

# **SIMPLE STEPS TO LAUNCH A DAY OF PRAYER AT YOUR CHURCH**

## **1. ADOPT A DAY OF PRAYER**

Adopt a day or half day of prayer as a church. Prayer partners pray the same day of the month (the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, etc.) or the same day of the week (the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed., 4<sup>th</sup> Friday, etc.).

## **2. APPOINT A PRAYER COORDINATOR**

The Prayer Coordinator is a member of the church, who under the leadership of the pastor, can organize schedule and provide general leadership for the church's prayer activities (including the day of prayer). This person must have an active and healthy prayer life, a good reputation in and outside of church, and have the ability to lead in prayer and mobilize others to pray.

## **3. Share the vision**

The Pastor shares the vision with the church during Sunday morning services a few weeks before the first monthly day of prayer. Points to include:

- Share the goal behind the day of prayer
- Affirm the prayer coordinator and his/her role
- Encourage people to sign up for 30-60 minute prayer slots

## **4. RECRUIT & FOLLOW UP**

Use prayer commitment cards or sign-up sheets during or after services and invite people to sign up for a prayer time slot.

Print and distribute simple prayer points/prayer guide to those who sign up (suggestions on how to pray during their committed prayer time including specific and measurable prayer points to pray for the church, city, county and state).

The Prayer Coordinator follows up with those who sign up (through text, email or the church's preferred method of communication), with prayer points, scheduled time reminders, encouragement, etc. and works on getting all the time slots filled by prayer partners.

It is important for pastors and prayer coordinators to continually share answers to prayer through videos, newsletters, emails and/or other methods that would encourage those praying. Hosting a special lunch, dinner, retreat is also a great way to support the vision and pray-ers as well.

## **5. PRAY**

Prayer partners pray during their selected times from home, school, work or church.

# Prayer Coordinator Qualifications & Responsibilities

## PROFILE

The prayer coordinator is a member of the church, who under the leadership of the pastor, fosters a strong culture of prayer within the church by organizing, scheduling and facilitating the church's prayer activities.

## DUTIES, TASKS & RESPONSIBILITIES

### Day of Prayer

- Organizes and facilitates the church's Day of Prayer
- In partnership with the church leadership, develops/adopts specific and measurable prayer points that guide prayer partners
- Recruits prayer partners who pray 30-60 minutes during the Day of Prayer
- Compiles and maintains a database of prayer partners and their contact information
- Follow up with prayer partners to remind them of their selected prayer times, suggested prayer points, testimonies and encouragement
- Stays in communication with other Day2Pray churches by attending the Prayer Coordinators Meetings and checking/responding to emails.
- Teaches & trains people on prayer as needed

### General Responsibilities

- Promotes prayer privately & publicly
- Organizes days of corporate prayer & fasting
- Mobilizes prayer for emergencies and times of crisis
- Informs staff & church about local, statewide, national and international prayer initiatives

## Prayer Coordinator's Check List

- Have you created a database of those who have signed up for your Day2Pray?
- Have you confirmed your church's adopted day of prayer with the Day2Pray Office?
- Have you confirmed the specific prayer time slots with those who are committed to pray?
- Have you distributed the prayer points to each of the pray-ers?
- As your monthly prayer time approaches, have you reminded those who are praying about their prayer time?
- Are you encouraging others in your church about the importance of prayer?

## Pastor's Check List

- Have you chosen your Prayer Coordinator?
- Have you presented Wilkes County Day2Pray to your Congregation?
- Have you chosen a day each month to adopt as your day of prayer?
- Did you present a sign-up sheet for your prayer slots?
- Who can you recommend as a member for the strategic teams?
  - Contact these individuals and explain the vision and ask if they're interested
  - If so, pass on this information to the Day2Pray office.
- Have you shared this vision for prayer with other pastors and leaders outside of your own church?