GROUP PRAYER TIPS

Use these three simple guidelines to help your group pray.

1. WE PRAY FOR ONE TOPIC AT A TIME

Anyone in the group is free to introduce a prayer request either before prayer begins or during the prayer time. Once a topic is introduced, the group focuses on that request alone. Once it's covered, the group moves on to the next topic.

2. EACH PERSON PRAYS MORE THAN ONCE

Because the group is focusing on one topic at a time, each person is encouraged to pray several times during the prayer time for those topics they feel most led to pray about.

3. WE KEEP OUR PRAYERS SHORT AND SIMPLE

Group prayer goes better when members keep their prayers short and to the point. When someone prays for a long time, it's hard for the other members to stay focused and long prayers tend to intimidate those who are just learning to pray out loud in a group.

P.R.A.Y a template to help you pray.

Praise is all about giving God thanks for who They are and what They have done.

Repentance is about turning away from our sin and asking God to help us live holy lives. This step is necessary because we can't come before God with a clean heart if we're still clinging to our sin.

Ask is about asking God for help. We can ask Him for anything, big or small, and He will graciously answer us, even if the answer isn't what we expect.

Yield is about giving God control of our lives and surrendering our plans to His perfect will. Yielding is a hard step, but it's an important one if we want to truly follow God.