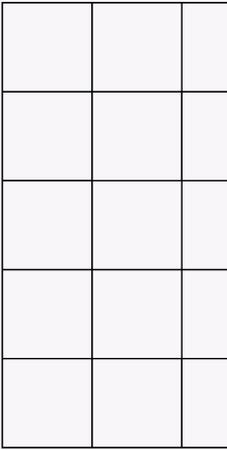


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# **Intercessory Team Handbook**



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# Encountering God in Prayer

Prayer is the foundation of Worship Life Church. The vision for Worship Life Church is to Encounter God's Presence, equip believers, and build community. At the foundation of encountering God is the discipline of prayer. Without it, we will completely miss the very reason God has brought us together for this time. Because Worship Life Church was birthed through prayer, it has always been a value to keep prayer and fasting as a high priority across all aspects of this ministry. We have developed a "Priority of Prayer" culture at Worship Life Church, and the Intercessory Prayer Team leads this effort.



# Prayer Team Overview



## Roles & Responsibilities

The Prayer Team provides prayer covering for services, teams, and events at Worship Life Church. We are covering leadership and teams by lifting them up before God each day and covering their personal prayer needs. Between Sundays, as the Prayer Team, we pray individually for leadership, teams, and members of our church.

There are five service opportunities on the Intercessory Prayer Team: Before Service Prayer, Opening Prayer with the congregation, Altar Prayer, and Wednesday Morning Prayer.

- **Before Service Prayer**

On Sundays, we pray before services for the impact team and intercede on behalf of those in attendance at our campus. The Intercessory Team will meet together after the corporate prayer at 12:45pm in one of the available rooms on campus. The team will pray until the start of the service (approximately 1:27 pm).

- **Opening Prayer**

On Sundays, one prayer team member will open the service in prayer, always inviting the congregation to stand and join them in prayer. Prayer takes place on stage and should last from 5-7 minutes. Afterward, the mic can be given to one of the worship team members. Pastor and/or Worship leader will provide clues for ending prayer.



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## Roles & Responsibilities

- **Altar Prayer**

Pastor Brandon or Kelly may call the intercessors up during or after service to pray for those in the church. Please always be ready if you are scheduled as an altar worker. Also, every Sunday, the scheduled intercessors are ALWAYS needed to be available after service, in general, in case anyone wants someone to agree with them in prayer. Also, be readily available to come up if Pastors are praying for people during service, in case they need intercessors to continue to pray for a certain individual.

- **Wednesday Morning Prayer**

We host corporate prayer every Wednesday morning on our Conference Prayer Line at 6:30 am, MST. We will have the intercessors lead that prayer call on a consistent rotation. The call usually lasts for 30 minutes. Each intercessor will be trained on how to navigate the system that is used for the prayer call.

- **Process for Incoming Prayer Request**

1. Assigned Intercessor(s) will review, take calls and return calls left via voicemail. We will also keep personal logs of requests and follow up as needed.
2. In an emergency, calls will go to the Team lead, who will get the details, notify Pastors and Core Team, and follow up with individual(s) as needed.



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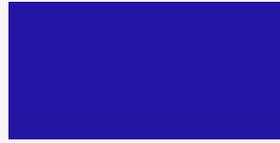


## Roles & Responsibilities

- **Intercessory Team Pillar(s) provides** essential support for Pastors, Leaders, Servant leaders, and Congregation. As intercessors, we support the vision of WLC.
- **Intercessory Team Roles/ Characteristics/Skills**
  - Accepted Christ as your Lord and Savior.
  - Commitment to the study of the word of God daily.
  - Operating in the love of Christ. Fruit of the Holy Spirit.
  - Showing compassion towards others.
  - Showing courage, boldness, perseverance, and righteousness.
  - Being an attentive listener while being led by Holy Spirit.
  - Accountability and Responsibility to one another, i.e., being on time for all services, meetings, and scheduled events.
  - Remain flexible. A Ministry that thrives is constantly on the move that includes a change that is inevitable.
  - To maintain unity, honoring ALL people, and trustworthiness. Having the ability to keep confidentiality in what God and others have entrusted you with.
  - Remain solution-minded and operate in self-control, Fruits of the Spirit.
  - Understanding and Communicating our needs while exercising patience is another Fruit of the Spirit.



# Prayer Team Overview



## Roles & Responsibilities

- **Intercessory Team Roster**

- 5 current members
- New Members - Onboarding process, meet with Team Lead to go over expectations and requirements. Please see the team role and responsibility section of the manual.
- Intercessory Team meets once a month. On every 3rd Thursday for one hour from 6 to 7 pm. We may require more meeting times as needed.
- Intercessory Team will fellowship quarterly. The team will decide the details.
- Intercessory Team meetings will be in person and online to be agreed upon by team.
- Intercessory Team budget is needed, and will submit requests as required.


# Team Leader Responsibilities

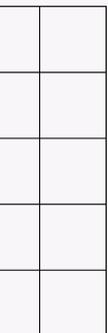
- Reach out to various department leaders to request any prayer needs from their department once a month. If they do not respond, create your prayer list from your calendar, the monthly prayer focus, or as the Spirit leads you.
- Meet with or communicate with your Prayer team members monthly
- and include the prayer needs of the other departments. A possible meeting time should be discussed and agreed upon by the members of the team.
- Do not share any confidential prayer requests with the team. Please reserve those for Pastors Brandon and Kelly.
- Please pray for the needs of the Prayer team members by name each day.
- The Prayer team is growing, so we encourage you to add prayer warriors to your team. Use discernment in building this team.



# Basic Training for Altar Prayer Ministry

1. **Prepare your mind and spirit.** Relax and enjoy praying for someone. Ask the Holy Spirit for a fresh anointing to minister through you. Give it to God and enjoy the experience. (Get out of the way and get God). Take the pressure off of yourself and put it on God—He can handle it. The Bible says, “Restore to me the joy of your salvation.” No matter how serious a person’s problems are, the joy of the Lord is their strength. Learn to minister in the Spirit. Let the Spirit make it fresh to you every time, don’t get mechanical in your methods. Pray for a fresh anointing each time. Remember, your confidence rests in Him, not in you.

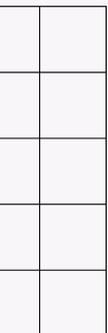
2. **Wear appropriate attire.** Men and women both should wear modest clothing. We don’t want to attract attention or be a distraction in any way when praying for people.



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3. **Smile and greet the person warmly.** Smiles are contagious and put people at ease. Don't be too much into the music, be available and look people in the eyes as they come forward. Ask for their name and use it as you talk to them and pray for them. Shake his hand if he is a man. Taking their hands, whether a man or woman, is a good way to put them at ease and encourage them to come into an agreement with you as you pray. If you are a man, you can touch a woman's shoulder or arm only if it is covered. Be aware of praying too close to someone of the opposite sex. In services with loud music, it may be difficult for the person to hear your prayer, but God can hear.

4. **Be sensitive to the people you are praying for.** Treat them with love and tenderness. They may be vulnerable and able to be wounded easily. Desire and seek after a baptism of love for your brothers and sisters. They will open up and receive so much more easily if they sense the presence of love surrounding them. Ask God to allow you to see them as He sees them. We are conduits for the love of Jesus. Be sensitive to the working and voice of the Holy Spirit.



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5. Ask them what they would like for you to agree with them concerning. Let them talk for a minute, but don't let them go on too long. The more they talk about their problem, the bigger it gets, and there may be others waiting to be prayed for. Ask them, "what am I agreeing in prayer with you for today." \*\*Be sure to ask them if they have a personal relationship with Christ. If not, ask them if they would like to! We want every soul saved!\*\*

6. Move to prayer for them as soon as it is appropriate. Remember that you are not their solution. It's o.k. to say, "I don't have the answer, but God does." Don't counsel; point them to God. As you pray, use scripture – it will build their faith.

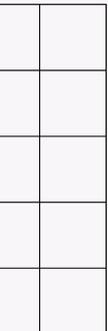
7. Position yourself for ministry: Be sure and keep your eyes open during your prayer time. You want to be aware of facial expressions, clenched fists, or other body language that indicate what the person you are praying for is experiencing. Don't have the person look at you while you pray, as this can be confusing. Stand a bit to the side so you do not have to make eye contact; this also keeps you from praying directly in the face of the

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participants. Be alert so that if the person begins to get weak in their ability to stand, you can steady them.

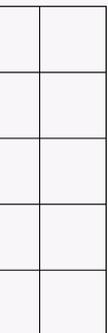
8. **Praying too loud or in the Spirit:** Be sensitive to the person you are praying for by not praying so loud that others can hear. Be careful not to distract the person you are praying for with the volume of your prayer. Please do not use your prayer language during this time, you do not know where the person is on his spiritual journey, and we do not want to make them or those around you uncomfortable.

9. **Always be aware of the Pastor and the Worship Team.** If prayer is during service, be mindful of the pastor and/or worship team for concluding this part of the service. If you feel strongly that the person you are praying for needs further ministry, locate a leader to assist you; if one is available, move to another location to continue.



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10. **Send them off with a scripture.** Again, the Lord will bring up scriptures as you're praying. After you end the prayer, encourage them that you are standing with them and give them the rhema - "now" - word that God has revealed to you. When you end a time of personal prayer ministry, a hug can be a very comforting and affirming gesture. Hugs from the side and front hugs (with only contact at the shoulders) are appropriate. It's good to hug because we are passing on the love of God. Use hugs, but don't force them.



# Five Step Strategy for Service Prayer

**1. Pray that everyone feels welcomed. Pray against distractions and for people to be receptive to the message.**

*Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.*

*For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.*

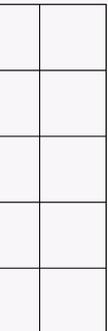
*(Psalm 100:4-5)*

**2. Pray that all spirits of fear, guilt, shame, condemnation, and rejection would be bound.**

*Then Saul sent word to Jesse, saying, "Allow David to remain in my service, for I am pleased with him."*

*Whenever the spirit from God came on Saul, David would take up his lyre and play. Then relief would come to Saul; he would feel better, and the evil spirit would leave him.*

*(1 Samuel 16:22-23)*



# Five Step Strategy for Service Prayer

**3. Pray that people connect with God and experience His presence. Pray that people shift their focus to the Lord and away from their problems.**

*Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the one Israel praises. (Psalm 22:3)*

*I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, (Ephesians 1:17-18)*

*The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord. (Acts 11:21)*

*Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth. (John 4:23-24)*

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**4. Pray for people to experience life and clarity. Pray for the lost to be drawn to God and to commit their hearts and lives to Jesus Christ.**

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. (John 10:10).

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. (Romans 10:9-10)



# Five Step Strategy for Service Prayer

## 5. Pray for their willingness to take next steps.

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. (Ephesians 2:10).

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you. (Psalm 32:8)

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!  
(2 Corinthians 5:17)

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# Four Step Strategy for Prayer (During the Week)

## 1. Pray for God's blessings upon their life.

"Oh, that you would bless me..." (1 Chronicles 4:10)

Surely, Lord, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield. (Psalm 5:12)

...You do not have because you do not ask God. (James 4:2)

Ask and it will be given to you; If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! (Matthew 7:7,11)



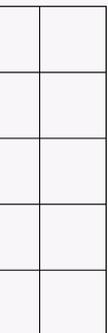
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## 2. Pray for God to use them to influence others.

“...and enlarge my territory!” (1 Chronicles 4:10)

Ask me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession. (Psalm 2:8)

“Sing, barren woman, you who never bore a child; burst into song, shout for joy, you who were never in labor; because more are the children of the desolate woman than of her who has a husband,” says the Lord. “Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes. For you will spread out to the right and to the left; your descendants will dispossess nations and settle in their desolate cities. (Isaiah 54:1-3)



# Four Step Strategy for Prayer (During the Week)

## 3. Pray for God's presence and power.

"Let your hand be with me," (1 Chronicles 4:10)

Those who know your name trust in you, for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you. (Psalm 9:10)

Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God. He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant-not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. (2 Corinthians 3:5-6)

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong. (2 Corinthians 12:9-10)

...'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the Lord Almighty. (Zechariah 4:6)

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## 4. Pray for supernatural protection.

*"...and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain." (1 Chronicles 4:10)*

*Lord, how many are my foes! How many rise up against me! Many are saying of me, "God will not deliver him." But you, Lord, are a shield around me, my glory, the One who lifts my head high. I call out to the Lord, and he answers me from his holy mountain. I lie down and sleep; I wake again, because the Lord sustains me. I will not fear though tens of thousands assail me on every side. Arise, Lord! Deliver me, my God! Strike all my enemies on the jaw; break the teeth of the wicked. From the Lord comes deliverance. May your blessing be on your people. (Psalm 3)*

*And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.' (Matthew 6:13)*

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# Monthly Prayer Focus Guidelines

- Each month (on or around the third Thursday), the Central weekly email will include a Monthly Prayer Focus template with the upcoming month's calendar of events (for WLC). These will be hyperlinked when possible.
- The Monthly Prayer Focus email should be sent from the team leader on the first day of the month unless the first falls on the weekend.
- The goal is to provide your Prayer Team prayer points/focuses of not only the church but also personalized prayer points/focuses for WLC
- Please keep the Monthly Prayer Focus as a one-page document. It is best to be sent as a PDF.
- If new prayer team members join the Prayer Team after the monthly email has been sent, connect with the team lead to ensure the new team members receive the Monthly Prayer Focus as well.
- The leadership team would like to receive your communication as well. Please cc: **(connect@worshiplife.church)**





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