

Prayer Ministry Sunday
Hebrews 10:24-25
Acts 13:1-3

Some helpful suggestions —

Introduce yourselves.

Share a need.

Pray for their need and ask the Father to work supernaturally right here and now.

Pray powerful Scriptures over them. Here are some examples —

To help with fear or worry —

^{ESV} **Isaiah 41:10** fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

To help with temptation —

^{ESV} **Isaiah 55:1** "Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! ... ² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

To strengthen faith —

^{ESV} **Jeremiah 32:27** "Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh. Is anything too hard for me?"

To bring assurance of salvation —

^{ESV} **Isaiah 53:6** All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned--every one--to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

A promise regarding wisdom —

^{ESV} **James 1:5** If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.

A promise regarding finances —

^{ESV} **Matthew 6:33** But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Be alert to spiritual gifts God might give you to share.

Give it time.

Don't be afraid of silence.

Ask them what the Father did.

Either stop praying for them, or pray for them again.



HOME GROUP DISCUSSION OF SUNDAY'S TEACHING

(Sometimes in our home groups we talk about Sunday's teaching, so we can work together on responding to God's Word — asking questions, sharing insights, talking together.)

What has been your experience of praying for OTHERS with the laying-on-of-hands? Positive? Negative? Neutral?

What has been your experience of BEING PRAYED FOR by others with the laying-on-of-hands? Positive? Negative? Neutral?

How comfortable are you with the idea of asking God to work supernaturally in someone right here and now?

Here are more passages on the laying-on-of-hands that you could study as a home group —

Jairus asked Jesus to lay His hands on his daughter to heal her (Mat 9:18; Mar 5:23).

Jesus' laid his hands on children and blessed them (Mat 19:15; Mar 10:16).

Jesus laid his hands on a blind man and healed him (Mar 8:23,25).

Mark 16:18 says that Jesus' followers will lay hands on the sick and heal them (Mar 16:18).

Jesus laid his hands on the sick and healed them (Luk 4:40; Mar 6:5).

Jesus laid his hands on the woman with the bent back and delivered her (Luk 13:13).

The apostles laid hands on those who would wait on tables (Act 6:6).

Peter and John laid hands on the Samaritans (Act 8:17f).

Ananias laid his hands on Paul (Act 9:17).

The prophets and teachers in Antioch laid hands on Paul and Barnabas (Acts 13:3).

Paul laid hands on John's disciples (Acts 19:6)

A gift of God was imparted to Timothy through the laying-on of Paul's hands (2Ti 1:6).

Laying-on of hands is involved in installing an elder (I Tim 5:22).

Heb 6:2 -- the laying on of hands seems to be part of conversion.

