**Example Prayer and Worship Nights**

**Vision**: to be a worshipping people growing in our surrender to Jesus and in our passion for prayer.

**Aim** for the night: to facilitate prayerful worship and worshipful prayer, by utilising a range of styles in which people can connect with God and go deeper in prayer, worship and surrender.

* For people to *come* as *worshippers*
* For people to *experience prayer and worship in different ways*. These might be different to what is possible in a usual service. Our prayer is that through these times people are discipled in worship and prayer – that they learn different rhythms that they can take into their day to day lives in their personal times with Jesus, their times with others in smaller groups, and where appropriate our times in larger groups.
* For people to *feel welcome*, even if they don’t initially feel comfortable with worship and prayer that is different to what they are used to, including those who don’t feel comfortable praying aloud.
* For those who do feel comfortable with worship and prayer in these ways, we want to encourage them and facilitate times where they can *go deeper in prayer, worship and surrender.*
* For people to feel that they have been able to *engage, and invited to go deeper*.
* To identify people with gifts in worship and prayer and give them opportunities to use their gifts

These nights could include a selection of: silence, open worship, short devotion/testimony, art, activations, praying for others, praying together, praying scripture, prayer stations, prayer ministry etc. and sometimes will require a different room or different layout to facilitate movement, group opportunities, stations or just to aid in the understanding that this is not a ‘stand to sing, sit to listen’ environment.

Everyone involved in the night are the “leaders of worship” as we, in different ways, lead people in prayer, worship and surrender. The facilitator prayerfully plans an outline for the night and works with the worship leader regarding song choice and placement. A range of song types and genres could be used. Sometimes the worship leader could be the facilitator. The facilitator should be conscious of time, and have a program for the night, but does not need to be scheduled to the minute. Songs are chosen

Nights might have different themes and different layouts. It would be great to have the option of people coming into a room with limited chairs, where they can spread out across the room, but we might have to introduce that slowly with different layouts and increasing space for movement of individuals and groups.

**6 Weeks**

1. Surrender
2. Surrender: Share
3. Surrender: Serve
4. Surrender: Stand
5. Surrender: Sing
6. Surrender: Set Apart

**Possible Elements**

Worship (corporate, sit, stand, kneel, stations)

Devotion

Activation/Reflective Reading

Testimony

Item

Communion

Reflective Prayer

Prayer from front

Prayer in individuals/groups (with option for both)

Prayer for others

Prayer Ministry

Praying Scripture

Prayer Stations

Collate prayers (written whiteboard etc)

Add more here

**6 Weeks**

1. **Surrender**
   1. *As we surrender to Jesus, we pause, we are not hurried, we wait on him*
   2. Devotion/Activation –
      1. Your kingdom, your will, your glory
      2. Rich Young Ruler Mark 10
   3. Prayer – individual reflective, group option, prayer from seats
   4. Stations available and mentioned as an option but not described
2. **Surrender: Share**
   1. *As we surrender to Jesus, he invites us to share with others*
   2. We see with his eyes and our hearts break for what breaks his Eg song Hosanna
   3. Application – one person you will pray for over these 40 days, and be ready to share when an opportunity arises
   4. Devotion –
   5. Prayer focus –our outreach ministries
   6. Stations – different ones but maybe one or two described
3. **Surrender: Serve**
   1. *As we surrender to Jesus, he invites us to serve others*
   2. Prayer of St Francis “where there is hatred let me sow love...”
   3. Devotion –
   4. Prayer focus – our neighbours and our city
4. **Surrender: Stand**
   1. *As we surrender to Jesus, he invites us to stand*
   2. Calling, Leadership and include Spiritual Warfare (and after you have done everything to stand)
   3. Devotion –
   4. Prayer focus – our leaders National, State, Local and Church
5. **Surrender: Sing**
   1. As we surrender to Jesus, he invites us to sing
   2. Psalms of David eg the rest of Ps 42. ‘Yet I will praise him’
   3. Elements
      1. On the mountains and in the valleys –item or video/audio “there was Jesus”
      2. Testimonies
   4. Art -
   5. Prayer focus – thankfulness
6. **Surrender: Set Apart**
   1. As we surrender to Jesus, he sets us apart for his service
   2. Consecration and commissioning
   3. Come forward for prayer/laying on of hands to commission people as they go.
   4. Could invite prayer team from another church

**40 Days of Prayer**

**Week 1 – Surrender Date**

*As we surrender to Jesus, we pause, we are not hurried, we wait on him*

Let us first come as worshippers

* Adoration
* Surrender
* Thanksgiving
* Include:
  + Silence and listening
  + Lament and honesty
  + Times of consecration and surrender

**Week 2 – Share Date**

*As we surrender to Jesus, he invites us to share with others*

* Is there someone God puts on your heart who you can be praying for over these 40 days?
* How can you be best prepared if he brings along an opportunity for you to serve them or share with them?
* Pray for our outreach ministries, that our volunteers would be energised and have opportunities to build relationship with those they serve, and at the right time that they would have opportunities to share with them the love of Christ.

For this site

* List activities and ministries on your site

**Week 3 – Serve Date**

*As we surrender to Jesus, he invites us to serve others*

Then as we surrender to Jesus, our hearts overflow with love and concern for others. Pray for our neighbours and our city, for our church and its ministries and for revival amongst the people of this nation, this neighbourhood and in us.

For our suburb

* businesses
* Hospital and staff and patients
* Uni and students
* Residents
* That people will know the hope and future God has called them to, that they will pray to him, that they will seek and find him.

For this church

* That we would be worshipers
* That we would be Pray-ers
* For renewal and revival among our people
* For our Pastors and ministry leaders

**Week 4 – Stand Date**

*As we surrender to Jesus, he invites us to stand*

Jesus calls each of us to common pursuits (surrender, sharing, serving as in previous weeks) but he also has assignments for each of us. He asks us to stand up in these circumstances where he has called and gifted us. And he also asks all of us to take our stand against the enemy. Let’s pray for those in leadership throughout our nation and our neighbourhood.

* For our leaders
  + Anthony Albenese (Prime Minister)
  + David and Linda Hurley (Governor General)
  + Anastasia Palaszczuk (Premier)
  + Your local (Federal MP)
  + Your local (Mayor)
  + Your local (Div x Counsellor)
  + Gary and Rechelle Edwards (CofCQld CEO)
  + Your Pastor
  + Other pastors, staff, Ministry Team

**Week 5 – Sing Date**

*As we surrender to Jesus, he invites us to sing (or celebrate)*

This week we will celebrate what God has been doing. Stay tuned for testimonies and updates, and keep your eyes peeled for what God is doing around you, and in response to what you have been praying for each week!

* Things God has lead me to pray for (fill in each week if you like)

**Week 6 – Set Apart Date**

*As we surrender to Jesus, he sets us apart for his service*

Jesus sets you apart for his service, holy, righteous, fit for purpose and he’s so excited about what he has planned. Whether its in your family, with your friends and relatives, in your street, your workplace, or school/uni or in a particular ministry, we want to pray for you this week and commission you as you go about faithfully serving right where you are.

This is the final 5 days of the 40 Days of Prayer which will conclude with a Day of prayer from Saturday \*date\* to Sunday \*date\* and a celebration service on \*date\* in the am and pm services.