is always one more who is with us – the Holy Spirit. Keep that in mind as you pray together. As He prompts you, respond to His prompting.

5. PRAY IN ONE ACCORD

Pray for one request at a time. Allow other members of the group to pray for the same request if they are so moved. Allow others to “piggyback” onto the prayer request. Each member who prays will pray according to his/her gifts and experience.

Once you sense that everyone has prayed for that request, allow the Spirit to move you on to another request.

Be one in all that you do – Phil 2:1-2