

PRAYER WATCH LEADER GUIDE

Before the Watch:

1. What will we pray about? Determine the focus of the watch.
2. Who will lead this prayer focus? Determine who will be the leader(s) of the watch.
3. When will this watch start and end? Determine the start and end date of the watch.
4. How will participants receive updates? Decide the means of communication for the members of the watch. Examples include WhatsApp, GroupMe and Facebook Messenger.
5. Will we meet in person, virtually or both? Decide on how the watch will be facilitated. If you decide to have a 100% virtual prayer watch, #4 above will be both the means of communication and the “meeting place” itself.

During the Watch:

1. How will prayer watch leaders keep track of prophetic words? It is important to have a space where prayer points, prophetic words, and themes can be stored. This is not only for the edification of the group but also as a means of building faith in what God speaks. Examples of “prophetic reference libraries” include the “Notes” section on your phone, a physical notebook, and Google Docs.
2. Who will be the “traffic director”? This person will have the responsibility of consolidating and keeping track of communicated words (see #1 above). This person also serves as the traffic director of prophetic words from those in the group. Whether in-person or virtually, it is beneficial to introduce the traffic director to the PW group, so that participants know who to go to when they have a word to share! This is especially important for virtual groups, so that participants are not overwhelmed by multiple posts. In most cases, the prayer watch leader will also be the traffic director.
3. If we meet in person, how often will we meet? Biweekly, once a month ... it’s up to you!
4. If the prayer watch is 100% virtual, how often will I cast vision/gather the group? It is important to keep participants engaged and in unity! A great way to do this is by posting prayer points and encouragements frequently on your chosen communication stream. For example, once a week, you can remind participants of the focus of the watch and share an update on things previously prayed about. This not only encourages the group but also keeps people (especially new participants) updated!

After the Watch:

How can participants stay engaged in intercessory prayer? Even after a PW is over, we want people to continue praying! Participants can stay engaged in prayer by joining another PW, starting a new PW, and/or seeking out other corporate prayer opportunities by emailing Thomas at thomas@antiochhouston.com.