



Leading the Prayer



“Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others”



Philippians 2:3-4

Why do we pray for others?

“As prayer warriors, we are spiritual weapons in God’s mighty hands. When we pray for others, we also enjoy the privilege of rejoicing in God’s work in their lives. By praying for others, we actively participate in God’s plan for the world, both in our lives and in the lives of others”

<https://www.compellingtruth.org/praying-for-others.html>





How do we chose who to pray for?

We can pray for anyone who we want to send our love to. This can be our peers, people we do not personally know, our families in Eritrea, for lives that have been lost, etc.



Preparation and Format

- Choose who you want us to pray for.
- Prepare an explanation for the class of who we are praying for and why.
- Tell the class what we are praying for--are we praying that this person/group finds strength? For physical or emotional needs?
- Find a bible verse or prayer that relates to who we are praying for. For bible verses, explain what they mean or what your interpretation of them is in relation to who we are praying for
- Be ready to lead the prayer with your preparations at the beginning of class



Example: Christchurch Mosque
Victims



Background

On March 15th, a terrorist attack by a white supremacist on two mosques resulted in the death of 50 people, and with many others injured.



Who are we praying for?

- ❖ For the survivors of the attack whose lives will be greatly affected by this tragedy and by the trauma they must live with.
- ❖ For the families who lost their loved ones.
- ❖ For the victims who were robbed of their lives for simply praying to God.



Bible verses about grief, loss, and tragedy

- ❖ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted” - Matthew 5:4.
- ❖ “We have suffered terror and pitfalls, ruin and destruction. Stream of tears flow from my eyes because my people are destroyed”- Lamentations 3:47-48.
- ❖ “The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit” - Psalm 34:18



What do these mean?

These bible verses explain that God will be there to provide love to those who call on him when they are grieving. God knows when his people are suffering, and understands the despair people feel in times of tragedy. If trust is put in him, he will always be there to offer peace and to help heal our hearts.



A prayer for those who have lost their lives

In your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust our brothers and sisters.

In this life you embraced them with your tender love;
Deliver them now from every evil
And bid them eternal rest.

The old order has passed away
Welcome them into paradise, where there will be no sorrow, no weeping or pain, but fullness of peace and joy
with your son and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.

