INTERCESSIONARY PRAYER MINISTRY

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What is it?
Intercessory prayer is prayer for others. An intercessor is one who takes the place of another or pleads for another's case.

How to Begin
1. Working with the pastor and a small prayer committee, plan prayer events throughout the year.
2. Choose a prayer coordinator to lead the prayer committee.
3. Create a prayer team of women who love praying for others and feel a burden to do so.

Intercessory Prayer Ideas
- Prayer Walking: Pray for a specific area while walking through that area.
- Secret Friend Prayer: Pray for a friend who needs a special blessing, perhaps for a specific period of time, or pray for a different friend each day.
- Prayer Chain: Form a team of women to pass prayer requests from one to the next, with each one praying for that request.
- Praying for Neighbors: Pray for your neighbors by name; reach them by prayer and love.
- Prayer to Save: Encourage each member to intercede for the salvation of five friends.

“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people” (1 Timothy 2:1, ESV).

For online resources on Intercessory Prayer Ministry go to: www.adventistwomensministries.org
PLANT A SEED MINISTRY

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What is it?
There are many ways for us to plant seeds, but the best way is to plant seeds of love in the lives of people we meet. Just find your talent and begin.

How to Begin
• Do you love to read? Visit the elderly in an assisted living care facility and read to them.
• Do you love to cook? Cook for someone you know who is sick or has lost a loved one. Teach neighbors or coworkers to cook healthful food. Bake bread and take it to a homeless shelter or a new neighbor.
• Do you love to craft? Make cards and give them to people whom you meet every day—in the supermarket, pharmacy, restaurant, or airport.
• Are you elderly and unable to go out? Call other shut ins or send cards or letters to young people from your church who are away at school.
• Are you a sympathetic listener? Take time to listen to people who need a place to share their pain and problems.
• Do children like to be with you? Volunteer to tutor children in your church or neighborhood who are having a difficult time in school.

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another” (John 13:34, 35).

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FRIENDSHIP EVANGELISM

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What is it?
Friendship Evangelism means caring for others, building trust and respect, and creating genuine friendships. We can all be friendly. If we each make friends and gently lead them to a friendship with Jesus Christ, we will all be blessed.

How to Begin
• Select someone to become your new friend. Think about her and pray for her. Ask God to provide openings for you to show God’s love for her.
• Talk to your new friend. And listen to her. Show you care. Spend quality time with her. Concentrate on what’s important to her.
• Find common interests. Do you both like to hike, garden, read, or swim? Begin with what you have in common.
• Find common ground between your beliefs and those of your new friend.
• Be humble. Be willing to learn from her as well as to teach.
• Share God’s truths with your new friend and introduce her to your friend Jesus.

“Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Savior mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, 'Follow Me’” (Ellen G White, Ministry of Healing, p. 143).

For online resources about Friendship Evangelism Ministry go to:

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SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

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What is it?
The Small Group Ministry program deepens and broadens personal spiritual growth, facilitating relationships that bring friends to Christ. Often the small group meets at each other’s homes, usually once a week. Each meeting is focused on a spiritual or religious topic. The goals are to listen and be listened to in a safe place, to discuss spiritual questions, to build new and deeper personal connections, to serve our community and the needs of one another, and to maintain personal connections and a caring community.

How to Begin
• Select a facilitator who will link the group.
• Personally invite potential group members.
• Be specific about details of the study by telling people what you plan to do, when you plan to meet, and how many weeks the course of study will require.
• One way to start a group Bible study in your neighborhood is to invite several people to your home for refreshments.
• At that time tell them of your interest in starting a small group Bible study and invite them to join you.
• A good group size is six, but a smaller group can be effective.

“If there is a large number in the church, let the members be formed into small companies, to work not only for the church members, but for unbelievers. If in one place there are only two or three who know the truth, let them form themselves into a band of workers” (Ellen G White, Testimonies, vol. 7, p. 22).

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**HOMES OF HOPE AND HEALING MINISTRY**

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**What is it?**  
The Homes of Hope and Healing program involves opening our homes to our neighbors for fellowship and learning.

**How to Begin**  
- In this ministry, we open our homes to women in our community. We work in small groups (between 3 and 15). The goal is to make lasting friendships for Jesus.  
- Invite women to come to your home or other non-church location (if possible).  
- You may want to offer a lunch or a light supper.  
- Share your personal testimony of what Jesus has done in your life.  
- Invite them to participate in an eight-week Homes of Hope and Healing journey.  
- Explain that this is an ongoing program with breaks every eight weeks. (The number of weeks is flexible. Keep it short to accommodate people’s schedules).

“Women as well as men can engage in the work of hiding the truth where it can work out and be made manifest. They can take their place in the work at this crisis, and the Lord will work through them. If they are imbued with a sense of their duty, and labor under the influence of the Spirit of God, they will have just the self-possession required for this time. The Saviour will reflect upon these self-sacrificing women the light of His countenance, and this will give them a power that will exceed that of men. They can do in families a work that men cannot do, a work that reaches the inner life” *(Ellen G White, *Testimonies*, vol. 9, pp. 128, 129).*

For online resources for Homes of Hope and Healing Ministry go to www.adventistwomensministries and download Homes of Hope and Healing Topics and Power Points for the 8-week program.

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VISITATION MINISTRY

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What is it?
Visitation Ministry shares the love of God by providing visits to church members and friends, especially those who are in rehabilitation centers, nursing homes, assisted living and independent living facilities, those in hospitals or just released from the hospital, and also those who just need a friendly visit.

How to Begin
• Make a commitment to visit people. With your pastor develop a plan to involve women in visitation.
• Organize for visitation. Each group may select a specific place to visit, or individuals may choose whom or where they would like to visit. A commitment to making frequent visits is important.
• Plan weekly visitation. Organize groups to visit weekly. Regular visitation is the key.
• Establish and maintain a prospect list. You might begin with the names of visitors and members who are ill or shut-in. Ask members for names and addresses of people who might appreciate a visit. Ask local senior facilities for suggestions. Ask former members if you may visit.
• Incorporate variety in your visitation ministry. Some people are excellent at personal visitation. Others are better at writing letters or making phone calls. Others may relate best to youth or to the elderly. The more people you involve, the more effective your visitation ministry will be.

“The mission of Christ was to heal the sick, encourage the hopeless, bind up the brokenhearted. This work of restoration is to be carried on among the needy, suffering ones of humanity. There are souls who have lost their courage; speak to them, pray for them” (Ellen G White, Pastoral Ministry, p. 231).

For online resources on Visitation Ministry go to: www.adventistwomensministries and download Outreach is for Everyone: Women’s Ministries Evangelism Manual.
PRISON MINISTRY

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What is it?

Prison Ministry ministers to prisoners and their families, helping them reach their potential in Christ through spiritual, emotional, and physical support.

How to Begin

• Pray first
• Seek counsel
• Find a vision
• Get organized
• Build a team

Recruit two men (or two women) who are willing to give three hours one day each week to visit the local prison together.

Prison Ministry Ideas

• Encourage church members to become pen pals to at least one prisoner.
• Provide transportation for the relatives of prisoners to visit the prison.
• Provide occasional babysitting events at the church for prisoners’ wives to enjoy an evening for themselves.
• Give attention to prisoners’ children on the birthdays, Christmas, and other family holidays.
• Attend activities, such as programs and sports, when the child is participating.

“I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me” (Matthew 25:36).

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Discipleship MINISTRY

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What is it?
Discipleship Ministry offers friendship, instruction, and support with the goal of integrating new members into the life of the congregation. Studies show that people need to have at least five friends in a church or organization before they feel at home and are willing to stay. An important part of discipleship ministry is helping new members to grow in Christ.

How to Begin
• Form a committee responsible for effective integration of new members.
• Encourage your members to choose new members to befriend. Be sure every new member is “friended.”
• Hold a banquet once or twice a year to introduce new members to the congregation.
• Be sure each new member is visited once a week during the first month, then once a month for the first year.
• Invite new members to participate in a small group for intentional spiritual growth.
• Share special books, such as Women’s Devotionals, Spirit of Prophecy books, or church magazines.

“After individuals have been converted to the truth, they need to be looked after....These newly converted ones need nursing, –watchful attention, help, and encouragement. These should not be left alone, a prey to Satan’s most powerful temptations; they need to be educated in regard to their duties, to be kindly dealt with, to be led along, and to be apportioned to every man in due season” (Ellen G White, Evangelism, p. 351).

For online resources on Discipleship Ministry go to: www.adventistwomensministries.com and download Outreach is for Everyone: Women’s Ministries Evangelism Manual. Also visit www.growingfruitfuldisciples.com

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**B=B (BIBLE = BAPTISM) MINISTRY**

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**What is it?**
B=B (Bible=Baptism) Ministry challenges women in the church to choose a relative or friend who could find greater happiness in knowing the Word of God. The participating church member will commit:

- To study the Bible with one interested person (B=B recipient).
- To prepare the B=B recipient for baptism by the end of the year.
- To pray for the B=B recipient whose name is also added to the Women’s Ministries prayer list.

Each participating church member is given a Bible, a set of Bible study guides, and a baptismal certificate for a woman who will receive Bible studies. She is also given a B=B enrollment card to complete and return; it functions as her commitment card.

**How to Begin**

- Pray. In Women’s Ministries meetings pray specifically for B=B Ministry.
- Present the project to the pastor and elders.
- Select the date to begin the year-long event.
- Negotiate the purchase of Bibles and Bible studies through the church or by other means and prepare the materials, including the B=B enrollment card.
- Launch the project by inviting women church members to commit to studying the Bible for one year with one person. Participants who accept the challenge will complete and return the B=B enrollment card.
- Commission the participants in the B=B Ministry during a divine service. Distribute the Bibles with Bible study guides, baptismal certificates, and participant enrollment cards. Dedicate the participating women with a prayer of consecration.

“In the various branches of the work of God’s cause, there is a wide field in which our sisters may do good service for the Master. The labours of such Christian women are needed” *(Ellen G White, Review and Herald, Dec. 10, 1914).*

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY

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What is it?
Community Outreach ministers to the physical and spiritual needs of your community.

How to Begin
Research the demographics of your community (population, religious preferences, income, etc.).
How do you discover the felt needs of various groups in your community?
• By mingling with people as Jesus mingled.
• By bringing personal ministry to individual homes.
• By asking “What do you need?” through canvassed questionnaires or by chatting as neighbors.
• By researching local community service agencies.

Community Outreach Ideas
• Seminars on topics such as healthful cooking, stress reduction, AIDS prevention, grief recovery, self-esteem, depression, and family matters that include issues of child abuse, single parenting, and marriage enrichment.
• Classes for language literacy, computer literacy, micro-business training, or English as a second language.
• Service assisting abused women, respite care for care-givers, child advocacy, or help for the homeless.
To be successful, pray often, plan well, and always suit your program to the needs of your community and the resources available.

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