

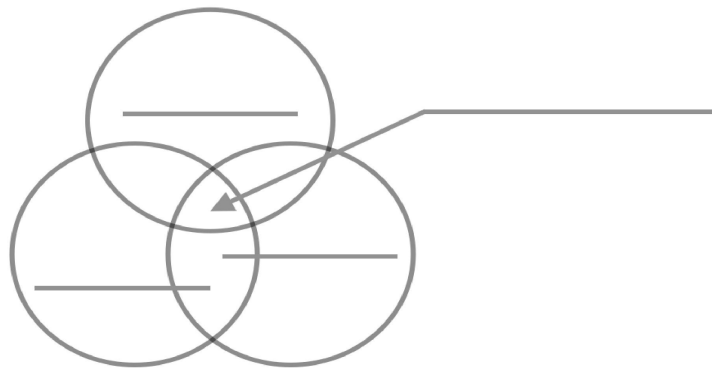
Praying with Boldness and Intention

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Many people have found prayer impossible because they thought they should only pray for wonderful but remote needs they actually had little or no interest in or even knowledge of. Prayer simply dies from efforts to pray about 'good things' that honestly do not matter to us. The way to get to meaningful prayer for those good things is to start by praying for what we are truly interested in. The circle of our interests will inevitably grow in the largeness of God's love. -Dallas Willard



Pray specifically as a Missional Community these 3 areas

Your Missional Community Leader will prompt your group to pray through each of these bullet items for two minutes (individuals to pray out loud on the bullet item at hand as they feel led).

CONTEXT

- Pray for the preparation of our hearts to hear what God wants us to hear – give us ears to hear.
- Pray for people of peace to build relationships with.
- Pray asking who you should talk to.
- Pray that the need becomes known to you or the group.

RESOURCES – what resources do we have as a group – resources are not just money

- Pray for conviction from the Holy Spirit to reallocate our time in less important things so we can prioritize our time being the hands and feet and voice of Jesus in our community (per Mike's Illustration last week).
- Pray for conviction from the Holy Spirit that we may serving our community the way we would serve Jesus.

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. Colossians 3:23-24 (NIV)

- Pray for the courage to try different things on the menu of missional engagement until God shows you more clearly where your sweet spot is.
- Pray for the resources of physical strength, emotional strength and spiritual strength.
- Pray boldly for what you think is needed once you know where or what God is asking you to do.

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- Pray that your hearts would break for what breaks God's heart.
- Pray for clarity what it is that God is wanting your MC to be doing

- Pray for unity in your MC

Missional Engagement Menu ideas

- 5) Invest 90 minutes with your existing community partner (Oak Haven, Oak Park, Kerr Street Mission etc.)
- 6) Small Business Blast (Everyone buy from chosen small business this day/week)
- 7) Trash Pickup at roadside or park
- 8) Coffee/Hot Drink giveaway at Hockey Rink for Parents and Staff (bought from concession stand there)
- 9) College Campus Pizza Giveaway, Pop Tarts, KD etc.
- 10) Scotch Tape Giveaway at Christmas
- 11) Scout out Christmas Hamper needs
- 12) Bring a meal or Tim Hortons treats to First Responders
- 13) Restroom Cleaning for Small Businesses/Restaurants
- 14) Connect with Retirement Home or Seniors Centre and ask you can help
 - Drive them or arrange transportation to medical appointments
 - Grocery shopping, etc.
 - Visit with Lonely Shut In's
 - Play cards with them
 - Be a Pen Pal
- 15) Rake Leaves
- 16) Do a community survey, knock on doors and ask if they know of any neighbours who need a hand (Cleaning out garage, transporting goods to be donated to value village, dump run, changing lightbulbs, painting, changing smoke detector battery etc.)
- 17) Pay for the person behind you at a drive-through
- 18) Take a work friend out for lunch and learn their story
- 19) Host someone (if public health rules allow) for as meal at your house
- 20) Gutter cleaning
- 21) Assemble Winter Survival Gift Packs and give them away (you choose what's in them)
- 22) Ask a local school how you can help (resource less fortunate students with supplies? Tutoring? etc.)
- 23) Ask a local funeral home if there is anything your group can do to serve a family in need
- 24) Serve at a local food bank, Sew on Fire Ministries in Burlington, Salvation Army etc.

If anyone asks why you are doing this?

- "We're doing a community service project."
- "We're here showing God's love in a practical way."
- "If Jesus were in town, we think he'd be doing things for people."

In the new year, we will be connecting the things we do with a campaign called "ForOakville.ca and ForBurlington.ca" where we will distribute cards to those we bless that say:

*"We hope this small gift brightens up your day. It's a simple way of saying that God loves you -no strings attached. Let us know if we can be of more assistance." -ForOakville.ca
(or ForBurlington.ca)*