

Prayer Ministry Vision Statement

Introduction

The power of prayer is not based on one's own content or performance as a Christian but the willingness to rely on God and be vulnerable with Him. It is not about how often we pray or how we pray, but it is about abiding in Him because He desires a transparent relationship with us. To come as the sinner that we are and to believe in the God who is the giver of good gifts.

Making Space for God

We see prayer ministry as a place of rest and where we can come to know that prayer is a gift given by God that allows us to take part in a deeper relationship with Him. Prayer allows us to experience God intimately and to communicate what is in our hearts as our trusted Friend. This may be difficult to consistently do on your own and the ministry can provide an intentional space to practice prayer. This ministry can be an accountable partner in our busy student lives where it can sometimes get difficult to make space for God. Personally for us, as we struggled with managing school and life, prayer ministry kept us accountable, allowing us to become more aware of our current life condition and to experience that God is with us and cares for us. We were reassured in knowing that God is willing to come into our lives and listen.

Making Space for Others

We also experience the gift of prayer by making ourselves available so others can pray for us and also to pray for others. Praying for others is a practice of love through which we are expanding our capacity to care for and love one another in ways that are not dependent on our own abilities. Praying together as a community does not stem solely from our own capacity to love, but from God's love. Also, as prayer ministry progresses we want to extend our prayers to the larger community beyond the prayers of our immediate lives and relationships.

Conclusion

In this ministry we are invited to make space for God and to make space for others in our lives. Prayer is an open invitation given to us all to come as we are and to respond to the invitation given by Jesus, "Come and you will see" (John 1:39).