

Prayer

Partner

Ministry

Guidelines

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A. Introduction

- a. We are writing this for those who have a desire and a calling from God to be involved in ministry to needy, hurting people at Compass North Church.
- b. The purpose of this manual is to give some basic, practical instruction on praying for the needs of others.

B. Serving on CNC Prayer Team

a. Objectives

- i. To allow the Holy Spirit to minister through us to people who come forward for prayer.
- ii. To minister God's love and healing to those who come for prayer.
- iii. It is not the purpose to provide counseling or other in-depth ministry involvement.

b. Qualifications for Prayer Team Member

- i. In general, any ministry team member must be born again (John 3:3, Romans 6:23) and be a member of a local church, subject to the leadership of that church.
- ii. None of us are perfect but we are to desire perfection Matthew 5:48

c. A Servants Heart

- i. Humility. (Proverbs 3:34, James 4:6, 1 Peter 5:5.)
- ii. Obedience. (John 14:23, 15:10.)
- iii. Faithfulness. (1 Timothy 1:12-14)

d. Characteristics Desired For Prayer Team Members

- i. Daily prayer and worship
- ii. Spending time in reading and studying the Word of God
- iii. Living a repented lifestyle (Luke 13:3)
- iv. Readily willing to forgive those who may have wronged us. Living a life of forgiveness. (Matthew 6:14-15)
- v. Growing in the Fruit of the Spirit. (Gal 5:22-23)
- vi. Allow the Holy Spirit to lead and guide you (Romans 8:14)
- vii. Making a great effort to avoid sin.

e. Laying hands on people

- i. Holding the persons hands.
- ii. Touching the person on the shoulder.

f. Hygiene

- i. Have breath mints handy.
- ii. Use deodorant.

C. The Goal

- a. Our goal is to impart the Love of God through you and releasing the Holy Spirit to work in the person's life you are praying for.

D. Prayer for the Prayer Team Members

- a. Pray daily for yourself and the Prayer Team
 - i. The Blood of Jesus covering family, home and property

- ii. Gods favor and blessing.
- iii. Pray for unity in the Prayer Team that there be no room for the enemy to attach in anyway.
- iv. For humble hearts toward God and others.
- v. Teachable and cooperative spirits.
- vi. To pray for a fresh anointing daily in our lives and the other prayer partners.
- vii. All of us striving to be like Jesus.
- viii. To love one another (John 13:34; 1 Cor 13:1-13)

E. My Responsibilities

- a. Whatever service you are scheduled for please arrive at least 15 minutes before you are to serve. If you are scheduled for 9am service be at church 30 minutes before service and attend HUDDLE in loft at 8:30am.
- b. Make sure booth is set up. If there are flyers to pass out they go one on every other seat.
- c. Make sure two pens are in each holder on seat back.
- d. Make sure there are a tithe envelope and connection card in each seatback holder.
- e. Make sure floor and seats are clean and no bottles or cups are lying on seat or floor. If floor needs swept please find a

vacuum and sweep.

F. Avoid the following:

- a. Praying loud prayers God is not deaf.
- b. Avoid touching the person in ways that could be distracting.
- c. Avoid asking too many questions this is not a counseling session. If you feel you have a word for them tell them your impression. If they answer favorably you are both blessed. If they say no them move on.

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A. Fresh Start Booth

- a. Count the hands when Pastor Joe asks for hands raised for a fresh start.
- b. When the person comes back to the Booth to receive the Fresh Start Booth congratulate them on making a fresh start.
- c. If you feel like saying a short prayer for them do so.
- d. Talk to them about their next step which is the PATH. Really encourage them to attend the PATH. There is a handout at the table for the PATH. Let them know PATH is the next step is serving here at

CNC. Let them know there are many places to serve at CNC.

Prayer Partner Booklet

Topics

1. What it means to be a Prayer Partner
-Compass North and Prayer

Prayer is a means of pursuing a dynamic relationship with God.

The definition of dynamic is characterized by constant change, activity, or process. It is a force that stimulates change or progress. Look to the story of Enoch.

"By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death: "he could not be found, because God had taken him away." For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. (Hebrews 11:15)

Enoch also walked with God (Genesis 5:24). Our goal in prayer is to create such a bond with Christ, that God would fulfill every great and perfect thing in our lives.

Enoch shows us that it is important to have a relationship with God. He also had near perfect faith; I will touch on faith later in this book. If the perfect relationship between Enoch and God would reward such an outcome as eternal life with God, we must seek the very same relationship.

The deeper we dive into perusing an effective prayer life, the greater opportunity we have that God will provide when we ask.

We are all created by God in his own image. It is our belief that all of our needs and blessings come from God alone. "I lift up my eyes to the mountains- where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth" (Psalm 121:1-2).

2. Group Prayer

We live in group age. In our culture rugged

individualism is giving way to group action. Everyone today is connected with a phone that is connected to the internet, which is connected to social media, that is connected to people all across the planet.

"A quickening presence pervades us, breaking down some part of the special privacy and isolation of our individual lives and blending ourselves with a supernatural God. An objective, dynamic presence enfolds us all nourishes our souls, speaks glad, unutterable comfort within us, and quickens us in depths that had before been slumbering. In a gathered meeting the sense is there that a New Life and Power is present in us all. We know that together, we all come expecting the same." -Thomas Kelly

As a team of believers we focus on reaching out to God on the behalf of those in need. I believe it is our duty to come boldly before the throne of God. Daily 50+ men and women seek the face of God every day for Compass North. Because of the dedication of these people, we have seen many lives changed. Addictions broken, financial

strain lifted, physical healings, dead ends turned into Fresh Starts.

"Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." (Matt 18:19-20)

It is proven that there is power in prayer when a group of people seek God for the same thing, he will richly provide. We find that as a body of praying men and women relationships with Christ deepens, and spiritual growth will be experienced.

Something begins to happen when people continue to pray and seek the face of God. After continual worship, and calling on victory a powerful move begins to happen. In our own lives we see God working in every aspect. An even greater wonder to see is an influx of people coming and looking for hope, rest, peace, and a

greater encounter-and they receive that and so much more!

3. Jesus and Prayer

“Whatever you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive” (Matt 21:22)

Jesus is urging us here in his own words to tap freely the inexhaustible spiritual energy that is waiting to be released through our intercession.

The Gospels have a lot of captivating glimpses into the prayer life of Christ. So why did Christ pray? I'm glad you asked.

The first reason Jesus prayed is because it sets a great example for his disciples. Compare it to the monkey see monkey do affect. That is how trends start. One person starts, and begins to spark inquiring minds. Jesus being seen praying started a great domino effect. (Luke 11:1) Jesus is seen praying, and when he is finished he is asked to teach his disciples how to pray.

The second reason Jesus prayed show the

Incarnation consists of both divine and human natures. It is human nature for a Jewish believer such as Christ to pray. As the divine nature of Jesus praying shows us an amazing thing. God did not pretend to become man, he literally became a man. God now exists as a man in addition to His continued existence as God because He incorporated human nature into His one divine person, utilizing the human nature to personally exist as man. As God came to exist as a genuine man, complete with a genuine human consciousness/mind, Jesus had the capacity for, and the need for relationships. Because of the reality and genuineness of His humanity Jesus even had need of a relationship with God. As man Jesus experienced the same limitations all humans experience, occasioning His dependence on God as all men have need of such. Surely Jesus did not pray because He was God, but because He was man. Only humans have need of prayer. If it was not for Christ's genuine human existence He would have had no reason to pray.

Jesus saw prayer so important he spent 40 days

fasting and praying. In that time he was tempted 3 times by the devil. Christ being strong in his faith stayed the course. I will add here, that this was recorded in Matthew, Luke, and John. But no one else was present with Jesus, so he must have told them of the ordeals and struggles he endured. This we can call praise reports straight from Jesus.

We see Christ fully man, diving deep into prayer life. Then tested and tried, coming out with victory! The life of Jesus shows us a lot of great things, but possibly the greatest being of his rewarding. If great effort is put in, you better believe you will be receiving something from our Lord.

Another amazing moment of prayer for Jesus would come from the story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead. (John 11) A very dynamic and moving setting comes as Jesus leaves the believers he was teaching. Jesus comes into the town where Lazarus was buried and sees Mary and Martha. Mind you at this time Lazarus was dead for four days. At one point as Jesus is

heading to the burial spot, he is told "but by now he stinks!" It is not hard by now to picture Jesus praying for four days straight. He was in fact praying, mentioning early on to his disciples when he knew Lazarus was sick. Martha and Jesus get into a conversation, as she says to him "if you would have come quickly my brother would not be dead" Jesus then replies "he will live again". Mary didn't know what Jesus meant, that Lazarus would be living in just a few moments time. Jesus, knowing for four days that his friend was dead, is ready for a miracle. The bible says Jesus begins to groan, this is the beginning of his prayer. He says "If you would believe you would see the glory of God. Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you hear me always. But because of the people that I stand near, they believe that you have sent me. (He cries in a loud voice) Lazarus! Come Forth!" This is the Power of God.

The next point that I will bring you to in Jesus' life is to the Garden of Gethsemane. This is not his final prayer, but it is an intricate part we need to look at, to get a deeper view of the importance of prayer in his life. The key verses

here are Matt 22:36-46.

Jesus is with Peter and the two sons of Zebedee (James and John). It would seem intricate that Peter is there because Peter himself will help usher in the birth of the Church Jesus sits the men down and tells them sorrowful and troubled he is. He asks them to stay and keep watch with him. Jesus then falls on his face and begins to pray. "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will." Jesus praying as he is "troubled" but we can also still see he is still strong in his faith in the Lords will.

Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Could you men not keep watch with me for one hour?" He then asks Peter to stay awake, keep watch, so he does not fall into temptation. He does this back and forth. From prayer to the men to keep finding them sleeping. Jesus finally let them sleep. He himself was also tired, but his spirit was willing to the will of God, thus Jesus would keep steady in prayer.

He finally wakes them up and tells them that the time has come; now he will be betrayed into the hands of evil men. From what we can take from the *Gospels*, Jesus prayed often. And every time he prayed it accompanied and/or preceded a great event. The prayer of our Lord in the garden underscores the truth of the New Testament that there is but one way, and that way is the shed blood of the sinless Savior, shed for sinners.

Welcome to the Compass North _____ Team.

We are so excited you are joining the Dream Team. By checking each line & signing below indicates you have read through the guidelines for the team you have chosen and that you align with the expectations of your specific team as well as the below listed expectations of our Compass North Dreamteam members. Thank you for being willing to serve and doing your best to uphold the heart and culture of Compass North church.

_____ I have completed all 3 sessions of Path

_____ I am in alignment to the full beliefs of Compass North Church.

_____ PCO (Planning Center Online) I have downloaded the app and understand how to use it. I will respond(accept or decline) to scheduling requests within 24 hours. I will use the block out dates when out of town or have other obligations.

_____ Slack (Each teams way of sharing important information quickly and efficiently) I have downloaded Slack app and commit to check slack at least once per day.

_____ I have received my team shirt and will wear it and nametag when serving.

_____ I will arrive for serving 30 minutes prior to church service and be at my post 20 minutes prior to church service. If I am serving at 9 am I will attend the Huddle at 8:30 am.

_____ I am willing to serve a minimum of once per month (2 x per month is preferable)

_____ Serve one Attend one: I understand when I am serving, I will make it a priority to attend one service. Your spiritual life is important, we want you to be filled.

_____ Guest Aware: Whether serving or not, I will be mindful of new guests & introduce myself, help them find whomever invited them, introduce them to someone at Connect Center.

_____ Serving is working for God. I will remind myself and politely delay non-serve related conversations until after I am finished serving.

_____ Church Aware: A clean environment is part of our guests impression of Compass North church. I will pick up and dispose of empty coffee cups & water bottles. If I see a spill or mess of any kind, I will clean it up or bring it to the attention of someone who can.

_____ I understand I am expected to participate in trainings/meetings/and Dream team parties.

_____ Join a Life Group: Taking rows to circles. Small groups are where we study God's word and build lasting relationships. Most Life Groups are 8 week sessions. Freedom groups 12 wks.

I will participate in a life group and when ready I will lead a life group.

_____ I plan to complete Next steps for my spiritual growth: LP1, LP2, and Freedom Group.

_____ I have completed LP1

_____ I have completed LP2

_____ I have completed Freedom (including conference)

_____ Being on the Dreamteam is an honor and a privilege. I will be mindful of how I am representing Compass North Church and the love of Jesus every day and every where, not just at church on Sunday.

_____ Social Media(WWPJP-what would Pastor Joe post) Remember it's your church family, Directors, Dreamteam members and their families, friends, coworkers & sometimes kids seeing your posts. I promise to be mindful of what I post on social media.

Thank you so much for being willing to serve the Kingdom of God. If you have any questions or concerns please take them to your team Director or Assistant Director. Pastor Joe Hunt

Signature

Dates