



Chapter Nine: Devotional Ten

Helping Others Participate in Prayer

Haven't we all been in a situation where someone entered our private conversation and it's awkward? Sometimes, prayer can feel like a private conversation. We can share our thoughts freely with God when we are alone, but the thought of inviting others into that conversation, on purpose, can feel so intimidating, even awkward. However, praying together with other believers is what we, as God's people, are encouraged to do... regularly. Donna Barrett breaks it down for us:

Excerpt from Leveling the Praying Field:

"How do we pray together? When we come together in prayer, there's a corporate expression among the group if we flow in that. So, we listen as another person prays and we agree with them; we are provoked, inspired, burdened, and encouraged. Then we watch and listen for what God is saying and how he is directing the group" p. 154

It is incredible when believers hear a word from the Lord, individually or otherwise. But, there is something so powerful and unifying when God speaks to multiple people who have gathered together, uniting their hearts in belief.

While, at first it can feel awkward or intimidating to invite and encourage others to participate in prayer with us, the return on investment far outweighs the perceived inconvenience of inviting others into prayer. Once we get over the hurdle of doing it, over time, praying with other believers can become as natural as having any other conversation. Let's not forget that in Matthew 18:20 Jesus promised, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I with them" (NIV). Therefore, we are to align our hearts with His heart and be intentional about

praying with other believers, not just at church, but at our places of work, in our homes and neighborhoods. We can look for opportunities to pray with others everywhere we go.

God will give you opportunities to join others in prayer- take them. Lean in. Look for them. He will be with you. It is His desire that His people call on Him together.



Prayer:

Lord, help us to be brave and invite others to pray with us. We want and need to hear from heaven. Give us eyes to see the opportunities you have placed before us to unite with other believers. Let your kingdom come. In Jesus's name, Amen.

Reflection Questions:

- 1) Have you considered how you can help others learn how to pray?
- 2) Do you attend prayer meetings at church? How can you increase group prayer in your life?

Key Thought – *We can engage people in prayer outside the church.*

LEVELING THE PRAYING FIELD STUDY SCHEDULE		
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