



## Prayer Ministry Information Guide

The Prayer Ministry serves as a catalyst to see God's power and love released at Christ's Chapel, in our community, and around the world. We pray in conjunction with our pastoral leadership to support, encourage, and uphold the calling that Jesus has given Christ's Chapel. It is our purpose and mission to pray for salvation, encouragement, healing, and freedom for anyone who desires it.

It cannot be stated too strongly that the most important aspect of any ministry is to be a channel for the love of God to be released through us. Without love, even a powerful ministry is empty, regardless of apparent success. Everyone who has the Spirit of God living in them is capable of being a channel of God's love.

### Qualifications of a Prayer Team Member

All Prayer Ministry team members must:

- Be born again (John 3:30, Romans 6:23).
- Be a regular attendee of Christ's Chapel.
- Be accountable to pastoral leadership at Christ's Chapel.
- Be continuously growing in their relationship with the Lord via discipleship and accountability with other believers.
- Maintain confidentiality for those they pray for unless they are harming themselves or others.
- **Make humility, prayer, and intimacy with Christ a lifestyle, developing a culture of prayer, personally and for others.**

### Expectations of Prayer Team Members

- Regular attendance of weekly worship services.
- Regular attendance at scheduled prayer meetings and trainings.
- Attend at least one Encounter Retreat and/or have a SOZO session through the SOZO Ministry. For more information or to schedule a SOZO session, you can also submit a request for the SOZO ministry online at: [www.christschapel.net/counseling](http://www.christschapel.net/counseling).
- Actively encouraging others, promoting unity, forgiveness, and understanding within our fellowship as well as in the communities we serve.
- Be prepared for the spiritual warfare that often follows standing in the gap for others in need.
- Prayer team members must increasingly reflect Jesus' grace and truth, living consistently with scriptural guidelines in all their relationships.
- At times, this may require personal sacrifice of time, tears, vigilance, deeper dependency on God, and humbling oneself to receive help from other prayer team members.
- Respond to Planning Center Online (PCO) schedule reminders.
- A commitment to show up on your scheduled Saturday/Sunday. If you are unable to attend your scheduled day, it is your responsibility to contact Kristy Pryor well in advance.
- Communicate with the Prayer Leadership Team or pastors if you have any concerns or needs.

## How to Participate on the Prayer Team

- Complete the Prayer Ministry Application, Social Covenant and watch the Prayer Ministry Training video.
- Return your completed application form and Social Covenant to someone on the Prayer Ministry Leadership Team.
- Setup meeting with the Prayer Ministry Leadership to discuss how we can partner together in prayer at Christ's Chapel.

## Prayer Team Opportunities at Christ's Chapel

### 1. Participate in prayer gatherings.

- Saturday Night Prayer Meeting 5 p.m.
- Sunday Morning Prayer Meeting 8:00 a.m.
- Monthly Monday All Church Prayer Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- Monthly Friday Night All Church Prayer Meeting 10 p.m.

### 2. Alter Ministry

- Saturday night Altar Ministry 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday Altar Ministry during 1<sup>st</sup> (9:00 a.m.) and 2<sup>nd</sup> (10:40 a.m.) services

### 3. Intercession During the Various Services

### 4. Prayer for Specific Ministries at Christ's Chapel

### 5. Intercession for Prayer Requests Received for Individuals, Ministries and Pastoral Staff

### 6. Discipling and Mentorship

## Principles of Intercession

- Intercession is going to God in prayer and action on behalf of a person, people group, or nation.
- There is only one mediator to access God's throne of Grace: Jesus Christ.  
*"For, there is one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and humanity—the man Christ Jesus." -1 Timothy 2:5*
- We rely on God's Holy Scripture to give us discernment, guidance, and teaching. If what we are praying about doesn't line up with the counsel of God's word, we must lay it aside.
- We partner with the Holy Spirit and Jesus, who is already praying and interceding on our behalf.
- Being sensitive and flexible to how the Holy Spirit might lead our prayer times.
- It's perfectly okay to be quiet or respectfully expressive, when praying for others.
- Being sensitive to fellow prayer team members who are going through a rough time.
- Stay on task. If the leader has asked that we pray about a certain subject, be sure it's covered.
- Please make your prayers direct. Allow time for others to pray.
- Please be aware that we have people from many different backgrounds (personal and spiritual). Some of us are very new in the faith and some of us have been walking with Christ for a long time. We want to be sensitive to others who may not understand prophetic actions, tongues, etc. While we welcome the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we never want our gifts to become an occasion to make others feel distracted or scared **ALL displays of prayer need to build up others as well as exhibiting the love of Jesus.**
- **Unity is essential** and we welcome questions.

## Guidelines of Participating in Altar Ministry During Worship Services

- Because we believe in the power of unity and agreement, you will be assigned with another prayer team member while praying at the front.
- Prayer Team members will be given lanyards to wear during the services they are scheduled to pray. This is to ensure easy identification for those who want prayer.
- The main purpose of altar ministry is to release God's love, power, and healing. It is not a counseling ministry. We are there to facilitate an encounter with God by way of prayer. If a person needs extended prayer, offer to stay after service and pray with them when there is more time. A follow up moment may be necessary after service or during the week.
- **PLEASE KEEP YOUR PRAYERS SHORT AND TO THE POINT.** Sometimes, there are people waiting in their seats and won't go up to pray until they are sure there is an open spot.
- If you see people waiting in the aisles and all other team members are already praying for others, please feel free to get a prayer buddy and go up to find a spot to pray.
- If someone comes up to kneel at altar during worship, leave them alone unless it looks like they need help. (men pray with men and women pray with women).
- Be sure to ask permission before you touch anyone that you are praying for (hand on shoulder is the best option).
- If the person is unknown to you or you are not certain they are a believer, consider asking them to receive Christ. Either way, you can still pray blessing for them. (However, lasting deliverance will come w/salvation.)
- Be open but careful with personal words of prophesy. Avoid saying things like the Lord told me or I heard the Lord say. Instead pray that the Lord reveal His truths to the person.
- We want to protect the honor and dignity of every person who comes to us for prayer. If the person you are praying for begins to be overly emotional or exhibits demonic manifestation, ask the Holy Spirit to bring comfort and peace. Immediately notify someone on the Prayer Leadership Team if this happens. This is to ensure unity and accountability on how best to pray for the person.
- Do not go off into an isolated area to pray for anyone, especially by yourself.
- Maintain honor and respect for the person you are praying for: no distracting or confusing actions, loud shouting, rebuking, or potentially confusing prayer. Sometimes, we won't know the background of the person we are praying for or their spiritual upbringing. We are not there to display or argue doctrinal issues, we are there to serve in prayer and encouragement.
- Maintain good personal hygiene. Dress modestly. Make sure that what you are wearing isn't a distraction.
- Maintain integrity and respect the privacy of the person by not sharing their prayer requests with others. Confidentiality is key.

### EXCEPTIONS:

- If they are a danger to themselves or others. If you are uncertain, please speak with a Pastor or Prayer Ministry Leader.
- If what is shared involves physical/sexual abuse, illegal activity, etc. contact Pastoral leadership or Prayer Ministry Leadership for necessary follow-up.
- If the person is suicidal, we will need to contact the police or take the person to the emergency room. OR, if there are friends and family there, be sure to connect with them to assure that the person gets immediate care.
- If the person is under the influence of alcohol or drugs, pray for healing and make sure they have a safe way to get home. (Friends, family, or 2 available team members will need to drive them home.) If they become unsafe, contact the Security team to intervene.

# Altar Ministry Positions

When you are scheduled in Planning Center Online, you will receive an email or text with an assigned position by the stage.



# Christ's Chapel Prayer Ministry Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I am Spirit-filled:  Yes  No  I'm not sure

Christ's Chapel is my home church:  Yes  No

I've received SOZO Ministry:  Yes  No Date of last SOZO: \_\_\_\_\_

I've attended an Encounter weekend:  Yes  No Date Last Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

## Beliefs:

- I believe in salvation through Jesus Christ alone.
- I believe in the Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit
- I have committed my life to Christ. (approximate date: \_\_\_\_\_)

## Your Salvation Experience

Tell us a little about your salvation experience and testimony.

## Your Current Prayer Life

Tell us what prayer means to you and why you want to join the Prayer Team.

**I am interested in serving with Prayer Ministry in the following areas:**

Check all that apply.

- **Alter Ministry (assignments made through PCO)**

- Saturday night Altar Ministry 6:30 p.m.
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- **Intercessory Prayer: Prayer Requests for Individuals, Ministries and Pastoral Staff**

Yes, include me on intercessory prayer requests via:

- Text
- Email
- GroupMe

- **Encounter Prayer Team**

- Please see either the Men's or Women's Director to discuss further.

Thank you for answering these questions openly and honestly. We look forward to meeting with you to discuss how we can partner together in Christ's Chapel Prayer Ministry.

I hereby verify that I understand the above stated requirements and guidelines and agree to abide by them during the time I minister with the Christ's Chapel Prayer Ministry Team.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_