



PRAYER SERVE TEAM

TEAM VISION STATEMENT / DESCRIPTION

The Prayer Team at 7 City Church assists partners, staff, and volunteers in prayer and intercession. We believe that prayer is our foundation, that not only changes things, but changes us. Prayer is vital for us to push the vision of 7 City Church forward.

TEAM VALUES

These values are the standards we strive for among our staff, leaders, and volunteers at 7 City Church.

We are...

Servant Leaders – We lead by serving with integrity, humility, and compassion/

Team Players – We maximize teamwork by being vision supports, culture enhancers, relationship builders, and people developers.

Hard Workers – We are unapologetically focused on our vision, hustle to pursue it, and are committed to excellence and continual improvement.

HEART OF A 7CC VOLUNTEER

- Heart to see life change through prayer
- Willingness to pray and intercede for others
- Desire to serve people through intercession and prayer
- Desire to serve the vision of 7 City Church

GENERAL

- Attend or watch online weekend experiences
- Attend any trainings, meetings, or serve team activities

DURING THE WEEK (examples)

- Assist with Wednesday morning Prayer zoom as needed
- Assist with Prayer during any Prayer focus and emphasis throughout the calendar year
- Stay engaged on all communication platforms (Planning Center- PCO, Email, Text)
- Spend time in prayer and the word (Daily Devotion)
- Invitation – life change always start with an invitation. Invite others to the weekend experience.

CONTACT INFORMATION

- Pastor Quinton Cummings is the Pastor of Connections & Young Adults (which oversees prayer) of 7 City Church
- Communication will come through email, Planning Center – PCO, (email), or text

THE 7 CITY PRAYER TEAM EXPERIENCE

We want every person that attends 7 City Church to feel valued and loved. 7 City Church attracts a lot of people who are new to God, church, and even their faith. Therefore, having someone (YOU) to pray with them might be a new experience. We want to make sure we provide a positive, life changing experience that leads people to a deeper faith in Christ.

Here's a few tips:

1. RESPECT & PROTECT THE PERSON RECEIVING PRAYER

- Avoid using "Christianese" - we want people to understand what we are praying for and to feel empowered to pray for themselves. Use normal, everyday words that people understand. Help them see that prayer is simply communication with God – a dialogue not a monologue
- Use your normal speaking voice
- Avoid screaming / talking loudly
- Our goal on is to reach people who don't know Christ, in that case you may be asked to pray for something that is shocking to you (do your best to not show that surprise)
- We are to PRAY FOR THEM, NOT COUNSEL THEM

2. MAINTAIN CONFIDENTIALITY

- It is a privilege we get to pray for others. They invite us into their lives (a way of trust). Folks deciding to share personal information is normal and regular, this is a privilege we don't take lightly.

3. BE SPIRIT LED

- Our job is to lead people to God, not be God.
- If you feel / sense God has given you a message for the person, feel free to share it. However, don't feel pressured to have "a word" for every person you pray for
- Don't push people over (We don't slay people in the Spirit, the Holy Spirit does)

4. PRAY WITH FAITH

- Pray with each person believing that God is hearing your prayer and that He responds to the prayers of His People. Your faith will aid in building faith of the person you are praying with

PRAYER TEAM STRATEGY ***HERE'S HOW WE WILL DO IT***

- **Always grab a breath mint (before service) at the Next Steps Counter**
- **Be attentive to the service**
 - ***Make sure you are listening to Pastor Stephen or anyone who is the communicator or closing out the service. When communicator invites everyone to stand and asks everyone to bow their head is your cue to go the sides of the room. Don't be shy. We want you in place at the right time.***
- **Stand on the sides of the room (2 on each side)**
 - ***Each middle table will have***
 - ***1. Bible Packet***
 - ***2. Connect Cards***
 - ***3. Pens***
 - ***4. Kleenex***
- **When someone steps up for prayer, ask them, "Hey my name is...how can I pray for you today?"**
 - ***It is best to place a hand of the person's shoulder, or on their hand or arm when praying for them***
 - ***Avoid any inappropriate touching***
 - ***If asking for healing – please use wisdom and caution when touching that area that needs to be healed***

- **Pray with your eyes open**
 - *This will allow you to see if the Holy Spirit is moving on the person in a certain way. It also protects you from unexpected attack of the enemy. Focus on the person.*
- **When praying for people –**
 - **Pray the Will of God** – Pray prayers that are consistent with the will of God in scripture. If someone asks you to pray that is obviously against the character of God, try to pray that God will reveal himself to the person
 - **Pray Scripture** – The Bible is filled with promises and prayers that we can pray over people. There is so much power in speaking the Word of God in our prayers.
 - **Pray with Faith** - Often people come up for prayer because they don't have faith that their own prayers will be heard. Be that faithful friend who will stand in the gap for them.
 - **Encourage the Person** – Encourage them to hear God for themselves through the day, night, and week ahead.
 - **Be Sensitive** - If there is a line of people waiting to be prayed for. Don't pray for a long period of time (60 seconds – 2 minutes) – generally use this timing.

After you pray with the person, remind them that God has heard their prayers and He is working on their behalf.

If a person comes up for prayer who has committed their life to Christ, after you pray for them:

1. Give them a bible packet
2. Explain the Bible Packet to them
3. Have them complete Connect Card
4. Let them know someone from our Pastoral Staff will be in contact with them
5. You can drop them off at the Next Steps Counter (after they give to you)

DIFFERENT PRAYER NEEDS

SALVATION

Be prepared to lead someone to Christ. Below is an example prayer & four components of evangelism:

Example of Prayer: Lord Jesus, I repent of my sins, come into my heart, I want to partner with you and your plan for my life. Today, I make you my Lord and savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

1. **Admit** – Confessing our sinfulness is the first step in conversion
2. **Repent** – Repentance involves renouncing and turning from the sins of the past to live a new life in Christ
3. **Believe** – Recognizing Christ as the Son of God and Savior of the world is our and at the foundation of Christianity
4. **Receive** – The new believer is born again upon receiving Christ as Lord and Leader of his or her life

HEALING

We are not the healer, Jesus is. Our job is to be Conduent and invite people to the healing power of Jesus. Here's how you do in the 4 areas:

1. **Ask** – specifically partner and ask the person what they would like Jesus to do for them
2. **Touch** – **don't touch the specific area**, but always pray with your hand on their shoulder, hold their hand
3. **Specific** – pray very specifically what you would like God to do
4. **Have Faith** – Pray with faith. We are not trying to convince God to heal them, we are asking Jesus to do what he has already paid for on the cross

SPIRIT BAPTISM

Make sure the person has received salvation first. Be sure to answer any questions they may have about Spirit Baptism. Prior to praying, explain that they may feel prompted to do (explain to them that is normal and God may be giving them a prayer language).

1. Lead the person in a prayer of repentance.
2. Ask God to cleanse our hearts of anything that might be in the way the relationship with Him
3. Thank God for who He is and what He has done for them
4. Finally, lay your hand on the persons shoulder and ask Jesus to baptize you in his Spirit

DON'T DO'S

- a. Don't be weird (the Holy Spirit isn't weird)
- b. Don't pray loud and scare the person
- c. Don't force people to pray in tongues
- d. If they do receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues, give them a few moments to enjoy, experience, and celebrate their new gift.
 - Before they leave encourage to pray each day, read the word, and continue yielding to the Spirit work in their lives
- e. If they don't receive the baptism of and in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues:
 - Don't force it or drag it alone for a long period of time
 - If they are desiring, but after a few moments and haven't spoken in tongues remind them that God loves them and that He will answer their prayers. Allow them to know that the evidence of tongues isn't the only way that is result of receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit
 - Encourage them many times people receive their prayer language at a later time

YOUR NEXT STEPS

- 1. Get in our Text Group**
- 2. Make sure you have access to PCO (Planning Center)**
- 3. Complete Background Check (will be sent to your email)**
- 4. Complete Ministry Safe**
- 5. Send your scheduled in to approximately be place on the schedule**