



*"From the Neighborhoods to the Nations and From the Workplace to the World -
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Dear Potential WPI Leader,

Re: Starting a WPI marketplace prayer group in your workplace

Praise God for you and your interest to serve Him in WPI as a Prayer Guide/and or Prayer Hostess at your workplace; and most especially praise Him for your heart to see Jesus' prayer in John 17:20-23 fulfilled before He comes again - *that we may be one so that the world will know Him*. The WPI groups come together once a month in neighborhoods or workplaces for "kingdom praying" across Christian denominations, races and cultures - Protestant and Catholic, charismatic and non-charismatic. God has used our guidelines to keep women focused on the prayer topics, praying in one accord, and thus developing sisterhood relationships - **to Him be the glory!**

After you prayerfully review this Leadership Training Package (7 documents), please complete the leadership application and return it to us. We are requesting a suggested donation of \$10.00 for the Prayer Kit which we will send you upon receipt of your application. We believe that the material in this application package along with the material in the Prayer Member Handbook will guide you in your responsibilities as a Prayer Guide or Prayer Hostess. *When you receive the Prayer Kit, please prayerfully read a Prayer Member Handbook*. When you distribute a handbook to each woman in your group, please encourage them to also prayerfully read it. If you do not have someone to partner with at this time, you may choose to guide and hostess a group yourself, while we "pray her in."

The Prayer Kit Includes:

- Prayer Member Handbooks (10)
- Steps to Peace with God (10) – an evangelical tract by Billy Graham (inserted in each handbook)
- Current Prayer Focus – to be copied for your group
- Prayer Member Roster form – to keep a record of your ladies (form emailed upon request)
- Brochures (20) – for both Prayer Guide and Prayer Hostess to invite women
- Love offering envelopes (12) – to send in love offerings from your group each month

We pray you will be inviting women in your workplace from various Christian churches with diverse prayer styles. If you readily embrace and apply the information you will be receiving your group will be viable, ongoing and will remain committed to pray for the transformation of your city and nation for Christ. The WPI website will help to further familiarize you with our ministry. If you have any questions or concerns please contact us. *Our prayers are with you for God to use you as a vessel to unite Christians through united prayer, unto His glory!* Our hope is that you will soon be led to complete, sign, and return the application.

Your Co-laborer in Christ,

Joan B. Courtney, President

Documents: Leadership Guidelines
Qualifications of a WPI Marketplace Prayer Guide
Prayer Meeting Responsibilities of a WPI Marketplace Prayer Guide
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LEADERSHIP GUIDELINES

The WPI Leader:

- has a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and can communicate her salvation experience and her walk with Christ to others.
- is an active member of a local church that professes the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- understands that her everyday lifestyle and demeanor represent Christ, her church and WPI.
- commits to pray regularly for her church, her city and nation, the ministry of WPI, and the ladies in her group.
- agrees with the WPI Statement of Faith. *See Statement of Faith below.*
- follows the United Prayer Guidelines when praying with a WPI group. *See United Prayer Guidelines below.*
- maintains regular communication with WPI leadership and those she leads.
- is loyal and supportive of WPI leaders and seeks counsel from them when necessary.
- commits to serving in WPI leadership for a minimum of one year. Prayer meetings are one hour in length, monthly or weekly, as determined by the Prayer Guide and Prayer Hostess.
- understands the time commitment required for leadership and will make WPI a priority when scheduling other activities.
- follows WPI guidelines and will inspire others in WPI to do so.
- is faithful to assure that those under her leadership receive WPI material or announcements in a timely manner.
- attends when possible, WPI annual events held in San Antonio, Texas: Praise and Prayer Brunch and Leadership Conference in the Spring, *(the conference is designed for all leadership beyond San Antonio and all new leadership in the San Antonio area)*, and our Celebration Dinner *(annual fundraising event)* in the fall.
- reads and regularly reviews the WPI material specific to her position.
- understands that the unauthorized use of the name, Women's Prayer International, or logo is prohibited.

Statement of Faith

As women united in Christ we believe that:

- there is one Eternal God existing in the Trinity of three persons as shown from Genesis to Revelation – "God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit."
- the Bible is God's infallible Word.
- God created the heavens and the earth by the power of His spoken Word.
- Jesus Christ is God who became flesh through a Holy Spirit conception and virgin birth.
- man is sinful and cannot save himself from eternal separation from God.
- Jesus Christ's death on the cross is the only provision for man's sin.
- salvation is through faith in Jesus Christ by individually receiving Him into one's life as Savior and Lord.
- Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church, His Body, which is composed of all men and women, living and dead who have been joined to Him through saving faith.
- Jesus died, was buried, arose from the grave, walked among men, ascended into heaven, and indwells every believer.
- Jesus is one day returning for His Bride, the Church, to consummate God's eternal plan for mankind.

United Prayer

(Permission granted to reprint from Every Home for Christ - Dick Eastman)

Remember that the moment two or more of us unite in prayer, we become a symphony. As such:

- We blend together in unity respecting the fact that we represent all of Christ's body.
- We realize that, like a symphony with its different instruments, there are a wide variety of traditions when it comes to prayer.
- We commit ourselves to accepting one another as we are, while disciplining ourselves to use wisdom and caution if we think anything we might do would offend a brother or sister.

Please Note: WPI requests that those who have a prayer language use it silently. When praying aloud, please pray so that everyone can understand the words and be able to pray with understanding in one accord. – praying as one voice. (Romans 14:19)



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Qualifications of a WPI Marketplace Prayer Guide

A woman who:

- has a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and communicates her salvation experience and walk with Christ to others.
- is an active member of a church in her city which professes the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- lives a life of purity, humility and integrity before God and man.
- is a sweet-spirited tactful person who will gently keep the prayer meeting within WPI guidelines.
- has a servant's heart for prayer and is dependent on the Holy Spirit as she guides the women in prayer.
- understands and embraces the need to maintain communication with her Prayer Hostess, the prayer members in her group, and the staff at the WPI headquarters.

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The Vision

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to pray across denominations, races and cultures, not forsaking our own assembly.

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WOMEN'S PRAYER INTERNATIONAL

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Prayer Meeting Responsibilities of a WPI Marketplace Prayer Guide

- Arrive a few minutes before the scheduled meeting time. Remember to bring your handbook, as well as your Bible and current Prayer Focus.
- Start each meeting on time, regardless of the number of women present.
- Begin the prayer time by reading a short praise scripture passage focusing on God's goodness and glory. Select a few verses from these or choose your own: Psalms 46, 92, 93, 97, 100, 103, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, or 150. (Please do not read a devotional or make comments, as this leads to discussion and takes away from the precious time allotted for prayers.)
- Go immediately into **A**doration with a short praise to God. Continue with **C**onfession, **T**hanksgiving and then to **S**upplication by praying for the first topic of the eight Prayer Focus topics on the Prayer Focus sheets. (A current Prayer Focus will be emailed or mailed to you each quarter.)
- Approximately 20 minutes before the end of the hour, you may conclude the Prayer Focus topics by saying a brief prayer on the remaining topics for which you have not prayed.
- Begin intercessory prayer for personal requests by praying for one of the requests given to you by your employer or other co-workers or a personal need. Before closing, allow time for each member to pray for a personal need. Please remember that this is a confidential prayer time and to not talk about prayer needs, but simply pray for them. Allow adequate time to close and return to work.
- Close with a prayer praising God for this time and thanking Him for the women.
- Pick up any love gift money placed in the offering basket and thank them for giving. Please mail the offering to Women's Prayer International the first week of each month in one of the envelopes included in your Prayer Kit. If women would like a yearend tax receipt for cash given, please ask them to bring the money in an envelope with their name, address and zip code. (Please let the women know that any amount they give will be appreciated and used wisely to fulfill the vision and mission of WPI.)

Remind the women about the next meeting date and encourage them to invite other co-workers.

At the first meeting and each time a new prayer member attends:

Make certain the new attendees have received a Prayer Member Handbook and briefly cover the Prayer Meeting Guidelines with everyone again. (If handbooks are not available, please print out copies of the Prayer Meeting Guidelines for new attendees.)

1. Refer them to the Prayer Meeting Guidelines in their handbook. Explain that we do not want to quench the Holy Spirit and we want to rely on Him to reveal to us what to pray. Tell them that we are seeking God's kingdom first as we pray, saving our personal prayer requests for the last twenty minutes of the prayer time. Regarding united prayer, we request that those who have a prayer language use it silently, so that everyone will be praying with understanding in one accord.
2. Refer them to the current quarterly Prayer Focus and tell them you will be leading them through each topic. Tell them that we will allow the Holy Spirit to cover each topic before topics are changed.



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Prayer Meeting Guidelines

Abiding Principles

Those who attend our meetings come from various Christian denominations. For this reason, we have the following principles by which we ask all who participate with us to abide:

- Profess the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to 1 Corinthians 15.
- Avoid all controversial subjects regarding Christian doctrine.
- Avoid discussion of various non-Christian religious beliefs.
- Maintain a spirit of love and harmony as we lift up the name of Jesus and pray.

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"ACTS" Pattern of Prayer

- **Adoration and Praise: Praising God for who He is – Almighty, Holy, Good, Loving, and the God of the Universe – All Powerful, All Knowing, All Sufficient.**
"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!" **Revelation 5:12**
- **Confession and Cleansing: Agreeing with God about sin in my life – confessed, forsaken, forgiven, forgotten.**
"Search me O God, and know my heart. Try me, and know my anxieties; and see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." **Psalms 139:23-24**
- **Thanksgiving: Thanking God for what He has done, is doing, and what He is going to do.**
"Giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." **Ephesians 5:20**
- **Supplication: Presenting our requests to the Father.**
"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God." **Philippians 4:6**

Six S's of Prayer (Evelyn Christenson)

- Subject by Subject: Allows each person to pray until the Holy Spirit has covered the subject
- Short Prayers: Allows time for each person to pray as led for each subject
- Simple Prayers: Sentence prayers
- Specific Prayers: Specific prayers receive specific answers
- Silent Prayers: Silence is golden as we are guided by His thoughts
- Small Groups

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- Arrive a few minutes prior to your scheduled meeting time.
- Place a sign on the door (**WPI Prayer Meeting – please slip in quietly**) before the prayer meeting begins to encourage women to slip in without disturbing the prayer time.
- Do as much as possible to remove distractions and noises from the meeting area.
- You may want to use a sign-in sheet or your Prayer Member Roster to keep track of the women who attend each meeting.
- You may want to have water available for the women.
- Place a love-offering basket in a visible place so that the women will be encouraged to give. (Any amount given will be appreciated and used wisely to fulfill the vision and mission for WPI.)
- Have your current WPI Prayer Focus, Prayer Member Handbook and Bible on hand for each meeting. Pass out handbooks and the Prayer Focus sheets to new attendees.

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**Thank you for partnering with the Guide to greet the women, start the meeting on time,
help keep the meeting focused on praying in one accord, and close on time.**



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[Please Print]

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____
Street Apt.# City State Zip Country

E-Mail address _____ Fax No. _____

Phone (W) _____ ext. _____ (C) _____ (H) _____

Occupation _____ Employer _____ Part Time Full Time

Marital Status Single Married Year of Marriage _____ Divorced Widow

Birth date _____ If married, spouse's name _____
month and day

Briefly describe when you received Jesus as your Savior (Use back if more room is needed)

Name and denomination of church you attend _____

Are you a member _____ How long _____ Pastor's Name _____

Church email address _____

In what areas of leadership are you currently serving or have served in your church or community?

Organizations you are currently or have previously been involved with. (volunteer groups, community organizations, Bible studies, etc.) _____

Are you interested in guiding a group hosting a group willing to do both

I, the undersigned, have spoken to my immediate supervisor and have received permission to hold a WPI prayer group at my place of work (before work, at lunch or after work). I understand that the information I have provided on this application will not be disclosed to outside sources. I give my authorization to WPI to verify the information on this form. I have read and will uphold Women's Prayer International's Leadership Guidelines.

Signature _____ Date _____