

# The Prayer Coordinator

Conference/Union/Division Level

## **Job Description:**

The prayer coordinator is essential in developing a praying conference, union, or division. He or she is God's appointed servant to integrate prayer into every aspect of the church's life. This work includes praying for the Seventh-day Adventist church in your jurisdiction, teaching people how to pray, leading united prayer, and coordinating prayer initiatives with church leadership.

## **Qualifications:**

- Strong personal prayer life and passion for united prayer
- Spiritually mature and well-grounded in the Word of God
- Committed, respected member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church
- Has gifts to organize, encourage, and teach people
- Ability and desire to lead out in prayer ministry
- Enough time to lead and attend prayer events

## **The Work of the Prayer Coordinator:**

- Set aside regular time to pray for the local conference, union, or division and seek God's guidance for the prayer ministry.
- Ask God to guide you to those who should help you lead out in prayer ministry. This may be people who have indicated an interest in intercessory prayer, though God may lead to others also.
- Establish a prayer team who will pray together regularly (preferably once a week) for the conference, union, or division. This team will also be responsible for planning, promoting, and leading prayer initiatives.
- Meet with church leadership regularly to discover their prayer goals and needs. Pray with them and intercede for their prayer requests. (If meeting with a leader of the opposite gender, take at least one other person with you when you meet).
- Research and evaluate current prayer ministries in the local churches and at the conference, union, or division level. General Conference prayer initiatives may be viewed at: <https://ministerialassociation.org/prayer/prayer-initiatives/>. Prayerfully ask God which ones to be involved with.
- Work with church leadership to identify and select a respected person in each church to serve as the local church Prayer Coordinator. Meet with

these prayer leaders periodically for training and united prayer. Serve as a resource person for local prayer leaders.

- Promote prayer in the local church with training on prayer, united prayer events, inspirational materials, and networking of local prayer warriors.
- Coordinate with conference/union/division leaders to integrate prayer into every aspect of ministry. Provide training on prayer as needed.
- Implement plans for prayer partners and/or individuals who commit to daily prayer for specific people - by name - pastors, teachers, publishing and medical workers, and church leaders at the conference, union, division, and General Conference.
- Some suggested avenues for exploration: Prayer in the Worship Service, Family Prayer, Prayer Telephone Ministry, Prayer Emphasis Week, Prayer Chains, Prayer Partners, Prayer Meetings, Senior Intercessors, Evangelism Prayer Groups, Prayer Retreats, Day of Prayer Activities, Prayer Rooms, and Prayer for specific needs and events.

#### **Essential Reminders for Prayer Ministry Leaders:**

- This is God's work, not yours. Let Him lead!
- Your job is to encourage prayer, not to control every aspect of prayer in the local church. Allow freedom for each individual to be led by God into prayer ministry for the individuals in their lives.
- Remember that prayer itself is ministry. Your job is not just to provide prayer events. Most importantly, your job is to pray with and for others.
- Prayer is also outreach and the most effective form of evangelism.
- Be aware of the intimacy that prayer can create between individuals. In general, men should pray with men, and women should pray with women. Mixed groups should have at least three people to avoid the appearance of evil and the opportunity for inappropriate attachments to form.
- Your goal is to help all church members grow in their personal prayer life and encourage corporate prayer to become the life of the church.