

MINISTRY TIPS WHEN PRAYING

- Be considerate regarding your perfume and breath odor.
- If praying for the opposite sex... be very careful about touch and immodesty.
- Be sensitive how loud you pray. Loud prayers may distract the person you are praying for, or the next person over.
- Sometimes when a group of people are waiting to be prayed for, the Holy Spirit may draw you toward one certain person.
- Sometimes during the visiting time before or after church you may sense it is appropriate to pray with a person.
- It's OK for a person to be prayed for several times in the same meeting by several different people.
- Have an relaxed attitude toward bodily effects that may happen (crying, trembling, heat, tingling, shaking). Give each person the freedom to respond differently to the experience of God's overwhelming love, or healing power, or intercessory burdens.
- 30-60 Minute Soaking Prayers. Sometimes it is helpful for a person "to soak" in the atmosphere of God's Presence by having an extended period. You can pray or sing Biblical prayers over them for.. freedom from temptation and evil, the fullness of the Holy Spirit, outpouring of God's Love on the person, deeper insight, guidance and wisdom, power to service, a release of spiritual gifts, etc.

4. Other Formats for Healing Prayer

What about organizing a team that will be available to pray for the sick?

A. An Appointment with 2-4 Trained people for healing prayer. The team is filled with compassion, delight in intercession, and receive Holy Spirit insights during prayer. The setting is often a prayer room or in a person's living room.

B. A Healing Seminar - Going to a Healing Seminar can be helpful in a variety of ways. You can accompany a sick friend seeking healing. You could take a number of people from your church that have interest in learning to pray for the sick.

C. The Retreat Model - Your congregation could host at retreat with a special speaker on healing.

D. The Bible Study Group Model - Many churches have small fellowship groups or Bible studies in homes throughout the week. Coordinators of these groups can be trained to pray with the sick members of their group.

E. The Every Week "Ministry Time"

Some churches offer a time of prayer for all personal difficulties at the close of each service.

F. In Everyday Life - While on the job or on the phone with a patient, a sick colleague, or a sick friend, you may sense it is appropriate to offer to pray.