

Guidelines for Prayer Team

LISC 2006 “Taste and See”

Prayer Team, “who” are we?

➤ **Intercessor**

*Intercession is a prayer of petition which leads us to pray as Jesus did. He is the one intercessor with the Father on behalf of all men [CCC2364]. In intercession, he who prays looks “**not only to his own interests**, but also to the interests of others,” even to the point of praying for those who do him harm [CCC2365].*

We are not only an Intercessor, but **a team of intercessors**

*Again I say to you, if **two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven**. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”*
Matthew 18:19-20

We support each other’s prayer in agreement.

➤ **God’s Instrument**

God usually asks humans to work together with Him. The following is the Pope’s homily during Chrism mass.

“The Lord has laid his hands upon us and he now wants our hands so that they may become his own in the world. He no longer wants them to be instruments for taking things, people or the world for ourselves, to reduce them to being our possession, but instead, by putting ourselves at the service of his love, they can pass on his divine touch.”

Pope Benedict XVI, Chrism Mass, April 13 2006

It is not us, but He that works, we are just His Instrument. We allow God to use our hands to be the channel of His touch to others. This requires our complete surrender to Him.

Hence, knowing who we are, what do we need then?

Three important things that we need to remember

➤ **Have Faith!**

Firmly believe His promises and His words. Have a strong conviction of God’s infinite power and Love.

For that, know His promises. **Pray with expectant faith!**

“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I go to the Father. Whatever you ask in my name, I will do it, that the Father may be glorified in the Son; if you ask anything in my name, I will do it.”

John 14:12-14

“Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.”

Mar 11:24

Provided that we pray unselfishly, with love of God and His people in mind, God certainly answer our prayer.

You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

James 4:2,3

And this is the confidence which we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have obtained the requests made of him.

1 John 5:14,15

How if lack of faith?

"He did not work many miracles there because of their lack of faith."

Matthew 13:58

➤ Have Hope!

Have confidence that God loves all of us, including those whom we are prayed for. Hope and pray for those we are praying over so that they may allow God to touch and renew their lives, so that they may be freely open to God's love.

➤ Have Love!

Above all is Love, we pray for them because we love them, and not for any other reasons.

**It will be God and not me who will work wonderful things in their lives.
Allow the Spirit to work as He wishes.**

On the contrary, these should be avoided or removed:

➤ No Pride!

(other way to say is we need **humility**)

Being God's instrument requires humility. We do not look for sensation (tears, resting, etc) when we pray for them. What important is to allow God's Love and Peace to flow freely. When we pray, ask God what area that this person needs to prayed for specifically, especially during ministering in **healing session and session 9** (to be described later).

When we petition God, we do not inform or persuade Him. When we intercede, it is God Who persuades and informs us. We're not putting words in His mouth; He's putting them in ours. That's why, listen to Him! He is the center, not anyone else.

➤ No False Humility!

(feeling of unworthiness, etc)

We also can say that this is an indication of lack of faith and hope. Provided that we have prepared ourselves best, God's work does not depend on our worthiness, but only because His will and power.

*Do not be troubled if you do not immediately receive from God what you ask Him;
for He desires to do something even greater for you [CCC 2737].*

However if we deliberately not preparing ourselves, that's different story

➤ No Holding sins or unforgiveness!

We are sinners. By His grace, even sinners like us can be used by Him as His instrument. However it is not the reason for you to avoid Sacrament of Reconciliation and to forgive or seek forgiveness from others.

MINISTERING IN:

Baptism in the Holy Spirit

What?

Please refer to the BoHS handout for the participants.

When, Where?

Venue, time:

St Paul Auditorium at CAEC (next to IHM), 7.00 to 10.00 pm

Gathering Venue, time (final briefing):

St Paul Auditorium at CAEC (next to IHM), **6.00 -6.30 pm**

(notice that gathering venue is subject to changes and that no dinner provided for non registered service team)

Please do come by 6.00 pm as you will be paired up and assigned "dominion"

St Paul Auditorium at CAEC



Remark: notice the presence of chairs!

You will be assigned "dominion" of chairs (to be specified on above mentioned final briefing)

Who?

Lead By: Phillip Kok

Number of people in the Prayer Team: 26 (13 pairs)

Number of (currently) registered participant: 62

Number of service team (excluding prayer team): 38

Hence, we are going to pray over **"more or less" 100 people** if service team is to be included.

How?

➤ Important things for you to remember:

1. Build and atmosphere of worship and peace
Minimize distraction, relax yourselves. Be watchful and open your eyes.
2. We do not look for sensation (tears, resting, etc) when we pray for them.
3. What important is to allow God's Love and Peace to flow freely.
4. Help them to yield to tongue
5. After we finish praying, ask God to make His love dwells in this person and Give Thanks.

6. Be open to spiritual gifts (especially prophecy and knowledge)
7. Do not be afraid to speak up any prophecy, visions, or words of knowledge. If we feel doubtful, consult with the leader.

Regarding Prophecies or Words of Knowledge:

1. Do not say something that might be too personal for the person.
2. If you feel you receive directive or revelation message for a particular person, consult the message to leader first. **Specifically, if the message may bring fear or other negative impacts to the participant.**
3. When we speak prophecy or words of knowledge, speak it with gentleness and humility. Do not embarrass the person. If necessary ask the person.
4. Confirm others prophecy if we have the same. Ask confirmation from God.
5. When speak prophecy or words of knowledge, make sure the message is delivered.

➤ Practical Steps:

This is not absolute, just **follow the Spirit**, however **do it in order!**

For God is not a God of confusion but of peace. 1 Cor 14:33

1. Wait for Phillip's sign. Still, relax, join others in worshipping God (one of our task is to build an atmosphere of worship and faith), but still open your eyes.
2. Again, open your eyes, first approach those who are too tense.
3. (for those described in no 2) Smile, and ask them to pray together, remind them again to pray for God's love and the Holy Spirit, and tell them that you will support them in prayer. Ask them to close their eyes and focus to the Lord and to worship Him in words that are not English or any language that they understand.
4. Pray in tongues, while laying hand.
5. Pray for God's love.
6. Pray for the Holy Spirit.
7. Pray for their courage, willingness to let God renew their lives.
8. Spend some silent moment to listen to what God wants to say for them.
9. Speak God's word/ prophecy or words of knowledge (in English or other language they understand) to them if God says something to you; **make sure you deliver the words as guided above.**

10. While your pair is praying over someone, support your partner, listen to God, also speak the Prophecy or Knowledge God gives you (put it into test first).
While doing so, see what happen to the person you are praying for, if he/she is still not relax or does not want to open his mouth, gently ask him to do so.
11. Do not spend more than 10' for 1 person (ideally 5')
12. Closing prayer (short). Give Thanks. Surrender the person into God's loving hand. Ask them to continue worship God
13. Approach the next person, if for this time, the person has no difficulties in opening his heart, don't distract him or her. Especially, if the person is being touched intensely by God, give him/her some time to enjoy God's love first. After the person is calmer, lay hand over them and ask them to praise God together with you, then close with short closing prayer, giving thanks to God.

“What does the Baptism of the Spirit consist of and how does it work? In the Baptism of the Spirit there is a secret, mysterious move of God that is His way of becoming present, in a way that is different for each one because only He knows us in our inner part and how to act upon our unique personality. There is also the external community part which is the same for everyone and consists mainly of three things: brotherly love, laying on of hands, and prayer. These are non-sacramental but simply ecclesiastic elements.”

Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa, OFM Cap

MINISTERING IN:

Inner Healing session

When?

Saturday, May 13th, 10.35-13.20

During Inner Healing Prayer

Prayer Stations during Confession and washing of the feet

Where?

IHM Function hall

Who?

Ministers: All prayer team available at that time (registered participants) and all service team/committee available who want to volunteer.

Ministerees: All participants who want to be prayed over for specific intentions

What to do?

Inner Healing Prayer:

Be watchful! Help those who need tissue. Listen to God for any word of Knowledge and Wisdom. Write the Words in a piece of paper; submit it to the discernment team in front. Let them discern and proclaim it to others.

Prayer Stations:

The participants will approach you. Do allow them to mention specific part they want to be prayed for, listen attentively, don't judge or give advice, just listen! More importantly, listen to God, ask Him to show You or tell You the specific area to be prayed for (the root cause, so to speak). Pray based on what you have heard from the participant and from God.

Don't spend more than 10 minutes for 1 person, close the prayer, give thanks and surrender his/her life to God.

More details will be elaborated at later date.

MINISTERING IN:

Session 9 "Obeying the Great commission"

When, Where?

After session 9, IHM function hall

Who?

Refer to inner healing session

What to do?

The speaker of the session will tell you what to do (More details will be elaborated at later date).

Spiritual Commitment

As the LISC is getting nearer, let's keep our spiritual life up even more. Especially during this time, we very much need His guidance and help. Don't forget to pray for the LISC everyday. Here are the main things we need to pray for (copied from the IPG intentions):

1. For LISC participant, we pray that they can come to LISC with an open heart, so that they may experience your love and be renewed in the Spirit. And from now, as they wait for LISC, may their heart yearn more of You. We also pray for people who still have doubt to join LISC may you clear doubt, so that every children that you call have to courage to answer yes to your call.
2. For the committee and service team, we pray that You may bless and equip Your servants with Your Spirit. Empower each and every one of us to minister in this Camp. Protect all of us and our family from anything that blocks us from doing our service. Let we never forget to draw strength from You and to be closer to You each day.
3. For the Speakers, may You anoint the speakers with Your Spirit. Give them wisdom and knowledge that they may be used tremendously by You to proclaim Your words to Your people. Inspire them in their preparation.
4. For the place and equipment, clean and bless the place and equipments that we will use for LISC. We pray especially for the place, IHM retreat house, that You bless every corners of the place that it may give the best conditions for the whole participants to be renewed in the Spirit.
5. For the Fundraising, we pray that you bless the fundraising that will be held on April 30th 2006 and other means of fundraising.
6. For all who are involved in LISC 2006. May You use this LISC to remind us of Your love and bring us closer to You. May we experience Your goodness and renew our commitment to You in life.

Pray for LISC everyday!