

Suggestions for Sunday Morning Prayers

PURPOSE: To have a member of the congregation lead all of us in a prayer during the worship service. The main focus of the prayer should be the physical and spiritual needs of the people who attend and their friends and family.

GENERAL GUIDELINES:

1. The prayer should last about 3 to 5 minutes.
2. You can speak it spontaneously or have it written out.
3. Jon Walker or Greg Davis will let you know exactly when in the service you will be praying. (If you haven't heard from them by Sunday, find one of them before the service and ask!)
4. Try to include at least 3 items from the "Us Talking with God" column on the inside flap of the bulletin; don't feel like you have to pray about them all.

SUGGESTIONS:

1. In your prayer, you may want to refer to something that was said in the sermon or a phrase from a song that was sung.
2. Try to give some thought ahead of time to what you might say. (If you'd like to know what is in the "Us Talking with God" column before Sunday, you can check the website on Friday to see if it's there or you can contact Jon Walker.)
3. It's fine if you want to just begin praying by asking everyone to join you in prayer. Or you may want to say a few words or read a verse of Scripture first.
4. If there is some recent tragedy or major prayer concern in the community, it would be good to include prayer for the people involved.
5. If you especially have something on your heart, feel free to pray about that.
6. You might want to pray for our elected officials or the people in the military.
7. Only use the above suggestions that work for you.

Many people have expressed appreciation for this recently added part of the service. It enriches the service for all of us to have a variety of people lead us in prayer. Thanks so much for your willingness to help us out in this way.