



PRAYER IDEAS FOR SMALL GROUPS

1. Have everyone in the group pray in response to a statement such as, "Father, I worship you today because you are.... Father, today I am most thankful for...."
2. Have each person pray about a particular ministry or mission need.
3. Have each person pray about areas in their life where they need God's wisdom and strength.
4. Pray some variation of the ACTS prayer: Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication.
5. Divide the group—men and women—for a time of prayer.
6. Read a passage like Ephesians 3:14-21. Then lead the group in a time of short praise and thanksgiving, using the words and phrases in the prayer as a way of expressing what you would like to pray about for your group members. Other useful prayers to use: Ephesians 1:15-19; Philippians 1:3- 6, 9-11; Colossians 1:9-12; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12; Philemon 4-6.
7. Read one phrase at a time from the "Lord's Prayer," pausing between each phrase to give everyone the opportunity to either audibly or silently pray whatever comes to mind.
8. Pray for each person in your group, specifically by name, from a list that you compiled beforehand from what you already know about each person.

Additional ideas for group prayer can be found in *Leading Life-Changing Small Groups*, pp. 117-120.