

USHERS

Colossians 3:23, 24 - "Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive your inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ."

Usher Team Organization Structure

1. Event Attendees

2. The Ushers:

- Guide attendees from the entrance gates or tunnel to their seats.
- Place response cards/pencils at each seat.
- Collect response cards at the appropriate time during the program and give them to their Section Captain.
- Guide those interested in talking with someone to the corridor behind their section.
- Answer questions like where are restrooms, concession stands, etc.
- Pick up your area of pencils, response cards and other items at the conclusion of the program.

3. Section Captains:

- Pick up materials for Ushers.
- Guide Ushers to assigned sections.
- Oversee and resource to assigned Ushers (more pencils, response cards, etc.).

4. Area Supervisors:

- Collect response cards from Section Captains and take them to the designated rooms.
- Oversee and resource assigned Section Captains.

5. Usher Leadership Team:

- Compiles an Usher, Section Captain and Area Supervisor deployment plan.
- Determines a plan to fill the stadium beginning from the gates to the seating sections.
- Assigns Area Supervisors to serve designated Section Captains and Ushers.
- Prepares materials by section for Ushers to include response cards, pencils, plastic gloves, and garbage bags.

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PRAYER

Engine Room Prayer Guidelines

Thank you for serving FTS through prayer! This will be a great day to serve God together and lift each other up in prayer.

As you intercede through prayer in the Engine Room, please follow these guidelines:

- The goal of the Engine Room is to provide continual intercession for the entire FTS program. This is a spiritual battle in which we are fighting for the souls of all those who attend who do not yet know Jesus, or who need to return to Him. Your prayers are some of our most powerful weapons.
- Follow the directions of the room lead, John Youell, Sr. He will be in charge of the Engine Room for the entirety of the FTS experience. Should John need to leave the room, follow the directions of whoever he appoints to lead the room in his absence.
- There are two main focuses to your prayers of intercession:
 - *Focus your prayers on the events occurring on stage, that they may be protected and blessed.*
 - *Focus your prayers on the people who are attending, that God will be preparing their hearts, opening their ears, and leading them home to Him.*
- Should an emergency prayer request arise, rally everyone in the Engine Room together to pray for the situation until it is resolved. Any such events will be communicated directly to John Youell.
- Use the charismatic gifts wisely. Some intercessors are comfortable with tongues, prophecy, and words of knowledge; others are not. It may be wise to form prayer groups around individual's comfort levels with these gifts, so that each intercessor is grouped with like-minded people who can encourage each other in their prayers.
- Ultimately, follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit. If He calls you to pray for some thing or someone specifically, please do so.

Prayer Intercessor Training

For Mobile Intercessors, Engine Room Intercessors, and Backstage Intercessors

Prayer is not something that works because we get it 'just right.' It's not powerful and effective because we're so good at it, because we sound so inspired, or because we are so eloquent. It's powerful and effective because of the One to whom we pray. (Jn. 14:3, Mt. 18:19, Mt. 21:22)

However, there are some conditions to praying effectively. The Bible says, "the prayer of a **righteous** man avails much." In James 5:16 (a righteous person is one whose sins are forgiven, walks in repentance, and seeks to follow Jesus with their whole heart). It also says that we should approach God and pray **in faith** (Heb. 11:6, James 1:5-8, Mark 11:24), and we should pray for things that are **according to His will** (1 Jn 5:14-15, Jas. 4:3)

Principles for Praying with Someone:

- **Be welcoming** (smile and greet them).
- **Validate:** It takes courage to reveal a need, hurt, fear, sin, or struggle. We can recognize that we all struggle with bad things, and they took a brave step to share this and ask for help. Never respond with shock, disgust, outrage, etc. Respond with acceptance, grace, and humility.
- **Confidentiality:** We don't promise absolute confidentiality, since there may be situations that come up where that would not be the wisest course of action. However, we want to still be discreet with anything that is shared with us, and not share information, unless we deem it absolutely necessary for someone's safety. (Check with Kyle Davison Bair or Petra Harbour if such a situation comes up, so we can help you figure out the wisest course of action).
- **Don't make excuses** for those who hurt them, and don't excuse sin. Rather help them recognize their need to forgive others (forgiving is not excusing) and that they can ask for God's help with that, and help them recognize if/where they need to repent.
- **Don't lecture:** Prayer ministry is not an opportunity to lecture someone. There may be a truth or wisdom that is appropriate to share, but the main goal is not to preach, but to bring their need before the Lord, and ask him to act/speak/give wisdom/guide/heal, etc.
- **Sharing a word:** If you receive a word, impression, or picture from the Lord, don't say, '*Thus sayeth the Lord...*', but share it humbly, saying something like, '*I may be wrong and you should test this to Scripture and how the Lord has been leading you, but I think the Lord gave me this word/picture for you...*' Also make sure that whatever word or picture you share is biblically sound and in line with God's character as revealed in Scripture.
- **Charismatic expressions:** Not everyone is comfortable with charismatic expressions like speaking in tongues, being slain in the Spirit, deliverance ministry, etc. Ask permission for any kind of physical touch and keep this appropriate (hand on shoulder or head), if you pray in tongues, please don't do this out loud in their

hearing, since some may not be familiar or comfortable with this. Don't force any kind of manifestations or force deliverance ministry. If someone does fall over, don't make a fuss, stay with them and pray for the Lord to minister to them. Check that they are okay, breathing and conscious, and make sure no one steps on them.

- **Healing Prayer:** When praying for healing, follow three simple steps: (1) Ask God to heal the person, (2) rebuke the sickness and command it to leave (Luke 4:39), (3) command their body to be healthy (Acts 3:6-7). After you pray, ask if pain is gone, they can move, or whatever is appropriate. Ask if you can pray again if there is no direct change, or only slight improvement. Encourage them to keep asking and praying and trusting God if He hasn't healed them yet, and if He heals them, thank God with them and encourage them to share that testimony with others. Never chastise someone for not being healed. Remember, when the disciples couldn't cast a demon out, Jesus said their faith was too small, not the faith of the person they were ministering to. (Mt. 17:19-20).
- **Biblical Prayer:** Pray their requests, but in alignment with God's will for things that are glorifying to God, advancing His Kingdom, and a blessing to people. They may or may not have a personal relationship with Jesus. Pay attention if you sense the person knows or doesn't know the Lord. Honor their request by praying for their need, but recognize their deepest need is Jesus, so always bring things back around to Him.
- **Pray the Word:** We are better able to pray according to God's will when His Word abides in us. And the Holy Spirit will use this by bringing certain verses and passages to remembrance when we pray for people.
- **Be Aware of the Line:** If others are waiting in line to receive prayer, make sure you gently redirect lengthy stories to getting to the specific prayer requests, and don't make people wait too long.

Practical steps:

- Make sure you have some breath mints or gum on you, or do something to assure fresh breath before you pray with people (don't chew gum while praying, though).
- Wear a smile, say hi to the person and ask their name (and remember their name!).
- Ask them how you can pray for them, then listen and pay attention.
- Ask if you can put a hand on their shoulder. If they say no, or seem uncomfortable, don't push it. God can work either way, but most appreciate it.
- Pray so they can hear you. Be bold.
- Use their name in the prayer. If you forgot, just ask again.
- Pray with confidence, trusting God's heart for them is for their redemption, freedom, blessings and healing. You may be the only one who ever brought them before the Lord. Project this confidence.
- Don't be afraid of a bit of silence. You can wait for the Lord a bit, just don't wait too long.
- If you have a partner, each take a turn praying.
- Listen/be sensitive for impressions from the Lord while you pray or when your partner prays. If a word or impression comes to mind, share humbly and ask if that resonates with them. If it doesn't, be okay with it.

- If the person came forward to accept Jesus as Lord, or to ask forgiveness for something, or if they need to forgive others, lead them in a 'repeat after me' prayer, then pray for them afterwards. (examples provided).
- Make sure to close with an 'Amen' (so they know you're done praying for them), bless them, smile, and send them on their way.
- If you feel like giving them a hug, ask permission first. If they're not comfortable, lighten the mood by asking for a fist-pump instead, or something like that. Smile.

Sample Repeat-After-Me Prayer examples:

Salvation:

By them:

"Father, I know that I have sinned against you and my sins have separated me from You. I am truly sorry, and now I want to turn away from my sinful life toward you. Please forgive my sins, and help me turn away from them. I believe that your Son, Jesus Christ died for my sins, was raised from the dead, and that He is Lord and Savior. I invite Jesus to be Lord of my life, to rule and reign in my heart from this day forward. Please send your Holy Spirit to help me obey You, and to follow Jesus for the rest of my life. In Jesus' name, Amen."

By you:

"Father, thank you that _____(name) has come to believe in You! We know that there is joy in heaven over even one sinner who repents (Lk. 15:10), so we know you are rejoicing. Please fill _____(name) with your Holy Spirit now, and strengthen and lead him/her as he/she follows Jesus. Help him/her find a supportive fellowship/church where he/she can grow in You."

(Then make sure they get connected with Follow-Up.)

Repentance:

By them:

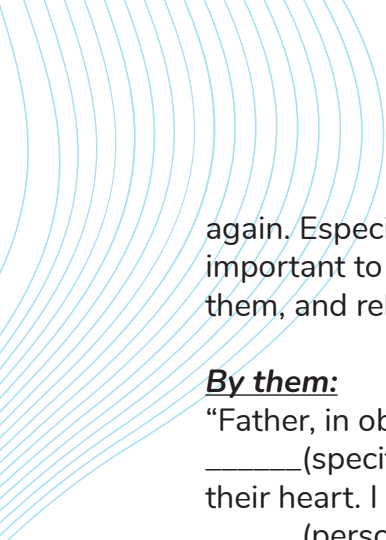
"Father, in Jesus' name I repent for _____ (name the specific sins). Please forgive me and cleanse me. I turn away from my sins, and choose to follow Jesus. Please send your Holy Spirit to sanctify me and help me obey You."

By you (after they pray):

"Father, thank you that your Word says that when we confess our sins, You are faithful and just to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9). Please fill _____(name) with your Holy Spirit, and enable him/her to walk in freedom from and victory over these sins. Help them to resist temptation and grow strong in You. If there was anything demonic attached to this sin, I send this away in Jesus' name. I pray you lead _____(name) into truth and wholeness and freedom in this area of his/her life, in Jesus' name."

Forgiving Those Who Harmed them:

It may be good to explain that forgiving someone doesn't always mean trusting them



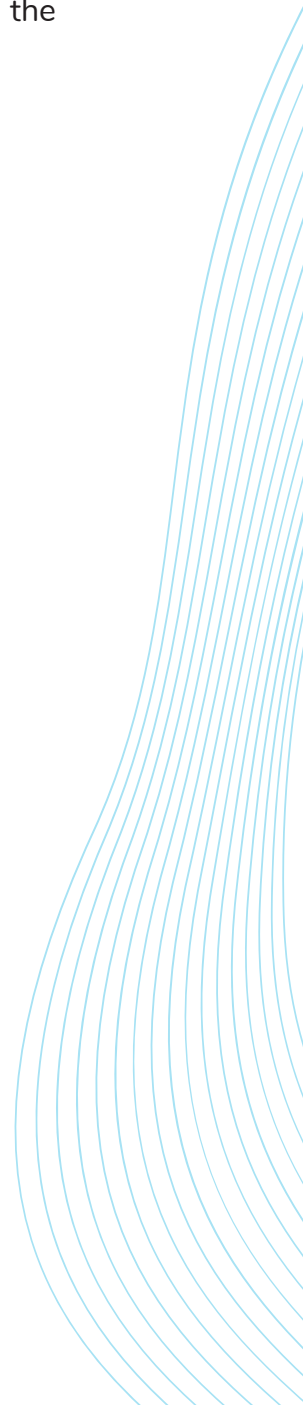
again. Especially when that person has not repented or changed their behavior, it's important to have wise boundaries. Forgiving is choosing not to hold their guilt against them, and releasing the offense to God.

By them:

“Father, in obedience to you, I choose to forgive _____(name/or relation) for _____(specific sins). I pray you would bless _____(person forgiven), and change their heart. I repent of any unforgiveness, anger, or bitterness I have held against _____(person forgiven) and ask You to forgive me and heal my heart. ”

By you (after they pray):

“Lord, I pray that _____(person you're praying for) will experience your healing, from the wrongs that he/she just forgave. We pray where bitterness has been released, You will fill them up with your Holy Spirit. Lead _____(name) forward into daily forgiveness by your power, and give him/her grace for any future interactions with the person they forgave.”



FOLLOW UP

Digital Responder

Important Information for Digital Responders

- You will be stewarding live digital 1:1 conversations with attendees who are either making a first-time decision, rededication, or just wanting prayer. You will volunteer onsite at the stadium during the event from 7-11PM on April 29. All resources and instructions will be ready for you when you arrive.
- Website for digital responders: <https://pulse.echoglobal.org/>
- What to bring: Computer and charger. Cell phone and charger.
- Wi-Fi will be provided.

Follow-Up Callers

Important Information for Follow-Up Callers

- The objective for follow-up callers is to personally invite attendees who respond to the Gospel to join a local church and campus ministry. All resources and instructions will be ready for you when you arrive.
- **We will contact attendees of FTS on Sunday, April 30 from 1:30-5PM at Haystack Coffee (1203 Elm Avenue, Norman, OK 73072).**
- Please arrive at Haystack Coffee by 1:30 on Sunday, April 30. Bring a phone and laptop if possible, and any appropriate chargers you may need.

Anyone can be a caller! We will have call scripts and a multitude of resources that will make the process low-stress and fun: just grab a cup of coffee, sit with your friends, and invite people to a local church and campus ministry! All Gospel response cards will be assigned to you.

Prayer Team 1-1

Important Information for Prayer Team 1-1's

- The Prayer Team will serve by praying with someone who is choosing to respond to Jesus or who would just like prayer. This is a beautiful opportunity to come alongside someone as they make the biggest decision of their lives. We will be celebrating with them and helping them understand the decision they're making.
- **Bring Gum/Mints!** Hopefully this doesn't need explaining :)