

## ***DBC Congregational Prayer Leader Guidelines***

*“The Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words; 27 and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.” Romans 8:26-27*

Thank you for helping lead the congregational prayer worship during our Sunday morning services! We trust the Lord will bless as you minister in this way. Please clearly mark your calendar with your turn to pray. If you are unable to pray on your assigned day, please contact another man on the list to take your space (perhaps someone who prayed a couple months prior), and then let Pastor Mark know so he can adjust the printed Order of Service ([msuko@discoverybaptist.org](mailto:msuko@discoverybaptist.org) or 253-459-6349).

As you prepare, keep the following in mind:

1. Join the “Prayer Leaders” group on the Community. All information is distributed through this group.
2. On your day to pray, obtain an Order of Service from an usher so you know exactly when it is your turn to pray. Being ready to immediately go up front minimizes lag time.
3. Refer to the prayer highlights on the master schedule (located in the “File” tab of the “Prayer Leaders” group; must be logged in to the Community to access this information).
4. Contact Pastor Mark or Pastor Chris right before the service for last-minute prayer changes/additions.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you. Our prayers should be faithful to the content of Scripture and the gospel of Christ. It is good to even include the words of Scripture. If you prefer to write out your prayer and read it, that is perfectly fine.
6. Invite folk to prayer needs on the Care Cards in the bulletin and place in the offering box in the back.
7. Do not comment on your list or tell everyone what you are going to pray for before you pray (unless necessary). Ask people to stand for prayer (*unless they were just seated*) and go right into prayer.
8. For missionary information, please see the bulletin, the missions section of our main website, or the latest prayer letters on the missionary map wall (in the church foyer) so you know current needs.
9. Consider including the following elements in your prayer:
  - a. **Adoration/Worship/Praise** of the One to Whom we pray (Ps 146:1-2, Ps.29, 46; 93)
  - b. **Confession** in a general sense for failure to meet God’s expectations ( I John 1:9, Rom.1:21-23; Gal.5:19-21; Col.3:5-8)
  - c. **Thanksgiving** for God’s abundant provision and specific answers to prayer (Eph 5:20, Eph.2:1-10; Rom.5:8; 1 Jn.2:1-2; 1 Pet.3:18)
  - d. **Petition/Intercession** for local, national, or global needs (Eph 6:18-19, Col.1:9-12; Phil.1:9-11; Eph.1:15-18; 3:14-19, Matt.28:19-20; Eph.3:10-11; Rev.21:1-4)
  - e. Close by praying for the **preaching of the Word** that is about to take place.
10. Use words people can understand. Our congregation stretches in age from infants to seasoned citizens. Be reverent and humble, joyful, prepared, focused (3-5 minutes), simple, and personal (use plural pronouns such as “we” and “our”).
11. If you know of others who might be up to leading in prayer, please let us know.
12. The schedule is subject to change due to unforeseen things. You will be notified of any changes.

*“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6-7*