

Tips for praying together as a growth group

Principles of Love for Praying Together

Praying by yourself and praying with others are necessary practices in the church. There is more freedom and self-focus when praying alone, but praying together requires wisdom, patience, and love. Wisdom, because it's done in public. Patience, because it takes time to do it well. And love, because it considers others. Below you will find guidelines that are universally helpful when praying together. These are not laws. We will not be legalistic. So, if someone "violates" one of the guidelines, we will gladly bear with one another in love and remain patient as we grow in this together.

Sincerity: Pray in a way that reflects what is really going on inside. Suppress the desire to sound "spiritual." In-sincerity cultivates in-authenticity, so just be yourself when you pray.

Length: Prayers should generally be shorter, rather than longer. This allows more people to pray and more people to be prayed for. But do not over think this one! Just pray.

Simplicity: Prayers should be easily understood. Prayers are not sermons or theology lessons. So, pray simply, plainly, and childlike. This way everyone can truly say "Amen!" to your prayer.

Courage: Prayer fuels prayer. Saints love to hear the heart cries of fellow saints. So, don't hold back just because you are afraid of not getting it right. We are totally for each other!