

# The Prayer Coordinator

## In the Local Seventh-day Adventist Church

### Job Description:

The prayer coordinator is essential in developing a praying Seventh-day Adventist church. He or she is God's appointed servant to integrate prayer into every aspect of the church's life. This work includes praying for the church, teaching people how to pray, leading united prayer, and coordinating prayer initiatives with church leaders.

### Qualifications:

- Strong personal prayer life and passion for united prayer
- Spiritually mature and well-grounded in the Word of God
- Committed, respected member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church
- Has gifts to organize, encourage, and teach people
- Ability and desire to lead out in prayer ministry
- Enough time to lead and attend prayer events

### The Work of the Prayer Coordinator in the Local Church:

- Set aside regular time to pray for the local church and seek God's guidance for the prayer ministry.
- Ask God to guide you to those who should help you lead out in prayer ministry. This may be people who have indicated an interest in intercessory prayer, though God may lead to others also.
- Establish a prayer team who will pray together for the church. This team will also be responsible for planning, promoting, and leading prayer initiatives.
- Meet regularly with the pastor to discover their prayer goals and needs. Pray with them and intercede for their prayer requests. (If meeting with a pastor of the opposite gender, take at least one other person with you when you meet with the pastor).
- Research and evaluate the local church's current prayer ministries. Also consider prayer initiatives led by the local conference, union, or division. General Conference prayer initiatives may be viewed at: <https://ministerialassociation.org/prayer/prayer-initiatives/>.
- Promote prayer in the local church with training on prayer, united prayer events, inspirational materials, and networking of local prayer warriors.
- Coordinate with other church leaders to integrate prayer into every aspect of ministry within the local church. Provide training on prayer as needed.

- Implement plans for prayer partners and/or individuals committed to praying daily for specific people (by name!): local pastors and teachers, publishing and medical workers, and church leaders at the Conference, Union, North American Division, and General Conference.
- Some potential prayer ministries to explore include: Prayer in the Worship Service, Family Prayer, Prayer Telephone Ministry, Prayer Emphasis Week, Prayer Chains, Prayer Partners, Prayer Meetings, Senior Intercessors, Evangelism Prayer Groups, Prayer Retreats, Day of Prayer Activities, and Prayer for specific needs and events.

### **Essential Reminders for Prayer Ministry Leaders:**

- This is God's work, not yours. Let Him lead!
- Your job is to encourage prayer, not to control every aspect of prayer in the local church. Allow freedom for each individual to be led by God into prayer ministry for the individuals in their lives.
- Remember that prayer itself is ministry. Your job is not just to provide prayer events. Most importantly, your job is to pray with and for others.
- Prayer is also outreach and the most effective form of evangelism.
- Be aware of the intimacy that prayer can create between individuals. In general, men should pray with men, and women should pray with women. Mixed groups should have at least three people to avoid the appearance of evil and the opportunity for inappropriate attachments to form.
- Your goal is to enable all church members to grow in their personal prayer life and encourage corporate prayer to become the life of the church.