GROUP PRAYER ACTIVITIES



PRAY SCRIPTURF

Read a Bible passage together as your prayer. Praying the Word of God back to the God can center the group on what has already been revealed through Scripture.



GATHER IN GROUPS

Split into groups of 2-4, go around and share prayer requests. Then take turns praying for each other.



INTERCESSION

Pray into a specific need or topic, as the group is led. Pray until you get a sense of "breakthrough" in the spiritual realm, which can be recognized by the shift of tone in prayer from fervency to peace.



RESPONDING TO THE NEWS

Pray in the moment for terrible news that is shared. Or, read the newspaper from your city or school and pray for the needs and issues that are highlighted.



LISTENING PRAYER

Open up a time of silence and invite the group to hear from God through a guided prompt or a more general topic. Help each other discern God's voice.



LITURGICAL PRAYERS

Use the rich prayer traditions of lectionary, the hours, or the Book of Common Prayer to join with the global church throughout history.



PRAYER MINISTRY

Spend focused time praying for a specific person in the group, inviting them to share their need. Listen together for how God might want to address that need and pray in response.



STICKY NOTES

Have everyone write prayer requests on sticky notes. Then, post them on the walls and spend time walking around, praying for them.



PRAYFR WALK

Walk around campus or the community together, praying for the people and buildings. Listen to the Holy Spirit and pray for any needs or struggles you know about.



LAMENT

Write and share your own psalms of lament (e.g. Psalm 13), including an honest complaint, earnest petition, and expression of trust.



CONFESSION

Confess your sins specifically, without explanation and rationalization, in prayer with a partner. In response, your partner prays for Jesus' forgiveness and his blood to cover you. Then, switch.



ONLINE PRAYER

You can use breakout rooms to create smaller groups or make a Google Doc where everyone can write out their prayers at the same time.

