

EDUCATION IN PRAYER

Jesus' disciples actually asked Jesus to teach them how to pray. Prayer is not something we automatically know how to do, and there can be a lot of misunderstanding about the subject. To equip us in this area we are running "The Prayer Course" (<http://www.prayercourse.org>) on the 6 Sunday evenings from September 6th. It will be an informal gathering as part of our Sunday evening worship. It may help to change or grow your view of how prayer works; so why not come along and find out. These are just some of ways we can pray at OPC other things in the pipeline which will be introduced very soon.

PRAYING WITH CHILDREN

Here is an acronym to teach children how to structure prayers,

Adoration

Confession

Thanksgivings

Special Requests

Remember when we pray God ACTS!

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Prayer is the lifeblood of any church congregation's continued growth. So - can you help stand with us as we pray for ourselves, our community and world? As we grow in our rhythms of prayer be prepared to be amazed at what God will do.

If you would like information about Fellowship Groups, please contact the Church Office - 90799391.

For information about Prayer Partners (Cells), contact Joan Moore - joan@myhome-email.co.uk



Orangefield



Disciples Making Disciples

**PRAYER AT
ORANGEFIELD**



“Devote yourselves to prayer,
being watchful and thankful.”

Colossians 4:2

Just as they say an “army marches on it’s stomach” so the church “marches on it’s knees”. Some would even describe prayer as part of “the art of breathing” - just as in our bodies we find a natural rhythm of breathing in and out, both being as important as the other, so prayer and mission go together in the same way. As we pray, we are breathing in, and as we do mission we are breathing out. In both instances if you try to do one and not the other it can have serious ramifications! Our desire at OPC is to have a healthy prayer life, just as we desire to have a healthy, active missional life, because this is essential for the work of the Kingdom of God. Our desire also is to make everyone aware of all the different ways prayer happens here at OPC, with the hope that if you’re not yet on board somewhere you can get involved in the rhythm of prayer here.

PRAYER MINISTRY

This is available at every morning and some evening services. The Prayer Ministry Team is there to help you spend time in God’s presence, to receive His love, peace, comfort and healing. Prayer Ministry is one way you can respond if you feel that God has been speaking to you during the service.’

DEVOTIONAL PRAYER

Jesus said: “Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.” Matt 6:31

At 7.30pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each month there is an opportunity for directed quiet prayer. There is input in the form of Scripture readings and music, interspersed by times of quiet when you can pray on your own.

TRANSFORMATIONAL PRAYER

In Ezekiel it tells us that God looked for someone to “stand in the gap”. Intercession is where we stand before the Father on behalf of our community and ask him to get involved. Right now we have a number of ways that we pray for our community;

- On the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm in Room 1 there is a prayer meeting with opportunities to pray for world issues and mission, local issues and congregational and personal issues.
- The Missionary prayer meeting is on the 1st Sunday of each month at 9.45am.
- Praying Mothers – mothers and grandmothers praying for their children/grandchildren meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

We are hoping in the coming months to develop an even wider programme of intercession for the church and community.

WATCHING PRAYER

In Isaiah it tells us that there were “watchmen on the walls”. We don’t have those kinds of walls here, but we would like to utilise the principle by having prayer going on in the building while our Sunday services are happening. Our desire is that people would encounter Jesus during our corporate worship times, and having a small team of prayer people will be really effective in this. If it’s something you feel you can help with please speak to Joan Moore.