

Prayer Request Form

With the one question most prayer forms leave out.

The most common confidentiality failure in a church is not a leak. It is a prayer request — shared with the best of intentions, by someone who never thought to ask.

COMMON MISTAKE

Reading requests aloud without permission. Someone writes down the truest thing in their life, and learns on Sunday that it is now a congregational announcement. They will not write anything true again — and neither will anyone listening.

THE REQUEST

Name (or leave blank — anonymous is welcome)

Best way to reach you, if you would like follow-up

What would you like us to pray for?

WHO MAY HEAR THIS — YOU DECIDE

This section is not optional and it is not a formality. Ask it out loud. The default is the most private option, not the most convenient one.

TICK EVERY ONE YOU ARE COMFORTABLE WITH. UNTICK ANYTHING YOU ARE NOT.

- ☐ Only the person receiving this form.
- ☐ The pastoral care team — a named group, not a general list.
- ☐ Our prayer team — who have signed a confidentiality agreement.
- ☐ Read aloud in a service or group, without my name.
- ☐ Read aloud in a service or group, with my name.

REMEMBER THIS

Nothing on this page travels further than the boxes ticked. If it is not ticked, it is not shared — including with a spouse, including with a senior leader, including when it would make a good illustration.

FOLLOW-UP

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Would you like someone to follow up?**When is good?****MINISTRY PRACTICE**

Whoever receives this: follow up within a week, once. Not to check on progress — just so the person knows a human being read it. That single contact is most of the pastoral value on this page.

PRAYER TEAM CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

The form above promises the prayer team has signed something. This is that something. Every member signs it before they are given a single request — a promise the church makes on their behalf and never collects is worse than no promise at all.

What I read here, I do not repeat. Not to my spouse, not as an illustration, not as a concern about someone. Not in the car afterwards.

I do not go looking. I will not ask the person about it unless they raise it with me first. Being prayed for is not an invitation to be approached.

I pray for what is written, not what I assume. I do not fill in the parts they left out.

If someone is at risk, I escalate — and say so. This is the one limit, and the person was told about it before they wrote anything.

Prayer team member — signature and date