

GRACE PRAYER GROUP ETIQUETTE

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1. Cell phones should be silenced or turned off during prayer. If you must take a call, please leave the room to do so.
2. If you arrive late, please enter quietly and be a listener until you discern the prayer direction.
3. Please present prayer requests as briefly and concisely as possible.
4. If you take the lead to pray for something, speak clearly and loudly enough so the others can hear and agree. Bowed heads often mean muffled voices.
5. When you finish praying end with "In Jesus' Name" so the others know you have finished.
6. Please refrain from private side-conversations during prayer.
7. Please refrain from giving personal prophesy during prayer group meeting.
8. While laying hands on others for prayer, your hands should be kept still and only be placed on one's shoulder area. (Mark 16:18)
9. Do NOT monopolize the prayer time. If you are talking more than others, you are talking too much. Be comfortable with silence so that others take advantage of the opportunity to pray.
10. During leader-led prayer or worship, an individual's personal volume should never distract from what is happening for the group.
11. The use of tongues (prayer language) should be done softly under your breath unless the group is a closed group or a group where everyone is in agreement about prayer language.
12. Keep CONFIDENTIALITY. Do not discuss any prayer requests outside the group without permission.

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