

The Intercessory Prayer Network: Suggestions for Implementation

The Intercessory Prayer Network distributes prayer requests from around the world via 1,000+ e-mailings to countless prayer partners. Below are suggestions on how to utilize these requests in your prayer group, congregation, or personal prayer life.

Important Considerations for Groups and Individuals

- Seek God's guidance concerning which list or lists of prayer requests to receive. He may place a particular focus on your heart, and you may be drawn toward a type of requests that resonates with your own ministry focus.
- Note that the "People in Need" category will involve 75-150 unique requests per day. This can be an overwhelming number of needs to cover in prayer. You might consider receiving these requests once or twice per week, which will enable you to give worthy focus to each need.
- Categories other than "People in Need" include fewer requests per e-mailing, and e-mail only once per week (or less frequently on some occasions).

Prayer Groups and Congregational Settings

- Distribute portions of the list to each member before the service. This assures that every request receives prayer, yet prevents prayer partners from feeling overwhelmed by the volume of requests that often numbers over 100.
- Display the requests on a screen (perhaps edited to name and a brief description) during the prayer time.
- Ask prayer group members to take home a copy of the list, or portion of the list, for prayer during the week. (Consider dividing the requests into smaller lists for each day.)
- Place copies of the prayer requests in the prayer room or Sunday School rooms for people to pray over during their prayer times.

- Place copies of the requests in the foyer, challenging church members to take home one list per month, adding a few requests to their personal prayer time. This provides added prayer for the requests as well as challenges church members to develop a habit of intercessory prayer on behalf of people in need outside their circle of friends and family.
- Place particularly gripping needs in the church bulletin, identifying them as serious needs in the world around us. This can serve as an opportunity to invite church members to join the Intercessory Prayer Network for themselves.

Individual Prayer Partners

- Devote time during a single day to focus on prayer for your IPN requests. You might combine these with other areas of intercession, such as prayer for needs within your own church congregation or needs among missionaries your church supports.
- Divide your IPN requests into groups to be prayed over throughout the week during your prayer times. Insert them at a specific point of your devotions, such as the end, so you establish a habit of praying for them.
- Share particularly moving requests with friends and family members who are committed to intercession.
- Ask God to use these prayer times for strangers as an opportunity for you to develop a greater vision for the lost and hurting in your neighborhood and community.



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