

PRAYING FOR A LEADERS PRAYER SUMMIT

Ideas and Instructions

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Church of the Nazarene Leaders Prayer Summits

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PREPARATION

Leaders and participants are encouraged to read the following:

- Prayer Summit brochure and “User-Friendly Intercession” document by Tom White
- *Love on Its Knees*, Dick Eastman (Every Home for Christ)
- Ezra 9, Nehemiah 9, Daniel 9 (biblical models of intercessory prayer)
- Isaiah 62:1-7: the spirit and focus of intercession (watchmen on the walls)

LEADERSHIP IN THE PRAYER ROOM

- Appoint a prayer leader to give instruction, share prayer points, keep prayer focused and on target.
- Share Scriptures that capture the central purpose of the Summit: Ps. 27:4; 63; 84; Jer. 9:23, 24...hunger to seek the Lord.
- Appoint a worship minstrel to begin the session with familiar worship songs. The prayer and worship leaders also give freedom to participants to worship with voices only, or bring forth Scripture or prayer burdens (see Eph. 5:19-21 and Col. 3:15-17 for the biblical model). It is important for those interceding to experience a context of open worship similar to what the leaders are experiencing.
- Define the purpose of this gathering: stand in the gap, undergird, provide spiritual covering for the leaders.
- If God leads, facilitate a season of confession and repentance (Ps. 24).
- “We’re here to lean into God, to wait, watch, and listen for His instruction on how to pray his purposes for our leaders and for revival in the denomination.

SUGGESTED PRAYER POINTS

- Explain the summit discipline of asking God for His direction, protection, and presence before each session
 - > Direction: Psalm 32:8 (“Lord, we want *your* plan for this Summit, not *ours!*”)
 - > Protection: Psalm 91; 2 Thess. 3:3 (bind and subdue the work of the flesh and the devil)
 - > Presence: Psalm 133 (the “commanded blessing”) and John 14:21-23 (manifest presence of Father, Son, and Spirit)
- Personal transformation: 2 Cor. 3:17, 18
- Spiritual rest for the leader’s soul and mind: Mt. 11:25-29; Ps. 62:1; Heb. 4:8-11

- Personal holiness: 2 Cor. 7:1
- Honesty to share sins, struggles, troubles: Gal. 6:2; Jas. 5:13
- Freedom to bring needs to God's throne: Heb. 4:12-16
- Release of fresh power into one another's ministries: 2 Thess. 1:11, 12
- Revelation of God's mind to direct effectual prayers: John 15:1-7; 1 John 5:14, 15

WRAPPING UP EACH PRAYER SESSION

- Give God thanks for what He is saying and doing in the prayer room and at the summit
- Ask God to seal, by his Spirit, what He has done in the hearts of the leaders
- Ask God to cover summit and intercessory participants as their "rear guard" (Is. 52:12)