

Intercessory Prayer Ministry

What is Intercessory Prayer?

Intercessory prayer simply means that one person is praying on behalf of another, following the model of Jesus as He prayed for us in John 17. The apostle James states that the prayer of a righteous person is effective. There is great potential for healing and encouragement in being prayed for by a fellow Christian.

During the worship service there will be an opportunity for intercessory prayer by members of our pastoral prayer ministry team. Those not participating are asked to pray or meditate silently during this time of ministry.

What could I expect if I went for prayer?

The team, consisting of two people, will greet you with a smile and ask how they can pray for you. You may respond as openly or discreetly as you wish. You may have a specific need or something more general...offer whatever is on your heart. The team will then offer a prayer to seek that specific need before God and sometimes conclude with a blessing in His Name.

Will you pray for anything?

Yes, we will pray for anyone and anything. Here are some examples:

- There may be an area of your life needing emotional, physical, or spiritual healing
- Perhaps you are having a difficult time in a relationship or seeking direction
- Someone you love or care for needs prayer for illness or any other concern
- Maybe you have been inspired by the message and want to seek a higher level of surrender in your life, release unconfessed sin, or seek guidance on how you can carry out God's call for your life
- A prayer of thankfulness for some blessing in your life.

What can you expect from the prayer ministry team?

- 1. Complete confidentiality** – you can rest assured that the team members will keep whatever you share with them private. They have been trained in this form of prayer and will keep whatever is said confidential.
- 2. Compassion and acceptance** – you can know that you are accepted as Jesus accepts us. The prayer team is here to lift you up, not judge you. You will be treated with the utmost respect and kindness.
- 3. Consideration of your specific need** – the prayer team member will start by asking for a specific request or need you have in your walk with the Lord right now. You do not need to give details, just a general idea of the area of your spiritual life or any other issue or concern that could use some prayer.
- 4. A blessing** – one part of this kind of prayer is the opportunity to receive a blessing. The prayer team will conclude with a blessing prayer that may or may not be related to your prayer concern. They will speak words of Christ's love over you and His desire to bless you more deeply with His presence as you seek Him.

Are there other more private ways for intercessory prayer?

Yes! You may complete the request form on our website (www.sunsetridgechurch.org). Your prayer concern WILL be offered up in prayer. In addition, any of our ministers or elders are available to pray over you privately as well.