

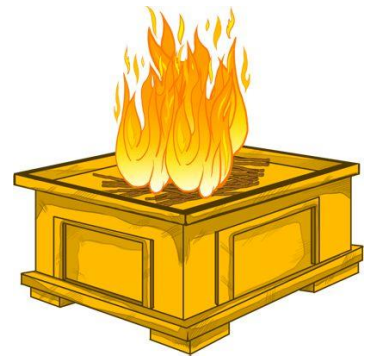


Engaging

Honoring Others in your Prayer Hour



Receive, Pray, Acknowledge



Respectful Time Management,
Names (families and nations),
Blessing

Engaging – Honoring others in your prayer hour (Melody Divine)

One way to make your prayer hour “Engaging” is by honoring each other during the hour.

1) Receive Pray Acknowledge

- Try to arrive at least 10 minutes early to your prayer hour. This helps you get in the flow and puts the current prayer leader at ease.
- As an incoming leader, it is important to receive the Host from the past hour’s leader, and to pray a blessing over that leader, their team, and all who prayed in the past hour.
- Have Your Video On – if at all possible. This helps others to see you and engage with you.
- Encourage the participants to stay during your hour, but also release them in peace as you acknowledge their faithfulness for praying during the last hour and pray the Lord go with them wherever He sends them (work, school, caring for family, etc.)

2) Be Looking

- Welcome the individuals coming into your hour, acknowledge them and briefly orient them as to what you will be praying for during your hour. Small story or introduction.
- During the hour, try to note those who may be wanting to pray, but may just need an invitation from you.
- Continue to guide whether out loud, or via the chat as people enter the room to let them know what is being focused on/prayed for. Keep in mind that chat is only viewable after one has entered the room. So things you may have posted earlier, may need to be reposted for people just joining.

- It is also important to acknowledge those whose video are off and are quiet. Possibly pray a blessing for them as they may be listening in and agreeing, but just not able to unmute where they are.
- Try to allow every person in the room an opportunity to pray. Maybe say “someone who has not had an opportunity to pray yet” or call out a specific person and ask them if they’d like to pray.
- Look for those who have unmuted, but didn’t jump in quick enough.
- Sometimes if there are a lot of people in the room, it is best to have times where everyone is unmuted so that people have the opportunity to pray out loud even though we cannot understand each other, the Lord hears those prayers and the prayers need to be prayed from all of us. This is a good way to enable engagement by all.
- The time for this should be about 1 – 2 minutes and what is being prayed should be clearly stated enabling those participating to truly engage and not get “lost.”

3) The Most Important Person in the Room is the Holy Spirit. Be sensitive to where the Spirit is leading.

- This is why it is recommended to join the hour prior to yours at least 10 minutes prior to your hour. It will help you sense where the Spirit has been leading in the hour before yours and may change the course of your hour.
- Be sensitive to what the Holy Spirit is speaking to others during your hour. You may need to slow down and pray into and through some item as those in the room are being touched and have a deeper need to continue to intercede. We are a Body, and Holy Spirit will use each of us differently at different times. This is a blessing, do not get too caught up in a plan, or specific points for coverage (as long as the flow is peaceful, and it is not a disruption). Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you to discern the difference.

- Do not be afraid of silence. In addition to worship, silence can be one of the most effective means for allowing the Holy Spirit to move powerfully in your hour.
- Again – just being mindful that you are hosting the Presence of the Lord, being sensitive to His leading and passing the peace from one to another is a powerful way to have an Engaging prayer hour, and to honor others during your hour.

4) Respectful Time Management, Names (families and nations), Blessing

- Be respectful of the time, this is one way to honor the next leader, and as the hour comes to a close saying something like “we have 6 minutes left, so in this time...” to alert those in the room to also be respectful of the transfer that is about to take place.
- Pray a blessing over everyone who has been in your hour, if there is time, name them, also mention “the families and nations that they represent”. Pray for protection for them as they go out and seal “cover” the hour with the blood of Jesus.
- Pray a blessing for the prayer leader following you as you pass the Host and ask the Holy Spirit to guide them and give them wisdom in praying in their hour.