

FAQ

Q: What are the requirements for participating in the *Praying for Our Children* ministry?

A: The only requirements are having a heart for children (grandchildren, nieces/nephews, children you teach/mentor/disciple, others' children or your own children, etc.) and a willingness to make a commitment to meet with two other women twice a month to pray for children.

Q: I feel uncomfortable praying out loud with others. Is there a place for me in a prayer pod?

A: Yes! The eloquence of our words is not important. The sincerity of your heart is what God hears. As you ask Him, the Holy Spirit will give you what you need to pray. The more you experience corporate prayer, the easier it will be for you to pray with others. Praying in a pod with two other women is a safe place to start enjoying the beauty and benefits of corporate prayer!

Q: How will I be assigned to a prayer pod?

A: Our vision is for the prayer pods to be intergenerational and consist of three women that live or work in close proximity. When forming the prayer pods, we will follow the Holy Spirit's leading with this vision in mind. A pod facilitator will contact women who want to participate in a prayer pod. See Missy Tucker if you are already in a prayer relationship with two other women or if you have two women in mind with whom you would like to pray (for example, two women in your lifegroup).

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Q: When will my prayer pod meet?

A: Each prayer pod will meet *twice a month* (with the exception of meeting once in November and once in December) to pray together for one hour. Each pod will decide *when* (day and time) and *where* they will meet to pray. In the pilot phase, some pods chose to meet during the day on Saturday or Sunday. One pod met on a weekday morning before the women went to work, and another pod chose to meet on a weekday evening. One of the advantages of praying in groups of three women is that each pod can set their own schedule to pray.

Q: Will we have time to talk other than the hour that we spend in prayer?

A: Each pod has the freedom to decide if they want to stay and talk after the hour prayer time. Some women may not be able to stay afterward (for example, if they are meeting early in the morning before work, on their lunch hour or if they have other commitments).

Q: Will I have an opportunity to serve?

A: Yes! We need women to serve as **facilitators, time keepers, and hosts**. **Facilitators** form their prayer pod with two other women. **Time keepers** help their pod begin praying on time, pray for a full hour, and end on time. **Hosts** provide a place for their pod to pray by opening their home.

Q: How do I sign up to participate?

A: To sign up, serve, or for more information about the *Praying for Our Children* ministry, contact Laurie Muns or Missy Tucker. Missy's contact info is missytucker11@gmail.com or 972-989-3201, and Laurie's contact info is lauriemuns@yahoo.com or 214-577-8167.

PRAYING FOR



OUR CHILDREN

Lake Highlands Church
Women's Ministry

Praying for Our Children

Ministry Goals

Praying for Our Children Heart to Heart is a ministry of the women of Lake Highlands Church. The goal of the ministry is to bring women together to pray for children.

Women will gather in small groups (prayer pods) to pray. Our vision is for each of the prayer pods to be intergenerational and consist of three women who live or work in close proximity.

Vision for the Ministry

As we meet together and pray, we hope that:

- We will grow in the grace of prayer and in helping to bear one another's burdens.
- God will encourage us with the realization that we are not alone.
- God will empower us to pray more effectively for children.
- The power of our prayers will be multiplied as we pray in one accord with each other.
- We will see more answers to prayer because we are asking more, seeking more, and knocking more.

Prayer Pods

Each prayer pod will meet to pray for one hour twice a month (every other week).

The focus of each pod meeting will be to devote one hour to praying for children - our children, others' children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, etc.

In early fall we will gather all the women's prayer pods to share testimonies, challenges, and victories.



Matthew 18:19-20

"Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am among them."

Sample Outline for Prayer Time

- **Praise** (5-10 minutes)
- **Silent Confession/Listening** (5-10 minutes)
- **Thanksgiving** (5-10 minutes)
- **Intercession** (at least 35 minutes)

(Pods may follow the sample outline if they wish, but following the outline is not required.)

Praying in One Accord

Pods are encouraged to pray conversationally in one accord. One accord prayer is agreeing together in prayer as directed by the Holy Spirit.

When we pray in one accord, we concentrate on one child or subject at a time. The Holy Spirit may prompt more than one person to pray on a subject until that subject is covered. This facilitates a deeper handling of the subject in prayer.

While someone is praying, we echo their words in our hearts as well. This helps us focus on God and agree with what they are praying.