

# Two Concerts of Prayer

## The Program

A Concert of Prayer is a solid block of time spent with the Lord, and/or with others in seeking the Lord in prayer. It is a time to slow ones pace of life and focus on the Lord alone for a few hours, or in some cases, a few days. It is a time to invite you people to join together for a refreshing time in the Lord's presence on Friday or Saturday evening, from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. You'll be glad you did.

## The Schedule

Though we present a schedule you may feel free to pray any way and any where you like at anytime during the evening. It is your time alone with God. Make it special. Dress casually, and comfortably. Bring a walkman and earphones with worship tapes for times of worship without disturbing others. The pace is up to the individual. They can walk through all 6 steps in a 40 minute period or they can choose to go more slowly just visiting 3 steps. Do not hurry people just to reach all the steps. If you have a larger group you may find it easier to put people into four different tracks such as 1) God 2) You 3)Others 4) World, each having three step to them.

## The Rooms

Throughout the building there will be rooms designated by titles. These rooms are especially equipped for intercessory prayer in that mode. There are two types, the OASIS rooms, that are rooms where you may be quiet and personally prepare your heart before God. Then there are OUTPOST rooms for intercessory prayer work. These room are equipped with helpful request sheets, maps, pictures, etc. that will help you in your intercessory prayer time.

## Helpful Hints

There are 3 parts to the evening -

Part I is Intimacy with God using the first 6 steps of intercession. Study those steps to get used to it. Teach it in church prior to the prayer concert so it is not new. Practice praying these steps in your prayer meetings or in small groups using the 3-minute timer.

Part II is Intercession for Others using the last 6 steps of intercession. Again, practice makes perfect (or at least better). Equip each room (if you have a large group you many need several rooms for each step) with decorations appropriate to the prayer step. (See the hints provided on each)

Part III is Corporate prayer and worship. It can be quite intimidating and ultimately self defeating to expect people to be able to stand alone in a congregation and pray out loud in front of everyone. Designate men and women to pray over specific topics who are experienced in public prayer. Provide smaller groups for a more intimate setting but remember that even in that setting it can make people nervous to pray out loud.

## Prayer Guides

The fact is that most people are lost at prayer. They don't know how to do it. Use this as a training time. Provide clear prayer guides like this one to allow them to go over the booklet while they are involved in prayer.

## Tools for Prayer

You can make prayer easier for the novice by providing tools for prayer. At least ask people to bring these items and keep a supply on hand.

- Notebook and pen
- Familiar Bible
- 3-Minute Timers
- Cassette/CD Player with headsets
- Kneeling pads

**Concert of Prayer Schedule**  
**Morning Session - 9:00 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.**

9:00 a.m. Begin promptly. Worship Chorus and Pastoral Prayer  
 9:10 a.m. Explanation of this prayer style. Brief instructions as to the concert of prayer activities.  
 9:30 a.m. Separate to the various prayer locations.

<b>Focus on God</b>	<p>"OASIS" of Intimacy with God (10 minutes on each segment)</p> <p>1.Be Still: Quiet Room - for silence, slowing down and preparing for prayer.          2.Be Worshipful: Adoration Room - for praise, exaltation of God's name, and worship.          3.Be Thankful: Thanksgiving Room - for giving thanks to God for everything.</p>
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10:00 - 9:50 a.m. - Meet in sanctuary for corporate sentence prayers of Worship, Praise and Thanksgiving. (Keep the prayers focus on worship, praise and thanksgiving but not requesting.)  
 10:10 - 10:40 a.m. Separate to the various prayer centers.

<b>Focus on You</b>	<p>"OASIS" of Preparation of Self (10 minutes on each segment)</p> <p>1.Confession: Personal Room - for confession of sin, self examination, surrender to God.          2.Cover with Armor: Authority Room - for reading, applying promises, authority.          3.Cast your Care: Burden Room - for personal burdens to be laid down before the cross.</p>
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10:40 a.m. - Assemble in sanctuary for a time of anointing, laying on of hands and prayer one for another for personal struggles, and physical needs. (Can be altogether or in groups of 3-4)  
 10:55 - 11:10 a.m. -- BREAK FOR TEA, COFFEE, JUICE  
 11:10 - 11:40 a.m. Separate to the various prayer centers.

<b>Focus on Others</b>	<p>"OASIS" of Intercession for Others (10 minutes on each segment)</p> <p>1.Souls: Unserved Souls Room - plead with God for your 10 most wanted list          2.Saints: Church Family Room - for the body of Christ, the families by name          3.Sick: Healing Room - for prayer and anointing and for healing of mind, body, spirit.</p>
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12:20 p.m. PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING in songs, hymns, and spiritual songs.  
 12:30 p.m. SHARING Scripture, Insights, Prayer Burdens  
 (What has God given you in the Word and through his still small voice?)  
 12:45 p.m. CLOSING: With joined hands in prayer - Everyone Dismissed

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