Intercessory Worship Model Instructions

Instructions for Everyone: Welcome!

- We are here for Him and Him alone... He is our ONE and only audience (Psalms 27:4)
- Prayer can be burdensome and tiring at times: stay engaged and focused
 Colossians 4:2 Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving
- Turn your eyes on and behold the throne and the one who sits on the throne Revelation 4:2 Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne.
- Sing out, declare, proclaim, etc. during times of spontaneous singing and warring in the spirit: "Lift your voice"
- Focus or concentrate your meditation using Scripture... when you are not praying/singing or when there may be a lull
- Sing spontaneously or use words not necessarily in a song to engage and dialogue with the Lord... sing a love song to Him
- When you hear a chorus being sung by the worship team/singers, exert your energy in agreement

Instructions for Singers/Musicians

- You are not *just* a singer or musician: you are a priest anointed with the prophetic Spirit and testimony of Jesus... you are a prophet *by nature*
- Be bold and assertive when you sing
- Keep your eyes open and look at each other
- As a general principle: make room for each other. We are developing a team ministry before the LORD. It takes patience and love to prefer another...
 - 1 Corinthians 14:29-33

29 Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others judge. 30 But if anything is revealed to another who sits by, let the first keep silent. 31 For you can all prophesy one by one, that ALL may learn and ALL may be encouraged. 32 And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.

Designations

- o First Responder: First to respond to a prayer phrase
- Chorus Leader: Has authority to direct a chorus sung in unison by all
- **In a prayer cycle:** For each phrase that is highlighted for antiphonal/responsive singing, the first responder will begin to sing. Starting with the first singer, if you wish to respond, raise your hand briefly so the other singers know you are going next (do this while the first singer is singing). Start from left to right and go down the line, for each prayer phrase. If the next singer in line wishes to respond next, raise your hand while the other singer beside you is singing. After they have finished, sing your response... do this on down the line. Not every singer HAS to respond every time but ALL singers CAN respond everytime if they want to.. and we make room for everyone. The LAST singer to sing will be keyboardist (if they are a singer as well)... if they wish to respond, they will sing after
- When you respond: paraphrase or just simply say the same thing... but keep the spirit and intent of the phrase. Keep it short and take 3-5 patterns of the chord progression to develop your response.
- When all the singers have had an opportunity to respond to a prayer phrase, the Chorus Leader will pick a phrase and melody that ALL singers will sing. Sing melody and sing it loud so that the audience can engage with us.
- Keep your eyes open and look at each other ☺

Instructions for Intercessors

- Be bold and assertive when you pray
- We are praying for the release of the Spirit's activity in the Church of Thomasville
- Keep your prayers focused TO GOD and FOR THE CHURCH of Thomasville (not TO PEOPLE and not to DEMONIC POWERS)
- The way that we will see Thomasville transformed is by the RELEASE of LIGHT... NOT the REMOVAL of DARKNESS. Darkness is overcome when light is introduced. God's primary vehicle to introduce light in the earth is THROUGH His people... the Church of Jesus.
- You are STRONGLY encouraged to pray from the Scripture... there is no GREATER guarantee of assured and answered prayer that is in the WILL of God than His written Word! It is a signed check...waiting for our cosignature with the LORD
- Put the scripture in your own words... engage your energy toward it
- When you pray: SPEAK to a PERSON on the THRONE using His WORD
- When you pray: Say your prayer or speak a "prayer" Scripture in its entirety. Try not to go longer than 3-4 minutes in doing this. AFTER you have done this YOU are going to pick out the themes of that prayer (one by one) that you want agreement on. For EACH of these themes you are going to speak this phrase or theme in a dialogue with the singers and the audience. Use the words "IN JESUS NAME" to signal the end of the phrase you want responded to. When the singers hear the "IN JESUS NAME", the First Responder will begin to The Chorus Leader will then pick a melody and phrase for the entire audience to join in with.
- If an intercessor happens to be a singer, they can start a PHRASE in song if they wish, still using "IN JESUS NAME" as the indicator.
- While the singers are singing: it is OK to proclaim truths or words or sing over them WHILE they are singing. JESUS! MORE! RELEASE! You get the idea... Stay engaged until the baton gets passed back to you.
- Keep the phrase focused on a SPECIFIC part of the overall prayer.

For Example:

Ephesians 1:15-19

15 Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, 16 [1] I do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: 17 [2] that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, 18 [3] the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe,

- [1] O Father, we give thanks to you for what you are doing in the Church of Thomasville... thank you for your abounding grace as we lift our brothers and sisters before you! IN JESUS NAME!
- [2] Father, from the riches of your glory, release the Spirit of Wisdom and the Spirit of Revelation to your Church! IN JESUS NAME!
- [3] Father, we pray tonight for the opening of spiritual eyes.. .we pray that the spiritual eyes of your people would be opened to see their inheritance and know their call... open the eyes of the blind Father, IN JESUS NAME!

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 Prayer Leader: when no one else is ready to pray, pray! Always keep a "next" prayer ready. Keep the flow of the intercession moving. Be vigilant!

And LASTLY:

IF YOU ARE NOT HAVING "FUN", YOU ARE NOT DOING IT RIGHT.... The Kingdom of God IS RIGHTEOUSNESS, <u>JOY</u>, and PEACE in the Holy Spirit.. the YOKE of the LORD is <u>LIGHT</u> and NOT burdensome... This model of PRAYER is ALL ABOUT <u>JOY</u> and entering into the JOY of the LORD as we seek His purposes..