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Our desire is to journey alongside you as you plan and lead your Prayer Night. As you move through the elements of a Prayer Night, this helps provide you with examples and springboards you could use to navigate these moments and transitions. You'll find here language for each component of the run sheet, as well as suggested prayers for the prayer movement segment. This is meant to serve you and is by no means the only way to facilitate a prayer night, but hopefully it provides examples to get you started. We recognize that each person has their own individual voice and tone, and we hope that if this is a helpful tool, you are able to adapt and use it as a reference.

[PRE-ROLL VIDEO: PROVIDED BY ALPHA CANADA]

[This video is to play 3-5 minutes before the service starts, or at the time your gathering starts. The video can be playing as people move into the main space. It helps set the tone for prayer before moving into a time of worship.]

[WORSHIP LEADER WELCOMES THE GUESTS:]

[Perhaps let guests know what song and the reason you've chosen the song. Depending on the song chosen, you may want to invite or welcome the presence of the Holy Spirit. Think of this moment as a call to worship.]

Welcome, let's turn our hearts and voices to God in song. I'd love to invite you to stand if you're able. It's good to be together, amen?

[HOST PASTOR/LEADER/MC: WELCOME AND SET THE TONE FOR THE EVENING]

[It's a good idea to pray as you transition out of worship into the prayer movements. You may also want to have the band continue to play softly in the background. The tone of this prayer would be different depending on what you are singing before.]

Thank you, Jesus, that you are good and true. Thank you, Holy Spirit, that you are here. Living God, we come before you tonight humbly. Reveal yourself to us. In Jesus' name, amen.

Welcome to Prayer Night! We are so grateful you are here, and we are expectant for what God is going to do here in our time together. We are going to move into a time of prayer and intercession together.

[PRAYER MOVEMENTS]

[You can visit the Prayer Nights Blueprint for more detailed suggestions and vision around this moment. At this point, you might lead through the Prayer Movements on your own, or invite up people you've asked to pray. Below are examples of written prayers giving language to suggested topics for these movements. If you have individuals that are praying for these topics, we recommend introducing them, or having them introduce themselves before praying.]

MENTAL HEALTH

Jesus, you are the Prince of Peace. Your Word says you will never leave us nor forsake us (DEUT 31:8). We pray for mental health issues that are so prevalent among young people. Would you break chains of depression and anxiety, in the name of Jesus? Holy Spirit, would you come flood hearts and minds with peace? Lord, for those who navigate difficulty in these areas, would you provide people who can walk alongside them, listen well, and help them in their journey to healing and wholeness? We speak into the area of identity – Holy Spirit, you testify to our spirit that we are children of God, and so we declare that we are your people. May our identity be found in you, Jesus. Reveal more of your love, more of your goodness, more of your kindness, more of your healing power.

HIGH SCHOOLS IN YOUR AREA

[Perhaps have the high school names on the screen.]

God, we lift up the high schools in our region. We think of students as they navigate schoolwork, extracurriculars, and friendships, thinking about their future. Would your protection be upon these schools? We pray for Christian teachers and students to be bold. Please make a way for Alphas to run in schools so that youth can come to know Jesus. We pray humbly and boldly for revival to break out in schools. We want to see testimonies of lives changed by your Spirit. Use youth pastors, give them favour in conversations and relationships with high school principals, teachers, and students. We thank you that this generation of teenagers are open to you, searching and asking questions. Would you seek them out, and help us to reach the students around us? Open our eyes to see how much you love these students (EPH 1:18). Open our hearts to show them this type of love and compassion. Open our hands to help them in the ways you may be leading us to.

FAMILIES

God, your Word says that you put the lonely in families. We lift up families right now. We thank you for homes that are safe, for parents that follow you and are raising up their children in your ways. We thank you for grandparents and parents, the generations that have gone ahead and laid foundations of faith. We pray for your protection over families. We think of single parents, broken homes, adopted and foster children, and we lift up their situations to you. Where there is a need for healing, we pray for healing. We pray for healing for hearts and minds. God, for dangerous situations, we pray that the right people would be made aware, that you would protect children and parents. Where situations seem hopeless, that you would intervene and there would be stories of your faithfulness. You are a Good Father, and we pray that you would make that aspect of your character more real to us (MATT 7:11). Holy Spirit, show up when unexpected, allow us to see you at work, transform the lives of those who are in need, and bring comfort and peace.



GENERATION TO GENERATION

*You are the God of all generations, and we commend your works to one another, from generation to generation (**PSALM 78:4**). Help us to see each other, God. Give us grace and understanding, as we seek to build your kingdom together. We pray for increased unity among the generations. May there be deep personal relationships that form where value is spent on truly getting to know another. There is so much to learn from each other, so would you help us to listen and place value on one another?*

For those of us who are older, would you burden our hearts for teens and children? We know that they are the future leaders, pastors, prime ministers, and teachers. Show us how we can support them as they grow up. Give us a passion to pray for and with them, to walk with them, to listen well to them, and give solid wisdom and advice that aligns with your Word when we speak.

For us who are younger, soften our hearts to hear the wisdom of those who have gone ahead of us. Would we learn from them and listen to them, but would you help us to be confident? That we would not be looked down upon because we are young, but that we would set the believers an example. We want to be a generation that sets an example, so help us God.

AWAKENING IN CANADA

*Holy Spirit, you are on the move, and we want more of you. Ignite your people, send more of your Spirit. We are nothing without you God. We want to see an inbreaking of your kingdom like never before. We contend for eyes to be opened, for ears to hear, and for chains to be broken. We pray against the works of the enemy in this country. Would your light shine in the darkness? We know that darkness is as light to you God (**PSALM 139:12**) and so we ask you to shine your light on our cities, on our neighbourhoods, on our nation.*

[UPON ENDING THE SEGMENT OF PRAYER MOVEMENTS, THE HOST, PASTOR OR WORSHIP LEADER CAN INVITE THE ROOM BACK INTO WORSHIP.]

Amen, we are going to continue to worship, to sing and lift our voices.

[Out of this portion of worship, move into a time of personal prayer and prayer ministry. This is a great time to be listening to the Holy Spirit for specific things that He might be doing in the hearts of those present—maybe He is highlighting forgiveness or shame as areas that need to be dealt with.]

[A PROPOSED ORDER FOR THIS MOMENT IS AS FOLLOWS:]

We are going to move into a time of personal prayer and prayer ministry. As we pray for awakening in Canada, it is incredibly important to pray for individual awakening. We cannot expect a move of God if there are things that we are personally needing to deal with.

PSALM 139:1-3 – “You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.”

ISAIAH 1:18 – “Come now, let us settle the matter,” says the Lord. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.”

1 JOHN 1:9 – “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

I’d love to invite you now to consider things in your life that you need to let go of so that God can do the work he needs to do in your heart. What do you need to hold before him tonight? Holy Spirit, we want more of you. We are desperate for an encounter with your presence. Would you highlight things to us that we need to let go of to make room for you? Where are the areas of our lives that are not yet surrendered to you?

[AT THIS POINT, YOU CAN GIVE SOME SPACE FOR PEOPLE TO LISTEN IN THEIR OWN TIME.]

God, we come before you with the things that we have been hesitant to let go of. Thank you that you want all of us, not just part of us. You desire our whole selves, so we bring our whole selves before you humbly. We let go of the areas of our lives that are holding us back from all you have for us. We do not want to hold on to things that you have called us to let go of. Thank you for your love. Thank you for your grace.

*If you would like to pray with someone, we would love to join you in prayer. There are prayer team members around the room who want to pray for you, or you can pray with a friend near you. There are also different prayer stations around the room **[name the prayer stations]**. If you connect with God through art or writing, there are stations where you can engage in prayer and worship in that way. We also have a map that includes a list of high schools around us; we invite you to pray over these buildings. The worship team is going to play in the background, and if you want to engage in prayer or worship, you are free to do so.*

[During this time, the worship leader and other pastors present are working together to discern what the Holy Spirit is doing. At some point throughout this time of prayer ministry, there will likely be a time that feels natural to move into worship that is louder, more outward focused, and more engaged with the majority of those present. It might make sense to let the worship build naturally as people finish praying, or it might make sense to clearly transition the moment into a time of declarative worship.]

*We are going to continue to sing together; if you would still like to pray, you are more than welcome to do so. As we sing, let’s contend for our nation and our region. God, we want to see your kingdom here (**MATT 6:10**). We want more of your presence.*



[CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION:]

God, thank you. Thank you for how you have moved and worked here tonight. We ask that you would seal all that you have done, that we would not leave this place the same as when we came in. Would you go ahead and behind us? Cover us with your protection, grace and mercy. Continue the good work that you have started this evening. (PHIL 1:6) Holy Spirit, would you help us to continue in prayer in the days, weeks and months to come. Amen.

We are finished for the night; thank you so much for being here. Please share stories with your pastors of what God has done in your life. If you would like to linger and pray, we are going to keep this room open for another 30 minutes with prayer ministry team members available. Otherwise, there are refreshments outside for you to enjoy.

Before we leave, I want to send you out with [a benediction] this blessing:

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (ROMANS 15:13)

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. (EPHESIANS 3:20-21)