

# Virtual Prayer Meeting Guide

**When:** Every morning, Monday to Saturday

**Time:** 5:00 AM – 6:00 AM (Virginia); 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM (Philippines)

**Who:** All JRI Members

**Where:** Zoom Video Conference Room

## Why shall we pray?

When the people pray and call unto God, He does something for them. Scripture reveals no other way in which God intervenes in the affairs of earth. There is only one logical explanation: God does nothing outside the realm of prayer and intercession. Is it any wonder the Bible is filled with multiple entreaties, urgings, and invitations for us to pray?

## Why pray early in the morning?

It is a good practice to spend time with the Lord, talk to Him, draw strength from Him before you start your activities and challenges for the day – work, school, ministry. The Lord Jesus started His day communing with the Father very early in the morning when everyone else is asleep. **Mark 1:35 NIV** *“Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.”*

Early in the morning is the best time to pray and commune with God. It’s exclusively yours. Your time is under your personal control. Think about it.

- It’s the one time when the phone doesn’t ring [unless you are on-call duty or unless someone who can’t sleep wants to bother you like a boyfriend or a girlfriend].
- Friends don’t come or don’t call you; they are asleep.
- Those who are working, you are not at work yet, so your boss is not watching you.
- To students, you are not at school yet, so your teacher is not looking at you.

## Our goals in our congregational prayer meeting

- To draw ourselves closer to the Lord (James 4:8).
- To have breakthroughs in our prayers [e.g. healing, miracles, jobs, financials, etc.]
- To seek the Lord for wisdom and anointing as we commit ourselves to do His will – to reach out to people for the Gospel and to serve in our church's ministries.
- To pray for the salvation and spiritual growth of our loved ones, relatives, and friends.
- To seek for God's clear direction for our church leaders as they lead our congregation to do what God has mandated for our church to achieve and get done.
- To worship and glorify God.

## We will pray and believe that God will –

- Protect us from covid, sickness, harm, and calamities [**Psalm 32:7; Psalm 91**]
- Break oppressions, bondages, and addictions [**Isaiah 58:6; Psalm 91:15**]
- Intervene and turn our circumstances around [**2 Chronicles 20:15**]
- Shower us with His favor and blessings [**Psalm 5:12**]
- Keep us ready for the coming of the Lord [**1 Thessalonians 5:23**]

**Prayer Focus during our congregational prayer meeting. Our prayer focus is grouped into five categories. Please focus your prayer to your focus items to avoid repetition and we will be able to finish our prayer meeting on time.**

**1. Pray for yourself, your family, and your relatives (everyone will pray – 7 minutes)**

- Pray for yourself, ask for God's forgiveness and cleansing of your sins and shortcomings. Pray for yourself that you all will seek God with all your heart and decide to live a consecrated life (*dedicated, devoted, committed, and surrendered life unto God*). Pray for yourself that you will honor God first with your tithes and offerings then you honor other people by your generous giving.
- Pray for your family members that they all will seek God with all their heart and decide to live a consecrated life (*dedicated, devoted, committed, surrendered life unto God*). Pray for God's full protection upon every member of your family and relatives from any harm, illness, virus, and any attack and scheme of satan and his demonic forces. Pray for God's blessings and provisions upon your family and relatives. Pray for your jobs and the success of your businesses. Pray for genuine love, peace, unity, and harmony among your family members.

**2. Pray and intercede for people to come to Christ (everyone will pray – 7 minutes)**

- Pray for all JRI members to develop love and compassion for people and share the Good News to them.
- List down names of people that you would like to receive Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior (friends and acquaintances who are in the area so we can help them become disciples of the Lord). Pray for the people in your prayer list that they will open up their heart and mind to the truth of God and the gospel of Christ. (One soul matters to God).

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- 2)
- 3)
- 4)
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**3. Pray for all JRI Members (someone is assigned to pray – 7 minutes)**

- Wisdom for our spiritual leaders. Pray for wisdom and anointing upon our pastors, primary disciples, and Cell Leaders.
- Love for God. Pray for all JRI members to love the Lord with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength, and confirm it through their obedience to His commands.
- Spiritual growth and maturity for JRI members. Pray for spiritual growth and maturity of members of our Cell Groups or Life Groups as well as multiplication of members. Pray for all our adults and young people that they go deeper in their personal relationship with the Lord, to develop their fear and reverence unto Him, and to REALLY worship Him in spirit and in truth.
- Commitment. Pray for the commitment of all JRI members to worship the Lord, to obey Him, to praise Him, and to serve Him with their whole heart, mind, soul and strength.
- Boldness and wisdom of JRI members. Pray for boldness and wisdom upon all JRI members in sharing the Gospel of Christ to loved ones, to friends, and to everyone.
- Love for JRI members and other believers. Pray for all JRI members to love one another and to love other believers and disciples of the Lord as the Lord loves us.
- Protection and blessings of JRI members. Pray for God's full protection upon every member of JRI Church from any virus and from any attack and scheme of satan and his demonic forces. Pray for God's blessings and provisions upon every member of JRI Church.
- Other churches. Likewise, pray all of the above for the other churches (Samar churches, Abra church).

**4. Pray for the US and the whole world (someone is assigned to pray – 7 minutes)**

- Pray for peace and order in the US, in the Philippines, in Israel, and all over the world.
- Pray that leaders of all nations will seek God for guidance and godly wisdom as they govern their nation and people.
- Pray for the government of the US as well as the Philippines – the executive branch, the legislative branch, and the judiciary – that they will have the fear of the Lord. Pray that congress will deliberate and legislate laws that align with God’s ultimate Law. Pray that the judges and justices of the Supreme Court are of good conscience and have right judgment, having the fear of the Lord as their fundamental qualification.
- Pray for born-again Christians all over the world to be bold and courageous in sharing the Good News wherever they are.
- Pray for more missionaries and evangelists to bring the Gospel of Christ to countries all over the world. Pray for God’s provision and protection be upon them and their families.
- Pray for our mentors and leaders in doing the Lord’s vision that the Lord will continue to bless and protect them as they mentor pastors all over the world (Pastors Cesar and Claudia Castellanos, Bishop Oriel Ballano and Pastora Geraldine Ballano, and Pastors Abraham and Leah Biangco).

**5. Pray for our church finances (someone is assigned to pray – 7 minutes)**

- Pray that our church will be able to pay for our rent and utilities at our current worship center and for our monthly mortgage payments for the church property at Cedar Lane.
- Pray that our church members will be faithful and obedient to God in giving what is due to God – *our tithes and offerings (Malachi 3:8-11)*.
- Pray that all our church members will honor God with their tithes and offerings (**Proverbs 3:9-10**). *We shall give to God first our tithes and offerings, then help other people and ministries financially using the rest of our income.*
- Pray that our church members will decide to give generously and faithfully their monthly pledges for our church building fund. Here are our goals:
  - 1) *First*, to construct our initial multipurpose building at the church property at Cedar Lane in 2025.
  - 2) *Second*, not to renew our rent at our current worship center that expires on May 2025. That will save our church \$2,400 a month on rent, instead it will go to our monthly mortgage payment for our initial multipurpose building.
  - 3) *Third*, we need to pay off our mortgage for the church property before we could construct our initial multipurpose building. This is very achievable within this year, by the grace of God.
  - 4) *Fourth*, we will be required for a downpayment when we apply for a loan for our initial multipurpose building. That could be around \$300,000.00, depending on the cost of our initial multipurpose building.

**Note:** *We will NOT be asking money from other people outside the church to support our above-mentioned goals but rather our funds will solely come from our tithes and offerings and monthly pledges.*
- Pray for God’s wisdom and guidance upon our pastors and church leaders in handling our church’s finances.
- Likewise, pray that God will also provide for the financial needs of the other churches (Samar churches, Abra church).

**6. Prayer Requests (someone is assigned to pray – 5 minutes) – type your prayer requests in our Zoom chat board during the prayer meeting.**

- If there no prayer requests, pray for healing and quick recovery of known JRI members and their loved ones who are suffering from any illness.

## Instructions:

1. The link to join our virtual prayer meeting is in our Facebook Messenger chat group ([JRI Announcements](#)).
2. Wake up before **5:00 AM**. The meeting room will be open before 5:00 AM. The prayer meeting starts at 5:00 AM.
3. You can use your cell phone, laptop, PC, iPad, or MacBook to join.
4. Your video must be on, but your microphone is on mute unless you have something to ask or to share or it's your turn to pray.
5. Although your microphone is on mute, **you should pray in agreement with the one who is assigned to pray by saying "amen!"** We don't hear you but God does.

## Time Allocation (1 hour):

- 5:00 AM – Opening Prayer (1 minute)
- 5:02 AM – Praise and Worship (1 song; 3 minutes)
- 5:10 AM – Share the Word (15 minutes)
- 5:20 AM – Prayer Focus
  - 1) Pray for yourself, your family, and your relatives (7 minutes)
  - 2) Pray and intercede for people to come to Christ (7 minutes)
  - 3) Pray for all JRI Members (7 minutes)
  - 4) Pray for the US and the whole world (7 minutes)
  - 5) Pray for our church finances (7 minutes)
  - 6) Prayer Requests (5 minutes)
- 5:55 AM – Closing Prayer (1 minute)