

Tips for PRAYER MINISTERS

- Leave your personal problems with God. "Sanctify yourself in prayer."
- Have a Bible at all times. Have salvation scriptures marked.
- Go believing.
- Always ask permission to share the Gospel .
- Have a pleasant countenance.
- Be compassionate (vs sympathetic).
- Cultivate God's love in your heart for the needy and let His love and concern shine through your life. Ask God for a servant heart.
- Be aware of your body; cleanliness, neatness, breath (use mints), hair and dress appropriately.
- Speak in a well-modulated voice. Speak softly but distinctly in a calm and reassuring manner. Don't talk too much. Listening is the important thing. If the person is speaking and getting off track from what God is doing, gently bring them back to the thing God is dealing with.
- When sharing the Gospel, begin with where the person is at, spiritually.
- Don't be shocked.
- Make them feel important by giving them all your attention.
- Do not engage in controversy or make arguments. Always "pour" never push.
- Keep your heart in an attitude of prayer, so the Holy Spirit may speak through you.
- Stay close to the LORD so your prayers may be inspired of Him.
- Learn to listen to the Holy Spirit while they are talking or you are praying.
- Not a counseling or deliverance ministry, but the LORD will give you scriptures, Godly principles and wisdom to share. Make an appointment for deeper counsel when needed.
- Pray in English (or Spanish), so that they can understand you.
- Be patient and gentle with unconditional love and acceptance. No criticism.
- Do not force ministry. Take it as far as the LORD wants, and know there will be other opportunities for God to bless them more.
- Don't try to "fix" them. The Holy Spirit will do the work. Be an encourager. Do not correct or direct.
- If God gives you something about the person, just pray it for them. Don't say "I have a prophetic word for you." Respect people of all denominations.
- Continue to pray for them throughout the week.