



# Prayer Team

Praying for Needs and Ministering to Situations

God loves when our hearts *catch the vision* of His.

Evangel's Prayer Team connects real people to a real God through ministering to every person who comes forward at a weekend service by praying for people's needs and ministering to their situations. Serving on the prayer team is one way we can stand in the gap for people and their needs, and be on the front lines in people's life battles.

*And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.* - James 5:15-16 (NIV)

**We lead by:**

**INSIDE OUT:** Leading healthy lives out of the overflow of healthy hearts

**FAMILY FOCUSED:** Giving high value to our families and relationships **LIVE TO GIVE:** Building our legacy as contributors, not consumers

**BRING OUR BEST:** Engaging every opportunity with an effort worthy of eternity

**FUTURE MINDED:** Pursuing what's ahead while honoring the past

**Evangel Mission Statement**

Evangel exists to build the church in the northern Great Plains region through lives transformed by a Jesus-centered message, Spirit-empowered experiences, and authentic relationships before Jesus returns.

*All praise to the God and Father of our Master, Jesus the Messiah! Father of all mercy! God of all healing counsel! He comes alongside us when we go through hard times, and before you know it, he brings us alongside someone else who is going through hard times so that we can be there for that person just as God was there for us.* - 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (The Message)

## OUR BELIEFS

**Jesus:** Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He is co-equal with the Father. Jesus lived a sinless human life and offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all men by dying on a cross. He arose from the dead after three days to demonstrate His power over sin and death. He ascended to heaven and will return again to reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

**Holy Spirit:** The Holy Spirit is equal with the Father and the Son as God. He is present in the world to make people aware of their need for Jesus Christ. He also lives in every believer from the moment of salvation. He provides the Christian with power for living, understanding of spiritual truth, and guidance in doing what is right. The Christian seeks to live under His control daily.

**Salvation:** Salvation is God's gift to you if you'll accept it. We can never make up for our sin with self-improvement or good works. It is only by trusting in Jesus Christ as God's offer of forgiveness that you can be saved from sin's penalty. Eternal life begins the moment you receive Jesus Christ into your life by faith.

**The Bible:** The Bible is God's Word to all people. It was written by human authors under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is the ultimate source of truth for Christian beliefs and living.

**Humanity:** Humanity is made in the image of God. Although God designed us to have fellowship with Him, we became alienated from God through disobedience. As a result, all human beings are born with a sinful nature and choose to sin against God. We are incapable of regaining a right relationship with God through our own efforts.

**Eternity:** You were created to exist forever. We believe that forever is spent in one of two places: eternally separated from God because of sin or in union with God because of His forgiveness and salvation. When you die, you will either spend eternity in heaven or hell. Eternal separation from God happens in hell. Eternal union with God occurs in heaven.

**The Power of God:** In relationship with Jesus, we are not only saved from our sins and transformed by His work in our lives. We also become carriers of His power that works in us and through us.

**The Church:** The Church is the body of believers who gather together for worship, encouragement, support and mission.

# Prayer Team Expectations

**PURPOSE:** Lead and communicate the ministry vision by praying for people's needs and ministering to people's life situations through anointing with oil, the laying on of hands, and praying for people's specific needs in our services.

## Competency Requirements

- Be a dedicated follower of Jesus
- Attend Discover
- Currently serve in a ministry 1/month
- Committed to attend one weekend service
- Prayer Team online training process approved

## Roles

### Communication and Connection

- Attend Welcome Team Rally
- Remain available for assistance as long as people are still seeking God and prayer.
- Understand when to filter people toward our Care Department for more care
- Respond to serving requests via Planning Center
- Be available for meetings

### Build Teams and Assimilation

- Build your team by adding new team leaders (captain)
- Create a culture of team building (all team members)
- Train new team leaders through online training process (captain)

### Leader Oversight and Shepherding

- Provide ministry and accountability to those attending the course (all leaders)
- Pray for prayer team members regularly (all leaders)
- Provide leadership oversight to team leaders (captain)

### Ministry Task

- Facilitate adding new participants in CCB (captain)
- Communicate with the pastor when making Care Department referrals (captain/leaders)
- Pray over weekly prayer requests (all team members)

## Team Structure



**Care Pastor** - Responsible for casting Prayer Team vision and communicating vision to Prayer Team Members.

**Prayer Team Captain** - Works with the Care Pastor with Care Department referrals. Contacts other team leaders to communicate prayer team details and needs. The captain will facilitate relationship, accountability, scheduling requests, and appreciation of other team leaders.

**Prayer Team Leaders** - Facilitates praying with team members after weekend team rally but before the service starting time. Reports to the Prayer Team Captain.

**Prayer Team Member** - Responsible for praying for people's needs and ministering to situations. Reports Care Department referrals to Prayer Team Leaders. Completed prayer team training process and was approved by Care Pastor.

### The Evangel Care Department includes:

- Benevolence
  - Help in financial situations
- Care Coaches
  - One-on-one lay counseling
  - We also have a list of local licensed counselors Evangel recommends
- Prayer Team
  - Fill out a "prayer request" card and we'll pray for you throughout the week!

## Who We're Looking For

### The Character Traits

**Compassionate:** Express love through being sincere to others. Allow others to feel welcome, comfortable, and free to share their thoughts and feelings. Overall, gently point others toward God and His direction for their lives. (Philippians 2:1-4)

**Others-oriented:** Driven by a genuine concern for others and an eagerness to serve, understanding that it will sometimes be a sacrifice. (1 John 3:17 and James 2:14-17)

**Empathetic:** Bring a spirit of God's peace and hope (without expressing false optimism), while being patient and respectful to any feelings of discouragement and sadness they may have. (Romans 12:15)

**Integrity:** Live a moral life both in private and in public. (Psalm 26:11-12)

**Humble:** Showing a modest or low estimate of one's own importance in the power of prayer. We are merely the vessels that God has chosen to perform His work through, nothing more! Give credit where credit is due: to God only!

**Faith:** Have confidence that God wants to act in His children's lives. (Hebrews 11:1)

### The 'Musts'

**Discretion:** Be respectful of those in need by not gossiping about the lives of others. Holding oneself to a high standard of confidentiality. (Matthew 6:1-4)

**Accountability:** Must support Evangel, embracing its key values and policies. As you help others, you're an extension of Evangel and a representation to the community.

### The 'That'd Be Greats'

**Experience:** Have lived through trials and struggles, experienced God's help and healing, and have an intimate understanding of the needs of someone who is hurting. Have a special sensitivity as you interact with people. (1 Corinthians 1:3-4)

## **WHO AM I PRAYING FOR?**

### **New Believer**

1. Pray Salvation Prayer. See “Salvation Prayer” Training Video
2. Fill out Connect Card. These will be located in the prayer baskets at your prayer station.
3. Give them a Salvation Bag - These will be located in the prayer baskets on the stage. If you run out, please walk the new believer back to the New Here Booth in order to get a Salvation Bag, which includes a Bible.

### **New Guest**

1. Ask if they are a New Believer
  - If they are a new believer, see “New Believer” section above
2. Walk them to the New Here Booth

### **Does the person you are praying with need more care?**

1. They can call the church and ask for more information. Phone number: 701-255-0500.

## **WHEN TO PRAY?**

Come up to the front of the auditorium when the worship team begins their closing song, or if the pastor says something to the effect of “Please Stand.” If both the pastor and host forget to call prayer team members up to the front, please walk to the front after the host does his/her closing words. This will be near the end of the service.

## HOW TO PRAY?

**FIRST | Partner up** Pray with another Prayer Team member.

- Married - You may stand with your spouse.
- Not married, or when spouse is not present - You may stand with someone of the same gender (if possible) and pray in a pair.
- Pray individually - If many people come up for prayer, we may ask you to pray alone in order to be more effective for people's needs.

**SECOND | Introduce yourself** Let the person explain their prayer request by prompting them. (Example: "How can I pray for you today?")

- Ask questions only to clarify your understanding of their need.
- You are not their counselor. (Please refer "extra-grace" individuals to call the church). If someone goes on and on explaining their needs, gently stop them and reassure them saying something like, "God knows everything you need, and He provides for all of our needs; let's invite Him into our conversation and trust Him to move. Let's start to pray now."

**THIRD | Laying on of hands** Ask to lay your hand on the person's shoulder. (You may hold their hand if you ask first and are of the same gender).

- Speak at a volume in which they can hear you. (If praying in partners, you can decide to have one person pray or have both people pray due to the Holy Spirit's prompting.)
  - If they ask to step out of the auditorium because they are struggling to hear you, kindly remind them that you are expected to remain at the front of the auditorium.
- Although there is no "set" time frame, please keep the interaction with each prayer request to about 5 minutes. This time frame starts with the person explaining their prayer request until they walk away. Let the Holy Spirit guide you.
- Do not share details with others.

# PRAYER SUPPLIES

## PRAYER BASKETS

Located toward the front of the auditorium on the right and left sides of the stage.

### What is in the prayer baskets?

- **Lanyards**
  - Please wear a lanyard while serving on prayer team.
- **Pens**
- **Connect Cards/Prayer Request Cards**
  - Connect Cards - All new believers need to fill out a connect card if they have not filled one out already at their seat. Have them mark “I accepted Jesus today” if they fill it out with you.
  - Prayer Request Cards - If the person you prayed with would like to fill out a prayer request card, or if you would like to fill one out for them or yourself, they can be placed in any of the drop boxes and will be picked up the following business day to be added to the prayer request list. Also, if there’s a praise report, feel free to utilize these cards for this as well.
- **Salvation Bags**
  - After asking if they have filled out a connect card, give new believers a Salvation Bag. Describe what is in the bag (see “New Believer” section for description of contents).
  - If we run out of Salvation Bags, more will be located at the New Here Booths.
- **Anointing Oils**
  - See “Anointing Oils” Training Video
- **Mints**
  - Please eat a mint before praying with others
- **211 Cards**
  - For those in need of immediate assistance, give them one of these cards.
- **Bismarck/Mandan Resource List**
  - This map and list is of community resources in the area for those in need. There are copies of this to give away at the Information Center.

## **A NOTE ON CONFIDENTIALITY**

### **Please remember that all prayer requests are to be kept confidential.**

We are here to be a non-biased person that stands in the gap for people's spiritual needs. We are not here to learn information and gossip about it later.

*Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.*

- Ephesians 4:29 (NIV)

### **Immediate or Extreme Trials**

If you are concerned about a person and feel they may need extra help other than what you have given him/her, please talk to the Prayer Team Leader to make sure appropriate action steps are taken.

- Give them the phone number (701-255-0500) to call the church.
- Contact Care Pastor, Alisha Weston, at [alisha@goevangel.org](mailto:alisha@goevangel.org) if you need further assistance.
- Examples of immediate or extreme trials: serious intent to harm himself, herself, someone else, the church, or reasonable suspicion of abuse against a minor child, elderly person, or dependent adult.

