

Prayer Facilitator

This person is someone who is enthusiastic about prayer both personally and with the group. They regularly participate in group prayer and seem to have a maturity in prayer that others could benefit from in terms of being led to understand and get going in prayer.

The Prayer Facilitator:

- Thinks ahead of time about what the prayer focus of the night should be
- Encourages participation during group prayer from everyone involved
- Makes sure adequate time is actually spent *praying together* and not only *sharing requests*
- Works hard to keep variety in how group prayer operates

Here are 5 group prayer ideas for getting started:

1. Choose something from the passage being studied or the sermon and turn it into a prayer request
2. Choose something from your own personal reading of the Word and your own time in prayer, and lead your group through it
3. Ask for prayer requests from the group, so you can bear one another's burdens in prayer. **Warning:** Work hard to keep requests concise and personal, rather than long-winded and "external", i.e. about other people
4. Use themes like "thanksgiving only" or "prayers of praise for God's greatness/love/grace/power/salvation"
5. Use a short Psalm, or a prayer from one of Paul's letters. Have the group keep eyes open and scanning the text, and people can pray about anything that comes to mind in light of reading over the prayer in the Bible.