

“We used the new Prayer Connection format for the first time last month, and it was the most alive Prayer Connection I have ever been to.”

— Women’s Connection Chair, PA

Our goal in revamping Prayer Connection materials is always to foster spiritual growth and fervent, effective prayer for individuals and communities. Keep kindling the growing flame of prayer until it becomes a roaring blaze across the country and the world.

“The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.” — James 5:16, TLT

On the facing page, you will find the framework and suggested Scripture and devotional topics for your next three Prayer Connections. We suggest looking at Scriptures and sharing devotions focused on the word *light*.

Prayer Connection: Frequently Asked Questions

Why the change in format?

For several years, we’ve invited volunteers and field staff to tell us how Stonecroft’s prayer ministry might be strengthened. One consistent response: Change the monthly Prayer Connection so it’s more flexible.

After much thought and prayer, Stonecroft decided to offer an ACTS framework which equips women to pray for specific needs of their local communities.

How can we ensure Prayer Coordinators select devotionals that will appeal to a wide range of denominations?

Prayer Coordinators are taught to avoid topics that may not appeal to a broader Christian audience. We encourage additional training by Area Representatives and Stonecroft Prayer Consultants. Appropriate devotional resources are provided both on our Outpouring web

pages (www.stonecroft.org/outpouring) and in each issue of *2orMORE*.

How can Prayer Coordinators provide written prayer requests for those attending who are learning to pray out loud?

Outpouring web pages feature a prayer calendar with ministry and staff prayer requests. A copy of this calendar may be printed off for each person attending a Prayer Gathering.

Our Prayer Connection seems to spend more time in discussion than in prayer. Do you have any suggestions?

Prayer remains the foundation of Stonecroft Ministries. Stay aware and whenever the group drifts toward discussion, gently guide everyone back to prayer. The new Prayer Connection materials include time guidelines for each section of prayer to help stay on track.

A Great Outpouring

Outpouring at stonecroft.org is your primary source for Stonecroft prayer tools and materials, including:

- ACTS Prayer Format (Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication)
- Tips & Tools for Prayer Coordinators
- Prayer Calendar—easy to print out and copy, the calendar (at right) features a daily Stonecroft praise or concern, plus a staff member and volunteer you can support with prayer.

Each month’s online Prayer Calendar theme is based on a particular name or characteristic of God. For instance, the December 2009 calendar reflects “Sar Shalom: The Prince of Peace.” Each day of the week, prayer requests focus on a specific aspect of ministry.

Explore the Outpouring Prayer Calendar and other Prayer Coordinator helps at www.stonecroft.org/outpouring.



Prayer Connection

To encourage and equip people to pray, and to engage our communities and the world with the Gospel

Prayer Connection Outline

This Month's Focus: _____

Prayer Time

Insert scriptures to emphasize the four sections of ACTS.

Reflect on God's Word

Open time in prayer. Share a devotional related to the month's focus; invite participants to discuss. (10 minutes)

Adoration: Worship and Praise

Prepare scriptures of praise and/or adoration.

A song might speak to this month's prayer focus. (10 minutes)

Confession: Personal and/or Corporate

Confession of sin and struggles in life. (10 minutes)

Thanksgiving

Thank God for His provision and promises, etc.

Thank Him for the visible answers to prayer regarding your outreach into the community. (10 minutes)

Supplication: Prayer for Outreach/Community

Lead group in prayer. Pray for Planning Team members, their responsibility for outreach, event logistics, and guests to come with open hearts to receive the Gospel. (15 minutes)

If time allows, close with prayer for personal needs.

Prayer Coordinator

- **Make copies of Prayer Connection page for attendees.**
- **Suggested devotional resources include:** Oswald Chambers' *My Utmost for His Highest*, *Our Daily Bread*, and prayer materials from Leaders OnLine and Outpouring at stonecroft.org.

December 2009

Christ, The Light of the World

John 1:4-8, John 8:12, John 12:46

Prayer Points

- Celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ and pray for new birth in your outreach group.
- Pray for churches in your communities and all who will attend church during the holidays.
- Lift up pastors and church staff for strength and health.
- Pray for your speaker, first time guests, December outreach events, and friends and family members who don't know Jesus Christ.

January 2010

Followers of Christ, The Light of the World

Matthew 5:14-16, 1 Peter 2:9-10, John 1:9

Prayer Points

- Represent the light of Christ in your communities through acts of kindness.
- Pray for an increase in resources and protection for community service groups: fire, police, homeless shelters, prisons, hospitals, etc.
- Request wisdom for government leaders: the President, the military, and state and community leaders.
- Pray that this year those you know and encounter will begin a relationship with the Savior, Jesus Christ.

February 2010

Witnesses to the Light

Acts 13:47, Isaiah 58:7-12

Prayer Points

- Pray for more Stonecroft Bible Studies groups and Guides, and for more women who don't know Christ to be invited and participate.
- Ask the Lord to bless the staff at restaurants and event locations. Show kindness and love as volunteers interact.
- Pray for schools, teachers, students, and youth groups in your communities.