Ground Zero

By Joline Stewart

People often consider prayer as optional, nice but not needed. Contrarily, prayer is Ground Zero! That place, situation or moment where something begins or is the most impactful. Your whole eternity changed at your first prayer of belief in the gospel. That was prayer? Yes. You heard or understood God's Word to you, and you responded to Him. It may not have been verbal, but it was the Spirit of God reaching to your soul and drawing forth a response of faith. Prayer! You passed from death to life at that moment. That is impact! That is the ground zero of your eternity with God.

Galatians exhorts us to continue our Christian life in the same manner in which we began. We hear the Word, we experience God by faith, and we respond. Again, that is prayer. Therein is the Christian life. That is the foundation for walking by the Spirit.

Many believers can believe that Jesus being God would stoop to become a man. They believe He would endure a life on earth of being despised and rejected by those He created and then suffer immeasurably on the cross to pay the price for their sin. Yet they cannot find the faith to believe that He would now sit with them in the quiet and commune with the object of His great love over His Word to them.

Prayer is where we intersect with God over His Word. Jesus is the source of all life and at the center of God's plan. *All things were created by Him and through Him and for Him (Col. 1:16)*. All aspects of our lives find their source in Christ. Jesus is the epicenter of all of life, ground zero.

God initiated our creation and our salvation. Though Jesus prays for us and God initiated the opportunity of prayer, He now commands us to initiate this relationship with Him in prayer. "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you" (James 4:8). You first!

How to Start a Cords of Three Prayer Ministry

Step 1 - Commit yourself to God as His servant to begin this new prayer ministry. Ask Him to help you identify one or two (max.) other believers and invite them to join you each week for a 10-15 minute phone prayer meeting. Don't expect everyone to say "yes."

Write the names below of those you are going to invite to join you.

Step 2 - Organize an initial phone meeting to decide on the logistics (day, time, who will initiate the call, etc.). Put it on your calendar and don't let anything supplant it.

Step 3 - Resolve to begin on a specific date and to be committed to the Lord, to each other, and the weekly prayer meeting.

Step 4 - Deploy. Get started. It may seem a bit awkward at first, but your *Cords of Three* prayer ministry will quickly become a powerful spiritual influence in your life and the lives of those you meet with each week.



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Check the box after you have prayed each day to help build a more consistent prayer life. Pray a verse a day!

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
New location for Lamplighters office Matthew 18:19	Discipleship Training/ More laborers Ephesians 6:18	John Stewart's writing/ Believing believers Ephesians 6:12	4 Men's Ministry/ Spiritual impact/ Outreach & growth James 4:2	Cords of 3/ Personal prayer Acts 6:2-4	
New location for Lamplighters office Romans 1:19	9 Discipleship Training/ More laborers Ephesians 1:15-16	New resource development/ Courageous believers Colossians 1:9	Women's Ministry/ Spiritual impact/ Outreach & growth 1 Thessalonians 3:10	Cords of 3/ Personal prayer 2 Timothy 1:3	
LI leaders & groups/ Pastors & churches, LI staff & volunteers Mark 1:35	Discipleship Training/ More laborers Luke 6:12	John Stewart's writing/ Faithful believers Hebrews 7:25	Youth Ministry/ Spiritual impact/ Outreach & growth Romans 8:34	New location for Lamplighters office Hebrews 4:16	
LI leaders & groups/ Pastors & churches, Government leaders Hebrews 4:14-15	Discipleship Training/ More laborers Luke 11:8	New resource development/ Fruitful believers John 16:24	Greater gratitude/ Evangelism/ Families Psalm 16:11	New location for Lamplighters office Acts 4:31	
29 LI leaders & groups/ Pastors & churches, LI staff & volunteers Acts 8:15	30 Discipleship Training/ More laborers Luke 21:34-36	John Stewart's writing/ Believing believers Psalm 139:23-24			
PRAY SCRIPTURES Begin by thinking about the meaning of each keyword in that verse. How does it affect the meaning of that verse?					

"O God, You have taught me from my youth; and to this day I declare Your wondrous works. Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, do not forsake me, until I declare Your strength to this generation, Your power to everyone who is to come."

- Psalm 71:17-18

"The only enduring motive for prayer is that God is worthy to be sought." - Daniel Henderson, Strategic Renewal

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PRAYER LIST

Personal:

FAMILY & FRIENDS NEIGHBORS & ASSOCIATES GOVERNMENT & LEADERS

Spiritual:

LABORERS SOULS SAVED BIBLE STUDY GROUP GREATER — Godliness • Growth

Commitment • Faithfulness						
Add Your Own:						
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