

THE REMNANT ORIENTATION

THE PROMISE OF JESUS REGARDING PRAYER

When two of you get together on anything at all on earth and make a prayer of it, my Father in heaven goes into action. And when two or three of you are together because of me, you can be sure that I'll be there. Matthew 18:19-20

Jesus promises that wherever two or three gather He will be there, but have you ever considered the context—a prayer meeting? Look at verse 19, “agree concerning anything you ask.” That is prayer language. Jesus is making a huge promise, when you get together to pray because of your faith in Me I am going to be there and I will go into action.

THE REMNANT OBJECTIVE

To gather faithful followers of Living Hope into teams who will commit to pray specific, concerted, earnest and biblically-sponsored prayers to God for revival, the hurts and the needs of individuals in pain, with the goal that God's Holy Spirit would have His perfect way in our fellowship.

WHY DOES LIVING HOPE NEED *THE REMNANT*

1. We need to make certain that **prayer is a primary priority**

Prayer cannot be something we engage in at our convenience, or something we do occasionally. Prayer should take place at all times and in all circumstances as one of the church's highest priorities.

2. We need to make certain that we have a **place to raise up and find leaders**

The greatest evidence that a person is ready for leadership is whether or not they pray, and especially whether they pray for the church, God's priceless body.

3. We need **our labors to be birthed by the Holy Spirit**

How can we know if God is leading us to do something unless the Holy Spirit births it in a time of prayer?

4. We need **what the Holy Spirit has birthed to be fruitful**

How can anything have continued fruit and effectiveness unless the Holy Spirit is continuing to breathe on it and receive an invitation or welcome to do what only He can?

5. We need an **atmosphere where God's presence thrives**

Wherever there is an atmosphere of prayer there is an atmosphere of faith, and the grace of God always accompanies faith. When people pray the atmosphere is charged with the Holy Spirit, and what only God can do becomes possible.

THE CONTEXT OF *THE REMNANT*

1. Weekend Community
2. Generation Church
3. Break-Free
4. Monthly Remnant Gathering

The list of the context of *the Remnant* is also the priority list. We will seek to establish the Weekend Community teams first and then move on to the other two. All prayer teams will need to flow from *the Remnant*, so it might take time to gather all the faithful followers necessary who possess the proper burden and preparation to do all three environments, but we will move in and believe for these people. Those who eventually desire to be on a prayer team for Generation Ministries and Break-Free will have a more stringent application process. (Also as a matter of note, it will involve approximately 80 to 100 people to fill Weekend Community alone).

QUALIFICATIONS FOR *THE REMNANT*

1. Must be committed to the mission of LHF: We exist to experience Christ, express His hope and extend His liberating power.
2. Must be committed to the Leadership of LHF (Lead Pastor, Staff Pastors, and Elders).
3. Must possess a strong desire and ability to pray for received and assigned tasks.
4. Must be faithful to attend the monthly Remnant gatherings.
5. Must be faithful to fulfill your prayer team assignment. (Once every four to six weeks)
6. Must be emotionally stable, spiritually alive, of honorable character, punctual, if married have a unified and healthy marriage.
7. Must be submitted to and work well under authority.
8. Must believe there is reward in prayer. (Hebrews 11:6)

JOB PROFILE FOR *THE REMNANT* TEAM MEMBER

1. Attend monthly Remnant Gatherings.
2. Attend assigned Week-End Community Gathering one hour prior to service start.
3. Be available for 30 minutes after each service to pray for special needs.
4. Read over the prayer guidelines each week before your assigned team prays.
5. Read over the weekly prayer sheet for the service to which you are assigned.
6. Five spheres of prayer: 'Prayer Guide'

- 1) Praying through the auditorium—8:20-8:30 am
Ask everything to work according to God's plan and will, and for the Holy Spirit to powerfully move in the service.

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- 2) Pray with pastors and worship leaders *8:30-8:50 am*
Pray for anointing, breakthrough, for God's power to do in them what they could not do, and for God to use them to liberate people and to bring people to Himself.
- 3) Pray for the service in a separate prayer room *9:00-9:45 am*:
Souls saved
Hearts released in worship
Eyes opened and enlightened
Minds, hearts, souls and bodies would be healed
Relationships would be restored
Distractions limited
People released to give
Ideas be born
People make friends
People receive hope
People experience God
The Word bear fruit
Clarity of words for Pastor Jess
Prophetic would be on all we do
Love for the Word would grow
Faith would be born
- 4) Pray in the service during second service (be available for baptism ministry and ready to pray during the altar call) *10:30 am -12:00 pm*

Keep eyes open and pray for needs as they arise and are seen.

If there is a guest speaker, someone will be assigned to pray for him the entire time.

There will be someone assigned to pray for the pastor during the entire service, sitting right behind him.

Teams will be assigned to go up and pray with those responding to salvation after the elders have led them to Christ.
- 5) Soaking prayer following service *12:15-12:45 pm*

Teams will be assigned to a room to pray for those who have requested special prayer for overwhelming or persistent difficulties.
- 6) Each team will be made up of 4 to 5 people with at least a two/three split in gender. We will encourage couples to work together except in extraordinary circumstances (sickness, substitutions)

HOW ARE TEAMS FORMED

1. Fill out the registration form online
2. We assign teams
3. Those who wish to form their own team please run your request by the Hope Cares Office. (Teams will change as new people are added. Try not to pray with just people you are comfortable with; use this as an opportunity to stretch your relational skills).
4. Each team will be assigned a leader who will act as an accountability agent to the group, keeping them focused and reminding them of their purpose and commitment.

THE REMNANT REGISTRATION

I understand the calling and the need for a remnant of followers at Living Hope to become committed and strategic in prayer focus.

It is my desire and request to join with this remnant to create a hedge of protection around our fellowship and families and, where needed, to take up the sword of the Spirit to defeat the enemy where essential and necessary.

Yes, I have read:

The Context of the Remnant

The Qualifications of the Remnant

The Job Profile of the Remnant

And find myself to be in complete agreement.

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

The Remnant Basic Training

THE SHIELD AND THE SWORD

There are two kinds of prayer that will need to be understood as you are called to pray in a prayer team. First is *the shield prayer*, which is seen in Psalms 91 that asks for protection or a wall of protection. It is one of our highest callings to pray that our church would be hedged in with God's protection.

THE SHIELD PRAYER—PRAYER FOR PROTECTION, FROM PSALMS 91

1. Declare where you will abide and whom you will trust in
Those who live in the shelter of the Most High will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty. This I declare about the LORD: He alone is my refuge, my place of safety; he is my God, and I trust him. Psalms 91:1-2
2. A prayer for protection from hidden traps
For he will rescue you from every trap ... Psalms 91:3 trap "[is a] net spread to catch a bird, a plot devised against someone"
3. A prayer for protection from deadly diseases
... and protect you from deadly disease. Psalms 91:3 deadly diseases "pandemic occurrences of sickness"
4. A prayer for protection by means of His promises
He will cover you with his feathers. He will shelter you with his wings. His faithful promises are your armor and protection. Psalms 91:4
5. A prayer of protection from fear and terror
Do not be afraid of the terrors of the night, nor the arrow that flies in the day. Do not dread the disease that stalks in darkness, nor the disaster that strikes at midday. Though a thousand fall at your side, though ten thousand are dying around you, these evils will not touch you. Just open your eyes, and see how the wicked are punished. Psalms 91:5-8
6. A prayer of protection from plagues and curses
If you make the LORD your refuge, if you make the Most High your shelter, no evil will conquer you, no plague will come near your home. Psalms 91:9-10 'evil ... disaster, distress ...'
7. A prayer of protection from common stumbling
For he will order his angels to protect you wherever you go. They will hold you up with their hands so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone. Psalms 91:11-12 "protect ... preserve, watch over ...hurt ... to hit with physical impact causing serious injury ..."
8. A prayer of protection from demonic assault
You will trample upon lions and cobras; you will crush fierce lions and serpents under your feet! Psalms 91:13 "trample ... pound, beat, break with feet ..."
9. The Promise to those who pray for protection
 - a) God will rescue them—to cause them to slip away and escape danger
 - b) God will protect them—to make inaccessible, to be lofty
 - c) God will answer them—be responsive, answer kindly, grant request

- d) God will be with them
- e) God will honor them—make weighty or give status
- f) God will reward them with a long life—satisfy, give one their fill of days
- g) God will give them salvation—deliverance, freedom from danger

The LORD says, "I will rescue those who love me. I will protect those who trust in my name. When they call on me, I will answer; I will be with them in trouble. I will rescue and honor them. I will reward them with a long life and give them my salvation." Psalms 91:14-16

PRAYER OF PROTECTION CONCEPTUALLY

Hurry, and say to that young man, "Jerusalem will someday be so full of people and livestock that there won't be room enough for everyone! Many will live outside the city walls. ⁵ Then I, myself, will be a protective wall of fire around Jerusalem, says the LORD. And I will be the glory inside the city!" Zechariah 2:3-5

They will fight against you like an attacking army, but I will make you as secure as a fortified wall of bronze. They will not conquer you, for I am with you to protect and rescue you. I, the LORD, have spoken! Yes, I will certainly keep you safe from these wicked men. I will rescue you from their cruel hands. Jeremiah 15:18-20

Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness. For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared. In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere. Ephesians 6:14-18

THE SWORD PRAYER—THE PRAYER OF PENETRATION

The second kind of prayer is *the sword prayer*; it is more militant in nature. It is aggressive in how it deals with evil. We understand that a lot of our difficulty comes from sin in general; we have all sinned and there are consequences we deal with all the time that require prayer and the help of the Holy Spirit. Sometimes there are things that happen because we have specifically sinned, and they must be dealt with first before resolution can come to people's lives. While we never assume that a specific sin is causing a problem, we may want to ask people questions regarding the following areas in a kind and discreet manner, so if there is a cause and a curse has landed, it can be removed.

Comprehending Curses

1. A curse needs something to attach to

A curse given for no reason is like a wandering bird or a flying sparrow. It doesn't go anywhere. Proverbs 26:2 NIV

2. It attaches to rebellion and stubbornness

Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of divination, and presumption is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, he has also rejected you from being king. 1 Samuel 15:22-24 ESV

To rebel is simply to oppose or resist what God has established as His will. Stubbornness is the determination not to change directions by either excusing self or vindicating self. There are eight areas of rebellion that will enable a

curse to have power in and over one's life. To leave these doors open to an enemy can often secure a curse that can emotionally damage, physically strike, or spiritually darken. When soaking people in prayer this is often a good list to mention, just to make sure no cause is hanging around that could create an opportunity to destroy.

(If you are legalistic, or lack a gentle nature, if there are people you look down on, or if you often assume that people are in trouble because one of the following is true, then you should never ask the questions. You should ask the questions very openly and gently and believe whatever you are told. If they have had difficulty in an area, the pattern is simple—have them 1) confess their involvement as being wrong and sinful, 2) have them renounce what they have done and the demons that have encouraged them, 3) have them receive Christ's forgiveness, and 4) have them ask for the Holy Spirit to heal and fill them. Then you can begin to pray for them, first affirming what they have just prayed, forgiving them in Jesus' name, binding the devil and releasing God's Holy Spirit, then work on the specific need for which they need prayer. If there is no apparent cause for the curse, then disregard this material.)

a) Disrespect of authority

Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do. "Honor your father and mother." This is the first commandment with a promise: If you honor your father and mother "things will go well for you, and you will have a long life on the earth."

b) Worship of false gods or involvement in the occult

c) Harshness toward feeble people

"Cursed is anyone who leads a blind person astray on the road." And all the people will reply, "Amen." "Cursed is anyone who denies justice to foreigners, orphans, or widows." And all the people will reply, "Amen." Deuteronomy 27:17

d) Forbidden aberrant sexual behavior

Deuteronomy 27:20-23

e) Anti-Semitism

Genesis 12:3

f) Independence

This is what the LORD says: "Cursed are those who put their trust in mere humans, who rely on human strength and turn their hearts away from the LORD. They are like stunted shrubs in the desert, with no hope for the future. They will live in the barren wilderness, in an uninhabited salty land. Jeremiah 17:5-6

g) Unforgiveness

Matthew 18:23-35

h) Inner vows

But I say, do not make any vows! Do not say, "By heaven!" because heaven is God's throne. And do not say, "By the earth!" because the earth is His footstool. And do not say, "By Jerusalem!" for Jerusalem is the city of the great King. Do not even say, "By my head!" for you can't turn one hair white or black. Just say a simple, "Yes, I will," or "No, I won't!" Anything beyond this is from the evil one. Matthew 5:34-37

PRAYER STOPPERS

1. Sins that are left unconfessed *Psalms 66:18*

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In *Life Together*, Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote: "Sin demands to have a man by himself. It withdraws him from the community. The more isolated a person is, the more destructive will be the power of sin over him, and the more disastrous is this isolation. Sin wants to remain unknown. It shuns the light. In the darkness of the unexpressed, it poisons the whole being of a person."

2. Diminished trust *James 1:5-8; Matthew 21:22*
3. Self-Condemnation / *John 2:21-23*
4. Lack of a forgiving heart *Matthew 6:14-15; 18:21*
5. Wrong motives *James 4:3*
6. Greed/idolatry *Ezekiel 14:3*
7. Restlessness *John 17:6*