

Growing Spiritually as an Elder

Mission Prayers

Disciples Pray

In a mission prayer covenant, a person vows to pray for another as they move out of their comfort zone to stretch themselves in sharing their faith. A person in the group tells one or more folks in the group the witness they hope to accomplish, and one or more members of the group agree to pray during that week for that witness. Examples follow....

- 1) A group member may be ready to invite a friend to worship in your congregation. Bathe that effort in prayer.
- 2) A group member may be ready to seek forgiveness or offer forgiveness with someone in their life. Remember to pray with the person before, during and after this encounter. You may pray for a week or two ahead and a week or two after.
- 3) Agree to pray for your global mission partner or (contact your regional office for information about your partner). Send notes of prayerful encouragement to him/her/them.
- 4) Pray for the sponsors of your youth group and find one thing you can do to help them with that ministry.
- 5) Pray for the women's and men's groups in your congregation and for the mission they undertake. Seek a way that you can actively support them.
- 6) Pray with the yearbook of the Christian Church. Go through the reports section and pray for each of the ministries of the wider church.
- 7) Pray the web page of the Disciples of Christ: www.disciples.org item by item.
- 8) Pray in partnership with another congregation. Pray through their newsletter and send them notes of encouragement. You can also use congregational websites to learn how to pray for congregations. Look at your regional websites.