

# Prayer Group

for

# SCHOOL

# GUIDELINES

A Ministry of SU Queensland

## Aims

- 1 To support and encourage one another as parents and interested friends.
- 2 To pray for the local school/s: for Principals, teachers, children, parents, RE teachers, SUPA\* Clubs and SUIs\*\* groups, chaplains, P & C Association, Christian staff, policies, decisions, curriculum, etc.
- 3 To pray that each child will be influenced by Jesus and come to know Him personally.
- 4 To pray for the families of the children.
- 5 To be a Christ-centred, positive and supportive influence in the school.

\*SU Primary Age \*\*SU In Schools (secondary)

## The Prayer Group

- 1 **Pray** that God will bring you in contact with other Christian parents and friends.
- 2 **It is preferable** to have at least two people in your group.
- 3 **Choose a venue** - it does **not** have to be at the school - most groups operate in homes.
- 4 **Choose a time**, depending on the people who want to attend i.e. mothers, fathers, teachers, etc. and decide whether to meet weekly, fortnightly or some other option.
- 5 **Be specific** about the length of the prayer meeting and stick to it.
- 6 **Be prayerful**, and sensitive to God's timing about promoting the Prayer Group through the school newsletter. There may be some value in meeting privately for some time and when well established approaching the Principal regarding promotion.
- 7 **If appropriate**, promote through your church news to attract others to the group, alert Christian teachers, and encourage Christians from other schools to start a group.
- 8 **Seek** possible ways of advertising through different denominations in the area e.g. RE teachers at school, a friend you know, the local church leader, ministers' associations.

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### Set guidelines

- ◆ Open with prayer and a Bible reading
- ◆ Share answers to prayer and encouragements
- ◆ Note needs for prayer (write them down)
- ◆ Restrict prayer points to matters pertaining only to the school or individuals
- ◆ Be sensitive and discreet about mentioning names and specific issues
- ◆ Don't spend too long on discussing needs for prayer and run out of time to pray!
- ◆ Don't gossip!

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### Pray!

- ◆ For large groups, pray in cells of 3-5.
- ◆ Be sensitive regarding denominational and personal styles of praying e.g. tongues, spiritual warfare, long prayers or short sentence prayers. Some may not be used to praying aloud in a group.
- ◆ Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you into needs that may not be on your list of prayer points

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**The group exists** primarily for prayer and mutual support. It should not exist as a lobby group or to make representation to those in authority in the school or within Education Queensland.

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**Any action taken** by the group should be carefully considered in the light of these guidelines e.g.

- ◆ inviting Christian teachers to attend
- ◆ reaching out as a group to a family in need
- ◆ approaching the Principal about your prayer group and its aims
- ◆ writing letters (sympathy, sickness, encouragement)

It is important to be in agreement before taking any action.

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**Continue** to seek the Lord's guidance for creative ways of being His witness within your school community. Remember, any contact with the school needs to be done with integrity.



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