



Good Messengers **PRAYER STATION**



The ministry of Prayer Stations is based on the fact that we are providing an opportunity to pray for people who have a variety of needs and believing that God will hear our prayer and act on behalf of those for whom we pray. Our prayer of faith then becomes a starting point for us to share our faith.

In effect we begin by praying for the felt needs of people on the street, and then by the direction of the Holy Spirit move from their felt needs to their real need - giving their heart and life to Jesus! We begin with the temporal and move to the eternal. We in no way use this ministry to promote or market for a particular church or organization. We do not use this ministry to accept donations or anything else but to pray with people and share Christ.

TERMS OF USE FOR PRAYER STATION

When taking out a prayer station you are responsible for the care of the unit, and responsible for any missing or broken parts or items. Prayer Stations must be returned to individuals in charge within 3-4 days after your event, so we can keep them active in our communities. Also, Good Messengers Ministries does NOT provide tracts, booklets or any materials that you may want on the prayer station. These items need to be provided by those using the prayer station

USE OF PRAYER STATION

- 1) Supplies for Station (must supply own materials, Bibles etc.). Be sensitive to the area you are ministering in with regards to the language spoken.
- 2) Download Handout flyer from Website...print at FedEx Kinkos. Explains prayer and gives gospel message. Also gives Psalm 51 example and points to www.GotOurTract.com
- 3) Don't hang out behind Prayer Station or tape Free Literature to table. Do NOT SELL ANYTHING AND DO NOT SOLICIT OR ACCEPT CONTRIBUTIONS! The Prayer Station is only a point of reference to stir up curiosity.
- 4) Positioning Prayer Station on Sidewalk depends on area. Look for wide sidewalks. Don't block paths or you might be asked to move.
- 5) Amount of workers in Prayer Station depends on circumstances. Small events should have no more than 4 workers. Large events should have no more than 6 workers.
- 6) Does a permit need to be pulled, or do you need to have permission to place the Prayer Station?
- 7) Allow sufficient time to pray as a team before setting up the Station.

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- 8)** Be prepared to begin a conversation with anyone interested in, "What is this all about?" If someone begins a conversation with you seize the moment and pray for their needs. Allow the spirit to do its works and then try and work in the gospel. It is important to have a genuine positive attitude. Greet people with a smile. There is no room for timidity here! Be outgoing with positive attitude.
- 9)** Your greeting should be followed by your personal verbal invitation to pray for the person. This should come in your own words, and be as natural as possible. It can be anything such as: "Hello, is there anything we can pray with you about?" **REMEMBER THAT MOST PEOPLE WILL NOT STOP TO BE PRAYED FOR ON THEIR OWN. THEY WILL NEED YOUR PERSONAL INVITATION!**
- 10)** Make sure people understand that you would like to pray for them and that you are not asking them to pray a prayer.
- 11)** If someone responds with something like, "Yeah, pray I hit the lottery," respond by addressing their basic felt need and say something like, "What you really want is for God to bless and prosper your life, I can pray for that."
- 12)** Remember to pray for their felt need before addressing their real need! Your prayer for a person's felt need is not a gimmick for the gospel. God hears the prayers prayed for those who do not know Him and will act on their behalf. Believe God in faith that your prayers for the person will be answered.
- 13)** It is advisable not to take the liberty of laying hands on people when praying for them. Generally people will feel uncomfortable if you take the liberty of touching them without permission.
- 14)** When you have prayed for the person's felt need be prepared to transition into your witness. The prayers you have prayed for their felt need may give you an opportunity to begin a conversation with them about their soul, or God may give you discernment regarding their life. In any event, this is your opportunity to share your faith. Remember, **THIS IS PRAYER EVANGELISM AND NOT JUST PRAYER!** Be bold and ask God for His wisdom on how to share! You can also go to www.goodmessengers.org/coursematerials.htm for a basic evangelism training course.
- 15)** Give a gospel tract or Prayer Station Handout Flyer to those you have shared with. Ask those who seem to have a real interest in the Lord, if they have their own Bible. If they do not, then give them a copy of from the table.
- 16)** Often Christians will stop and affirm the Prayer Station ministry or ask about who you are and what you are doing. When you meet a Christian offer to pray for whatever request he or she might have. It will bless both the Christian and you and your team as well.
- 17)** It is important that you ask anyone who is interested in hearing more of the gospel, or has given their life to Christ, to give you their name, address, and telephone information on the contact card. After you say good-bye, take a minute to jot a few notes on the back of the card to aid with follow-up.

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18) Within 1-3 days of the encounter: Follow up on the contact cards with a phone call. It is best that men follow up with men and women follow up with women! When calling identify yourself with the Prayer Station. Be warm and friendly. Inquire regarding the prayer you prayed for them and ask if there has been any change. Be ready to answer questions that they may have. End by praying for them once again over the phone. If you can't call send a personal letter or email.

19) If someone becomes belligerent instruct the team members to bring that person to the attention of the Prayer Station leader. Attempt to deal with the person in gentleness on the side, and do not focus the team's attention on the disturbance. Call for assistance from the police should the person seem threatening to the well-being of the team. Remember, a soft answer turns away wrath.

20) If a policeman asks you to move your Prayer Station, make sure he/she understands that you are not involved in any commercial enterprise and that he is aware of the service you are providing. Ask if he/she can suggest an alternative location nearby.

21) Look around area where you are standing and pick up any flyers or tracts that have been discarded. Flyers on the sidewalk only encourage others to throw theirs down as well. Clean up after yourselves. Make sure the area around you is the way it was or better than when you arrived.

