

Church Planting with Prayer as the Foundation

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- *Psalm 127:1-2 – Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain. In vain you rise early and stay up late....*
- *John 15:5 – I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in Me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing.... I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit – fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in My name.*
- When we work, we work. When we pray, God works!

Ten Great Quotes on Prayer

1. E.M. Bounds - “What the church needs today is not more machinery or better, not new organizations or more and novel methods, but men and women whom the Holy Spirit can use--men and women of prayer, men and women mighty in prayer!”
2. Jesus - “My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations.”
3. John Wesley - “God will do nothing on earth except in answer to believing prayer.”
4. William Temple - “When I pray, coincidences happen.”
5. E.M. Bounds - “Prayer can do anything God can do.”
6. A.T. Pierson - “There has never been a spiritual awakening in any country or locality that did not begin in united prayer.”
7. Terry Teykl - “Any attempts to solve the issues of the United Methodist Church short of a major movement of prayer is like rearranging the chairs on the deck of the Titanic.”
8. Paul Billheimer - “Prayer is where the action is. Any church without a well-organized and systematic prayer program is simply operating a religious treadmill.”
9. Terry Teykl - “This year’s level of church growth cannot be sustained on last year’s level of prayer.”
10. Bill Bright - “In the providence of God, I believe the power of fasting as it relates to prayer is the spiritual atomic bomb of our moment in history to bring down the strongholds of evil, bring a great revival and spiritual awakening to America, and accelerate the fulfillment of the Great Commission.”

Ten Prayer Ideas from Grace Fellowship and Faithbridge

1. Every _____ meeting is a prayer meeting.
 - *Acts 13:1-2 – In the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers.... While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said....*

2. Praying yourself into your future _____.
 Joshua 1:3 – *I will give you every place where you set your foot.*
 The Faithbridge Story

3. _____.
 Terry Teykl's Making Room to Pray
 Mark 11:17 – *My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations.*

4. An annual prayer _____ or _____.
 Luke 11:1 – *One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When He finished, one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray..."*

5. _____ in your worship service.
 After the message
 Luke 4:40 – *When the sun was setting, the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of sickness, and laying His hands on each one, He healed them.*

6. _____ prayer ministry for the chronically or terminally ill.
 Colossians 1:9 – *For this reason, also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you....*

7. Modeling prayer _____.
 Prayer room, fast first, prayer meetings, asking for prayer.
 You are the Prayer Leader of the Church!
 2 Timothy 2:2 – *And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others.*
 1 Corinthians 4:16 – *Therefore I urge you to imitate me.*

8. Pray your _____ – move your annual goal list to your prayer journal and pray through them weekly.
 Proverbs 16:3 – *Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.*

9. A prayer coordination position on your _____ along with a prayer ministry _____.
 Acts 12:12 – *He went to the house of Mary... where many people had gathered and were praying.*
 Matthew 6:21 – *For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

10. Teach small groups how to pray “_____” style – saves time, adds power, and disarms the inexperienced. Can also do this at corporate prayer meeting.
 Ephesians 6:18 – *And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.*

37 More Prayer Ideas from Faithbridge and Grace Fellowship

1. Prayer vigils
 - ❑ Our examples: “Pray For Reign” and “My Father’s House”
 - ❑ *1 Thessalonians 5:17 – Pray without ceasing.*
2. Prayer Campaigns
 - ❑ Forty Days of Prayer and Fasting
 - ❑ A list for everyone to pray over (the principle of agreement)
 - ❑ *Matthew 18:19 – Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by My Father in heaven.*
3. A “Power Plant” prayer center for children
 - ❑ *Mark 10:14 – Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.*
4. “Yellow sheet”/connect card praying
 - ❑ Giving this a prominent place on paper and verbally
 - ❑ *1 Peter 5:2 – Be shepherds of God’s flock that is under your care.*
5. Worship service prayer anchors
 - ❑ *Exodus 17:12-13 – Aaron and Hur held Moses’ hands up – one on one side, one on the other – so that his hands remained steady till sunset. So Joshua overcame the Amalekite army with the sword.*
6. Every staff meeting is a prayer meeting
 - ❑ *Acts 12:12 –the house of Mary the mother of John, also called Mark, where many people had gathered and were praying.*
7. Ten Most Wanted lists (for salvation)
 - ❑ *2 Peter 3:9 – The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.*
 - ❑ *1 John 5:14-15 – This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us – whatever we ask – we know that we have what we asked of Him.*
8. Pastor-rotational prayers for the entire congregation
 - ❑ *1 Peter 5:2 – Be shepherds of God’s flock that is under your care.*
9. Phone book praying (pray through entire phone book as a congregation)
 - ❑ *1 Timothy 2:1 – I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone.*
10. Trash can Sunday (burn all the smut!)
 - ❑ *Acts 19:18-20 – Many of those who believed now came and openly confessed their evil deeds. A number who had practiced sorcery brought their scrolls*

together and burned them publicly.... In this way the word of the Lord spread widely and grew in power.

11. Prayerwalking
 - ❑ Steve Hawthorne's Prayerwalking
 - ❑ **Joshua 1:3** – *I will give you every place where you set your foot.*
12. Prayer chains
 - ❑ Phone
 - ❑ Email
 - ❑ **Acts 12:5,12** – *So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him.... When (his miraculous release) dawned on him, Peter went to the house of Mary, the mother of John....*
13. Pre-worship service prayer
 - ❑ “Kitchen prayer”
 - ❑ **Genesis 24:12** – *Then he prayed, “O Lord, God of my master Abraham, give me success today, and show kindness to my master Abraham.”*
14. Praying over your building or facilities
 - ❑ Sunday mornings at 5:00 a.m.
 - ❑ **Exodus 40:9** – *Take the anointing oil and anoint the tabernacle and everything in it; consecrate it and all its furnishings, and it will be holy.*
15. Giving your community the gift of prayer
 - ❑ Our August 1998 mass mailer
 - ❑ **1 Timothy 2:1-2** – *I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.*
16. Shield-a-Badge
 - ❑ Research Second Baptist Houston's program
 - ❑ **Psalms 3:3** – *But You are a shield around me, O Lord.*
17. Every small group is a prayer group
 - ❑ Cell-based church (Exodus 18)
 - ❑ **Acts 2:42** – *They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.*
18. On-going seminars teaching people how to pray
 - ❑ Spiritual Growth 201
 - ❑ Bible studies on prayer
 - ❑ Prayer Retreats
 - ❑ **Luke 11:1** – *Lord, teach us to pray.*
19. Sermon series on prayer
 - ❑ Lord, Teach Me to Pray
 - ❑ Tabernacle Prayer

- ❑ The Lord's Prayer
 - ❑ Grand Opening of New Facilities (praying the Psalms)
 - ❑ **2 Timothy 4:2** – *Preach the Word*
20. Signing people up to pray
- ❑ Periodic prayer ministry sign-up
 - ❑ Will you make this a priority?
 - ❑ **Colossians 4:2** – *Devote yourselves to prayer.*
21. Expanding your financial campaign to recruit prayers, presence, gifts, and service
- ❑ Extending God's Kingdom
 - ❑ **2 Corinthians 9:7** – *Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*
22. Using special events as prayer opportunities
- ❑ Consecrate land
 - ❑ Break ground
 - ❑ Dedicate building
 - ❑ Staking your land
 - ❑ **Ephesians 6:18** – *And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.*
23. Praying over your land
- ❑ **Joshua 6** – Prayer marching the Promised Land (Jericho)
24. City-wide prayer services
- ❑ Hearne story
 - ❑ Church of Katy (Tuesday mornings and Wednesday noon)
 - ❑ Community in Concert
 - ❑ Mission Houston (Pastors Prayer Summit)
 - ❑ **Ephesians 1:1** – *To the saints in Ephesus*
 - ❑ **2 Corinthians 1:1** – *To the church of God in Corinth*
25. Deliverance ministry prayer team.
- ❑ Neil Anderson's Bondage Breaker
 - ❑ Doris Wagner's How to Cast Out Demons
 - ❑ **Luke 4:18** – *The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed....*
26. Intercessors for the entire staff
- ❑ Apply John Maxwell's Pastor's Prayer Partners to your entire staff
 - ❑ **Colossians 4:3** – *And pray for us, too....*
27. Corporate prayer meetings
- ❑ **Acts 2:46** – *Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts.*
28. Pastor's prayer retreats
- ❑ **1 Peter 5:2** – *Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care.*

29. Pastoral prayer time during the worship service:
- ❑ **Matthew 28:19** – *Make disciples of all nations* (ethnos = people groups)
 - ❑ Praying for an unreached people group in the 10/40 Window
 - ❑ Praying for another local church and pastor
 - ❑ Praying for a small group and leader
 - ❑ Praying for a children’s small group
30. Intercessor teams for the pastor (Peter Wagner’s Prayer Shield):
- ❑ **Ephesians 6:19** – *Pray also for me....*
 - ❑ I-3 = email prayers (Top Ten Prayer Requests)(equivalent to Maxwell’s Pastor’s Prayer Partners)
 - ❑ I-2 = a few key intercessors
 - ❑ I-1 = my Mom
31. Prayer mountain
- ❑ All night prayer meeting (Korean style)
 - ❑ **Luke 6:12** – *One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God.*
32. Writing prayer into your mission statement/core values
- ❑ **Mark 17:11** – *My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations.*
 - ❑ Grace Fellowship’s mission statement and Faithbridge’s Core Values:

It is the mission of Grace Fellowship UMC to glorify Jesus Christ by shepherding a people in West Houston-Katy in obeying the Great Commandment and in fulfilling the Great Commission by being a...

- (1) Church for the Family
- (2) Church for the Unchurched
- (3) Church for Growing
- (4) Church for Prayer
- (5) Church for the Nations

The 6 Core Values of Faithbridge are:

- (1) Fervent Prayer
- (2) Ministry Excellence
- (3) Life-Changing Community
- (4) Authentic Leadership
- (5) Generational Relevance
- (6) Intentional Loyalty

33. Daily pray the prayer of the disciples of Luke 11:1 – Lord, teach me to pray
34. Train up “Freedom in Christ” prayer leaders
- ❑ **Luke 4:18** – *The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed....*
35. Put prayer boxes out in community restaurants and shops
- ❑ Terry Teykl’s prayer boxes

36. Build prayer circles into the DNA of your staff meetings, business meetings, and leadership training sessions

□ *1 Thessalonians 5:17 – Pray continually.*

37. Listening prayer

□ *1 Samuel 3:10 – Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.*

Let's Actually Do It

KEY TO FILLING IN THE BLANKS

1. leadership team

2. home

3. Prayer Room

4. conference or retreat

5. Prayer altar

6. Pager

7. yourself (pastor)

8. goals

9. staff / line item

10. “Korean” (everyone praying aloud at the same time, which Ken first experienced at the mega-church in Korea)