



# Prayer Ministry

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### What is God doing around you in CCF?

I see CCF is a community of fellowship that strives to become more God centered with loving and supportive brothers and sisters. In this fellowship, I am being transformed by meeting new challenges, experiencing spiritual brokenness through journeying in fellowship, finding the Word of God fascinating, and being awed by the loving relationships formed. This fellowship provides me moments where I can meet and be with God. These are transformational moments for me.

### What was prayer ministry to you over the past year?

Joining prayer ministry for the first time, it has been joyful, challenging, and a renewing experience. I am thankful to the Lord that He has revealed to me the comfort and ease of praying, in other words, the simplicity of prayer. That prayer does not have to be fancy with elaborate and heart striking words, or have a rhythmic and fluid flow with no awkward pauses or hesitations. I was scared to state the “wrong thing,” or even more, not knowing what to say. These fears about prayer have and still do, to some degree, create barriers that prayer is a gift directly from God to be relational and to share and live our earthly lives with Him.

### Where is God leading you and your ministry?

In the book, *101 Most Powerful Prayers in the Bible* by Steve/Lois Rabey, and Claire Cloninger, it states that “There are many facets to the language of prayer.” This book lists the many ways we can communicate with God in prayer; whether its opening up to His unending love, to worship Him, cry out in times of our pain, struggling to make choices that honour and glorify Him and not ourselves, receive restoration and forgiveness, confessing our whole selves to the Father that never fails to stop listening and its endless. When it came to prayer for me, I was very narrow minded in regards to asking God what I only needed and praising Him when I was on a spiritual high. I hope we can expand the ways we communicate and share with God in small and simple ways such as how we are feeling at this very moment; stressed, happy, and/or other feelings. Sometimes we can simply talk with God without reason. It’s about acknowledging that God’s presence is always with us and our willingness to share it with Him. It’s the continual invitation through prayer we get to build a stronger and more intimate relationship with our Father.



### **How do you think you can get to that destination?**

Encouraging members to be transparent with ourselves to God can help us explore the many facets to the language of prayer. This can be done through reading scripture that inspires and guide us into prayer topics, and being attentive to our immediate emotions and circumstances. It can be difficult sometimes to talk to God in prayer about what exactly we are going through when sometimes we ourselves don't know. But God invites us to share openly through all of our concerns, confusion, anger and absolutely everything. Moments of prayer are the times when we welcome God to humble us and to be open and invite God what we are going through in our lives. It is humbling because it is difficult to admit at times how weak we are in situations and therefore, we need to turn to God for guidance.

To be absolutely honest, the word "destination" sounds so concrete about prayer ministry's direction, which made it difficult for me to answer this question. However, each individual's experience will be unique, but laying down whatever we are going through to God in prayer will expand our love and desire to communicate with Him more. I hope we will not be limited to what we pray about based on our circumstances. Also, being able to at times work through the discomfort of talking to God. Therefore, different challenges will present differently for each of us and God can work in various ways to support us through these challenges.

Being surrounded by brothers and sisters who come available to help one another and establishing a trusting relationship will open our hearts and enable us to come together and share more of ourselves with one another to understand Christ's intended fellowship and communion for us. We build this community together and we are not alone because prayer promotes community and allow fellowship to form.