

ANOINTING PRAYER MINISTRY

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James 5:14-16

"Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: [15] And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him."

Matthew 18:19 (NIV)

"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."

1. Purposes:

- a. To fulfill scriptural guidelines to pray for those in need.
- b. To provide spiritual ministry to those in crisis or need.
- c. To give opportunity for gifts of healing, faith, miracles and wisdom to operate through believers.
- d. Our goal is to pray, be concise and not counsel.
- e. To be an extension of Pastor Alan's ministry. To fulfill the James statement of "elders". We serve at Pastor's request and approval. We represent and project an image of Rice Lake Assembly of God when we are ministering.

2. Protocols

- a. Before the service begins --
 - i. Join for prayer with team 10-15 min. before service time. (See Section 8)
 - ii. Check to see (secure if necessary) that you have all needed supplies – anointing oil, Kleenex, etc.
 - iii. If you do not normally pray with your mate or they are unavailable for the day, enlist someone of your same gender who has been approved for this ministry and confirm that they will be able to join with you for the anointing time.
 - iv. To present a scriptural perspective, it is asked that we always have a partner when we pray ("...if two...agree..."). In this way we can assist each other in hearing and building the faith of one another. Also it

becomes a protection or confirmation should such a need arise.

- v. Select seating that will enable you to move quickly when the time of ministry is being introduced or arrives.

3. During the Service

- a. Participate in worship, but also be in an attitude of prayer and intercession as the time of worship is in progress. Seek God for guidance in your thoughts, and for scriptural direction for when you will be ministering.
- b. Be aware of the flow of the service and be prepared to step toward the altar as soon as you sense the leader inviting those with needs to come to the altar. Be at the altar waiting to receive those with needs and minister to them when they arrive.

4. When Praying with Someone

- a. Greet them, smile, and be brief. To keep things moving at times it will help if you would motion them to come ahead to you – as the ushers might not be aware you are available. Be alert to previous directions by the ushers.
- b. If possible find out their first name(s) – so you can pray with or for them by name.
- c. To determine the need ask something like –
“What can we pray with you about today.”
“Would you like to share your request with us?”
“What specific need can we pray with you about today?”
- d. Explanation of music: 1) Music enhances awareness of God and His power, 2) It provides protection and cover as they are coming, when they are sharing their need and when you are being specific in your prayer. 3) Music enables the large majority that has not come to the altar to continue in worship and engaging personally with God. 4) At times the music will make it hard to hear—get close, if necessary ask them to repeat—trust that they understand the value that music provides during the anointing time.
- e. Mention that you wish to anoint them with oil and watch for their affirmation before you to do this.
- f. Join hands or touch their shoulder if it seems appropriate. (Note: some may be uncomfortable with being touched, if you sense that this is so, respect their comfort level.)

5. The Prayer

- a. Mention the need in your prayer, if needed be discreet.
- b. Refer to a scripture passage or scripture thought that relates to their need(s) and that will help to build faith in them and in you as you are praying.
- c. Be personable, warm and yet brief in your prayers. This is due to the growing numbers of people who are coming for prayer at most services.
- d. Pray, don't try to counsel or give advice! If there is a need for further guidance or help, encourage them to meet you at the altar following the sermon. At times it may be appropriate to suggest they contact the church office, and/or a pastor to pursue additional ministries and helps available through Rice Lake Assembly of God.
- e. Our place is to pray –not to have **THE** answer.
A statement that says it well: **Don't Own the Outcome.**
Our part is to ask in faith and trust God to answer in His wisdom, time and power.
- f. Handling difficult situations
 - i. This can range from helping a person stand to lifting them from the floor to quieting or calming them.
 - ii. Infrequently, more time is needed than the moments in the service. In this case, the Prayer Room is available for usage
 - iii. If someone begins to disrupt or draw uncalled-for attention to themselves, motion to the ushers you need their assistance. They have been trained to help when the need arises.

6. After You have Prayed

- a. BE CONFIDENTIAL
- b. Continue to remember them in prayer in the days ahead.
- c. Inform a pastor or the church office if something is disclosed or a need is shared that you feel needs to be communicated or followed up.
- d. If appropriate, the next time you see them show interest and let them know you have been praying – let's make Rice Lake Assembly of God great church.
- e. **Listen for praise reports!** Anytime you hear a praise report please communicate it to either the church office (rlag@chibardun.net) or Pastor Alan (alanklasi@sbcglobal.net)

7. Personal Goals

- a. Throughout the week personally seek God about your upcoming ministry of anointing.
- b. Some may wish to come early before the service and spend time in prayer in the Prayer Room even before your team meets for the brief time of prayer.
- c. Come spiritually prepared to minister in each service you attend.
- d. Consider helping in additional services or special events as your schedule permits.

8. Pre-Service Prayer

- a. In being personally and spiritually prepared, it is asked that all who can, join for a brief time of prayer (3-4 minutes) immediately before the service in which they will be ministering. The prayer circle usually meets in the Prayer Room 10 minutes prior to the service.

9. Supplies

- a. Anointing Oil (Balm)
- b. Kleenex