

Creative Ideas for Group Prayer

1. Pray through a Psalm out loud together.
2. Vary prayer time between the beginning, middle and closing of the meeting.
3. Is there someone in your group with the gift of faith or encouragement? Ask that person to be the prayer coordinator who writes down requests each meeting and keeps track of answered prayers.
4. If someone is in crisis, stop and pray for them right then.
5. In a couples group, have spouses pray for each other.
6. Do a study on prayer; we have some good resources in the Advent library.
7. Have each member write down a request for the week on a piece of paper; fold the paper and put it in a bowl. Pass the bowl, each member agreeing to pray for the person they pick and to call and encourage them during the week.
8. Going around the room, each person says “I ask for/thank you for _____, Lord in your mercy” to which the group responds, “Hear our prayer”.
9. Have a silent prayer time opened with an invitation to the Holy Spirit to come fill the group with God’s presence. Someone will need to keep time and end with the group saying the Lord’s Prayer together.
10. Purchase a Book of Common Prayer from our bookstore. There is a very useful section, *Prayers for Family and Personal Life* beginning on page 828.