

UNDERSTANDING OUR

ROLE AS A

PRAYER

MINISTRY

TEAM

MEMBER

Why are our Prayer Team Members vital to The Crossing Church?

Prayer Team Members typically function as a “first touch” ministry for guests and members of The Crossing Church. Individuals are more inclined to receive ministry at the altar before attending a Crossing Life Group or a class. **To these individuals, a Prayer Team Member foreshadows the type of ministry they will receive at The Crossing Church.** As a member of this team, we receive people that are trusting Christ as their Savior, which is a priority at The Crossing Church. The platform is the main avenue by which we lead people to Christ during our weekend services. We encourage you to be prepared to lead people who come for prayer to the Lord.

Free People, Free People: As God sets us free into healing and fullness of life, He works through us to minister to others. As a Prayer Team Member, we are conduits of God’s love for His people.

We minister to others **out of the fullness of our relationship with God**, and **within the limits of our personal level of spiritual and emotional wellbeing:**

1. Pursue personal intimacy with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
2. Pursue spiritual and emotional health and wellbeing.

Please seek help from a Pastor, mentor, or friend, when needed. Don’t be alone!

Steps to Becoming a Prayer Partner

1. Complete the Prayer Team Member interest form online.
2. Meet the Campus Coach for the campus you attend or one of our Campus Team Leaders.
3. Complete Prayer Team Member Orientation Training, and review Understanding Our role as a Prayer Ministry Team Member. Both of these can be found at: wearecrossing.com/intercession
4. Get assigned to a team.
5. Shadow a current Team Member for four weeks. (First two weeks will be to observe only, the last two weeks will be for you to pray and current Team Member will observe and support as needed.)

Qualifications for serving as a Prayer Ministry Team Member:

- Salvation and Water Baptism
- Completed or in the process of completing Starting Point
- Aligned to the vision, purpose, mission, and values of the church
- Supports church leadership
- Regularly attending weekend and First Wednesday services
- Supports the church financially through regular tithes and offerings
- Actively participating in a Life Group
- Completed or in the process of completing Freedom Foundations and Kairos
- Complete Prayer Ministry Orientation (audio training online)
- Committed to spiritual growth via multiple avenues (participating in our monthly trainings, reading recommended books, listening to recommended podcasts and videos, etc.)
- Demonstrates a Spirit-Filled life:

Galatians 5:16-26 HCSB 16 I say then, walk by the Spirit and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. 17 For the flesh desires what is against the Spirit, and the Spirit desires what is against the flesh; these are opposed to each other, so that you don't do what you want. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. 19 Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, moral impurity, promiscuity, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatreds, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambitions, dissensions, factions, 21 envy, drunkenness, carousing, and anything similar, about which I tell you in advance-as I told you before-that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such things there is no law. 24 Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live by the Spirit, we must also follow the Spirit. 26 We must not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

1 Corinthians 12: 4-11 A demonstration of the Spirit is given to each person to produce what is beneficial.

Team Member Responsibilities:

I. Serving at our services:

- Respond to weekly scheduling request in the CCB tool by accepting **or** declining.

A. **Before Service:** Arrive 1 hour prior to service time for pre-service prayer.

During pre-service prayer, the Service Team Lead will break the team up into pairs to pray/intercede over each of the following areas:

- outside (parking, campus grounds, entrances to building),
- lobby (Guest Service Team),
- Security Team (including any Deputy Sheriffs),
- Children's Ministry: **avoid going into classrooms** but pray at each door way **(This must be done before any children are checked in, which means if your campus has two services back-to-back, then we would not pray in this area in between the two services. We would only go in this area before the first service.)**,
- Youth Ministry **(this must be done before any students are checked in)**,
- Main Sanctuary (all areas within this space: balcony, stage area, sound booth)
- **5-10 minutes before service starts everyone will meet in a designated area to pray together and to share anything you may have seen or heard from the Lord. (Keep in mind that some of these areas will be based on campus needs.)** During this time the team can decide on what area they will need to sit in for the service, please note the first bullet in the next section for more details.

B. **During Service:**

- Be willing to sit positioned in various places in the sanctuary and pray during the service to cover the speaker, the message, and the people hearing the message. Consider where you want to stand at the altar when choosing your seat for service. We want to try our best not to distract the service when it is time to move

forward to pray. (ex. If you want to stand at the far right of the stage to pray during the altar call then you would want to sit in the section in front of that area, not on the opposite side of the sanctuary) **The goal is to have as little movement/distraction as possible.** Please be mindful of cameras that may be recording the service. **In Tampa, if you need to move from one side of the altar to the other, please go to the back of sanctuary to cross over.** We don't want to walk in front of the stage, this is a distraction if that is the service that is captured to be broadcast.

- Be ready to move to the altar as soon as the music begins playing. **The music is our cue to move to the altar.**
- Be sensitive to what the Spirit of God is doing.
- Disperse evenly across the front of the platform.
- Maintain an open and accepting posture, with a smile.

C. At the Altar:

- When the salvation prayer is finished, we take a "Salvation Card" to anyone with their hand raised, and then return to the altar. The oversight pastor will give direction about the card, we just give them the card.
- We pray with our eyes open. While concentrating on the individual, also be aware of your surroundings.
- Avoid unnatural public behavior (spitting, screaming, loudly speaking in tongues, etc.)
- If you want to lay hands on the recipient while praying, ask before doing so. We either hold their hands or gently place our hand on their shoulder. Avoid rubbing or patting the person.
- Encourage next steps after praying with the recipient. (Examples: life groups, starting point, connecting deeper with the Lord, Freedom Foundations, etc.)
- My Story Cards: give them a card and encourage them to take a moment to share a brief summary of what the Lord did for them.

Ask questions in this format as people come to you for prayer:

1. Introduce yourself, "Hi, I'm _____, What's your name?"
2. Ask, "How can I pray for you?" (Please remember that this is about partnering with that person and the Lord on their behalf. **We are not there to offer**

counseling. This time should never be used for solicitation of personal business.)

HELP OTHERS BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

Hurting people gain hope when they believe that they too can hear God!!! Prayer Ministry at our altars is a wonderful time to encourage people to experience God's presence for themselves. Encourage people to hear God:

Ask, *"What is Holy Spirit saying to you about this?"*

Example: **Recipient:** *"Please pray for my marriage. We're separated, but I want to get back together. She's angry and stubborn. It gets me all upset. I'm dating a woman back at work, so at least I have someone to talk to about these things. That's temporary, though, I really want to get back with my wife."*

Team Member: *"What is Holy Spirit saying to you about your relationship with this woman at work? (Give the recipient time to respond.) Before we pray, let's ask the Lord what He wants to say to you about your marriage?"*

People hear God. Let them answer the question, ***"What is Holy Spirit saying to you?"*** He most likely has already been speaking to them. When people hear God, agree with them in prayer.

3. If you don't know the person well, ask them if they have a personal relationship with God? If they are unsure, share the plan of salvation and lead them to the Lord, as well as pray for their prayer need. If they receive salvation, have them fill out a Salvation Card. ("ABC's of Salvation" training can be found online at wearecrossing.com/intercession)

Example: "Have you ever said a prayer to receive Jesus as your Savior?"

"Have you accepted Christ as your Lord and Savior?"

D. After Service:

- **Before leaving the altar**, huddle with your team at the altar.

- Ensure the Service Lead records your attendance into the lead app.
- Provide the Service Lead with your altar activity, using the Altar Activity Form link in Slack:

Number of people prayed for

Themes of prayer request

Number of “I Decided” cards handed out

- **Always pray together in your huddle with fellow team members prior to leaving the service.**

II. Serving in our 6 Days of Prayer times:

- We provide six days a week of prayer for The Crossing Church. This includes praying for our staff and their families, our servant leaders, our ministries, our church families, and upcoming experiences together (events). This time is also to pray into the Seven Mountains of Cultural Influence in our community, state, and nation.
- For now, each service team has been designated one day per week to pray. We have three service teams at Tampa Campus, one service team at Plant City Campus, and two service teams at our SouthShore Campus (6 teams for 6 days of prayer). This can be done via phone conference, zoom, or in person. The team can decide if they want to all pray in the AM or PM, or they can divide up so that some of the team meets to pray in the AM and some meets to pray in the PM. Each team has the freedom to set the prayer experience for that day to be most convenient for them.

PRAYER

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❖ **Leading People to receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit:**

Luke 11:9-13

9 "So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. 11 If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? 13 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

From the above Scripture, we simply need to ASK. All we have to do is ask Jesus to baptize us in the Holy Spirit. We receive by faith. This baptism is historically marked in the person's life by an immersion of the power of God that empowers them for life and ministry. (1 Corinthians 12:8-11).

Prayer for Baptism of Holy Spirit:

As a Prayer Ministry Team Member, we guard against any power that would coerce

or manipulate an individual in their experience of Holy Spirit's presence. We DO freely welcome and encourage the Baptism of the Holy Spirit:

1. Ensure that the person has received salvation. This is a requirement before receiving the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.
2. John 7:37-38 tells us that all who are thirsty can come to Him and drink. **Let the person know that their thirst for His infilling is a prerequisite for the baptism of Holy Spirit.**
3. Luke 11:13 reads, "How much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!" **Instruct the person to ask the Father for the Holy Spirit Baptism.**
4. When praying with people to receive this baptism, be sure to refrain from the appearance of manipulation or control. Simply pray for the person to receive the baptism or agree with them while they pray. **Do not instruct people with "repeat after me"**
5. After they have received the baptism, encourage the person that they will now grow in the Spirit's fruit & gifts.

❖ **Leading others to receive their Holy Spirit Prayer Language:**

Acts 2:1-4(NKJV)

1 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

1 Corinthians 14:14-15 (NKJV)

14 For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful.

15 What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding.

Romans 8:26 (NKJV)

26 Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

When praying with people to receive their prayer language, be sure to refrain from the appearance of manipulation or control. Simply pray for the person to receive their prayer language, or agree with them while they pray. **Do not instruct people with “repeat after me”.**

Example Prayer to receive prayer language:

Father, You said in Your Word, "If you then being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: HOW MUCH MORE shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" (Luke 11:13). I'm asking You to fill me with the Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit, rise up within me as I praise You. I fully expect to speak with other tongues as You give me the utterance (Acts 2:4). In Jesus' Name. Amen!

❖ Praying for fresh infillings of the Holy Spirit:

Acts 2:4 (NKJV)

4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 4:31 (NKJV)

31 And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

It is evident that many of those who were filled with the Holy Spirit in Acts 4:31 had been present and filled with the Holy Spirit in Acts 2:4!

They received another filling, a replenishment — presumably another of many replenishments of the Spirit — just like lawn, which again and again needs another

watering. It can't just go on last week's watering.

Psalm 23:5 (NKJV)

***You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.***

God doesn't just want your cup full He wants your cup running over. Because when it's running over God's Spirit is impacting those around you.

❖ Anointing With Oil During a Prayer:

Anointing oil is most commonly used for healing ministry and Baptism of the Holy Spirit, but you may anoint with oil as led by the Holy Spirit. (James 5:14-15, Mark 6:13)

1. Ask permission before using anointing oil. Explain how you will use the oil.
2. Put a small drop of oil on your finger. Touch the person's **forehead or hands**.
3. Do not touch a person's clothes after you have placed oil on your hands.

Prayers of Confession & Repentance:

Confess: to agree or come into agreement with

Repentance: change your thinking

The Holy Spirit may convict people to repent of a specific or general sin. When God convicts people, He does so lovingly and with great compassion. If people confess sin, please show great compassion as you lead them in prayers of repentance and renewal.

❖ Prayer of repentance:

I now turn from my sin of_____. I ask You, Father, to forgive me for all that is past, give me the discernment to recognize temptation when it comes and the strength to resist it. Thank You that Jesus' blood was shed that I might be made clean. I ask You to cleanse me now from all unrighteousness In Jesus' name. Amen.

We should then affirm them with the truth of the Scriptures.

1 John 1:9 (NKJV)

9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

James 5:16 (NKJV)

16 Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

❖ **Forgiveness:**

Forgiveness is God's provision for releasing us from the power and pain of sins committed against us.

Forgiving Yourself Prayer: Thank You Father, for forgiving me. I now choose to forgive myself for the things I know You have already forgiven me for. I specifically forgive myself for _____. In Jesus name I pray. Amen.

Forgiving Others Prayer: Dear Lord, I choose to forgive (name of person) for (name their offense). Father when they did these things, I felt (describe the effects of the sins). Please take these emotions from me and place them on the cross. I open my heart to receive what You want to give me, in exchange for the hurt. Thank You for healing the effects of these sins in my soul. Amen.

Releasing God Prayer: Dear God, I confess that there have been times when I have blamed you, Lord, for things that are not Your responsibility (be specific). I recognize this to be sin and I ask You to forgive me. In Jesus Name. Amen.

❖ Prophetic Words:

If you believe that you have a prophetic prayer for someone, please remember that prophecy is intended to exhort and encourage. As a Prayer Team Member, we do not use prophetic ministry as a means for counseling or giving directive advice for the future. The following guidelines will help:

Avoid the following phrases: phrases:

"Thus says the Lord..."

"God says..."

"The Lord wants you to know..."

"I believe the Lord ..."

Practice the following

"I feel impressed to tell you... "

"I sense that God is saying... "

"It seems like... "

❖ Physical Healing (Please refer to the 5 Step Healing Model, your Campus Lead can get you a copy):

Prayer for healing is a prayer of faith and trust in God's good character, nature, and His Word. Assume the following when praying for healing:

1. Assume the pain or sickness is **NOT** a result of sin. **NEVER** address the situation as such!
2. Assume that healing will occur. If the results are not immediate, encourage the person to trust God.

❖ Soul Ties:

A soul tie is an emotional bond or connection, which unites us with someone else. We can become bound to someone or something through our soul (our mind, will and emotions). In the Bible a soul tie can be described as cleaving to someone. This is a bringing close together or being attached to someone. Godly soul ties can result in great blessings.

However, ungodly ones can lead to emotional and mental bondage.

Examples of ungodly soul ties:

Abusive relationships (physically, sexually, emotionally, verbally),
Adulterous affairs, Sex before marriage, Obsessive or Controlling
relationships (Giving a person more authority in your life, than
you give to God)

Four Keys to Breaking Soul Ties:

*Acknowledge *Confess & Repent *Forgive *Break Ties

Example Prayer to Sever/ Break off the Soul Ties:

I ask you Heavenly Father, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, to break all ungodly soul ties that have been established between me and _____.

I ask you, God, to sever that linking supernaturally, and to remove from me all ungodly influence from that person.

In the name of Jesus, I now speak directly to the demonic powers that have taken advantage in this link, I tell you to leave in Jesus' name. Amen.

❖ The Ministry of Deliverance:

Please listen to The Crossing training (Pastor Jonas: How to Minister Deliverance at Our Altar Services) for our Prayer Ministry online at:

wearecrossing.com/intercession

We want to always demonstrate a culture of honor in all that we do at The Crossing.

