

Prayer Ministry

Purpose/Goals of Ministry: What is to be accomplished by this ministry team?	To help church members find ways and opportunities to develop and strengthen their own individual prayer practice
What talents, skills, and spiritual gifts would be helpful to this ministry?	Prayerful; able to discern God's voice; patience; empathy; compassion; listening (not just hearing)
Time Commitment: When & how often do you meet? What other time commitments are there?	There are several ways to participate in the prayer ministry of St. James: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The St. James Prayer Team meets once a week, usually on Tuesdays, 1:00-2:30 p.m. • Prayers for Peace meets every Thursday at 5:00. • The Prayer Committee, which plans prayer events for St. James, meets monthly on the third Sunday at 2:00 p.m.
What specific responsibilities do members of this team have?	Our specific responsibilities include attending our monthly meetings to share about what part of the Prayer Ministry we are involved in. The Prayer Ministry as a whole also helps with our Prayer Vigils held throughout the year. During Spring Fling, we set up a prayer tent and offer to pray with anyone who requests it. We have also set up a prayer labyrinth during the season of Lent.
Connections: What other ministry teams does this team work with directly?	We work DIRECTLY with ALL of the other ministry teams in that we create and "stock" a prayer base for all of their activities/events. We do not meet with other teams unless there is a special need for such.
Mission: How does this ministry team help people to follow Jesus, love others, and change the world?	When we lift people and their situations up to the Lord, we are acting as intercessors for them—spiritual helpers who communicate their needs to God. Prayers are answered and answers are felt—recipients feel that answer and respond to God with thanks. Any prayer, no matter how small or how few, is a sign to God that we care for our fellow brothers and sisters as He cares for His children. He hears us and acts out according to His will for us. Through our prayers, God changes the world!
Other: What else do we need to know about this ministry team?	Our opportunities keep us connected to and in ministry with our homebound population; our mothers of pre-school students; our ministers and staff (as we act as their prayer partners); missionaries as they go out to disciple; and to all of our church family and community.
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