

GROUP LEADER PRAYER GUIDE

Goal for the Night

Create a simple, Spirit-led space where people pray together. This time together is not about teaching. Some conversation around prayer is appropriate but most of the time should be dedicated to prayer.

Suggested Flow (60–75 minutes)

1. Welcome & Set the Tone (5 minutes)

- "Tonight is about prayer—keeping things simple and focused."
 - Emphasize that Prayers out loud allows us to agree in prayer with each other.
 - Prayers can be short and simple—no fancy words are necessary.
- Encourage participation but remove pressure. Mention that listening to how others pray help us to grow in prayer.

2. Scripture Focus (5 minutes)

Read aloud: **2 Chronicles 7:14**

Then if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land.

Briefly mention:

- God calls His people to humility and repentance
- Prayer is relational, not just requests

Feel free to also to read or just mention:

- 1 Timothy 2:1–2 (Scriptural encouragement to pray for leaders)
- Acts 2:42 (devotion to prayer)

3. Opening Conversation (10 minutes)

Choose 1–2 questions:

- What shaped your view of prayer?
- When have you seen God answer prayer?

- What makes prayer difficult for you?

Keep it short, this is just to engage hearts.

4. Guided Prayer Time (35–45 minutes)

Move through the categories using “popcorn style” prayers (short prayers by multiple people in no particular order). In general people find it more challenging to spend time in praise than in request-based prayers. So, encourage the group to spend roughly 5–6 minutes in praise and move through the other categories in 8–10 minute increments.

Praise (5–6 minutes)

- Declare who God is, His character and what He has done. Thank Him for what He has done in your life.
 - Example of God’s character from Exodus 34:6–7. This is helpful language to use when we praise the Lord—God is compassionate, gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and He is forgiving of wickedness, rebellion, and sin)

Personal (8–10 minutes)

- Repentance and surrender
- Renewed hunger for God
- Freedom from sin, anxiety, distraction

Church (8–10 minutes)

- Unity and love
- Boldness in evangelism
- Sensitivity to the Holy Spirit

Community (8–10 minutes)

- Schools, workplaces, neighborhoods
- First responders, local leaders
- Those who are hurting or in need

US Nation (8–10 minutes)

- Wisdom for leaders and elected officials on the state and federal level.

- Justice, mercy, truth
- Peace and righteousness

5. Closing (5 minutes)

- Thank everyone for engaging. Read 2 Chronicles 7:14 again.
- Encourage them to continue praying throughout the week with humility and repentance.

Leader Tips

- Mention that silence is okay—don't rush it. We live in a noisy world, but God often speaks in the quiet.
- Model short, honest prayers
- Keep things moving gently. Don't be too rigid with the time for each category. You know your group well and how the group responds.
- Don't over-teach—protect the space for prayer