

PRAYING THE PRAYER VIGIL

Begin by asking **God** to clear your mind of all outside distractions. Place all of your thoughts and your spirit with the people and the event that you have come to Him to bless.

Be silent a few seconds and begin to feel His presence with you. Pray as if you are talking to your best friend...you are! Ask Him to bless with His spirit the building, the grounds and all things used to bring those present to an awareness of Him.

Pray for the lay director, if not by name by duty. He/She must walk in His Spirit for anything that they may be called upon to solve.

Pray for the assistant lay director in much the same way.

Pray for the spiritual director that he/she may truly be an instrument of His spirit.

Pray for the assistant spiritual directors much in the same way.

Pray for the Board Representative that he/she may have the courage to keep the purity of the event and let personalities keep them from doing what they promised **God** they will do.

Pray for the speakers. Pray that they remember whom they represent, lay down self, and glorify God.

Pray for the talks...for the message it is to give, for the giver, and for each person who hears, that they may hear according to their need.

Pray for:

Priority	Growth through Study	Changing our World
Prevenient Grace	Means of Grace	Sanctifying Grace
Priesthood of all Believers	Christian Action	Body of Christ
Justifying Grace	Obstacles of Grace	Perseverance
Life in Piety	Discipleship	Fourth Day

Pray for the musicians, that their music may bring God's message and soothe the troubled souls.

Pray for the pilgrims:

The ones who cannot leave their thoughts behind,
The ones uneasy in the setting,
The ones who cannot sleep,
The ones forced to come,
The ones looking for magic not miracles,
The ones who are open and receiving,
For all the conditions know to **God**.

Pray for the cooks and the ministers in unrecognized ways.

Pray for the fun and fellowship that will warm hearts and keep focused on **God**.

Pray for the team assistants that they do not tire. Pray for their renewed strength.

Pray for the agape gifts, for the hands that made them, and the blessing they bring.

Pray for the special times such as: Dying Moments, Candlelight, Agape Feast, Las Mananitas, Agape Letter time, closing.

And lastly, give it all to our Lord and Friend, who sees and knows, asking for His blessing and presence with everyone connected—not only those mentioned, but families, and the change for the church and community.

End by praising and thanking God for the opportunity He has given you to talk to Him on behalf of His children.

AMEN

Adopted from Praying The Prayer Vigil by John McKinney (Walk #2)

PRAYER VIGILS

Prayer is such a strong part of the Emmaus experience both for the Pilgrims and the ones praying. With that in mind, I extend the invitation for you to participate in Prayer Vigils assigned to our Community. If you are asked to sign up for a time on an upcoming walk, please give it some thought and try to participate in prayer vigils.

It may be helpful to follow these:

- Only sign up for a time when you can devote the entire 30 minutes to prayer.
- Find a quiet place free from interruption.
- Before you begin, pray for forgiveness and ask for the presence of the Holy Spirit.
- Picture the Walk as you pray.
- If you have a conflict, call some to take your time.
- After you pray, ask God to remind the next person on the Prayer Vigil to pray and ask for His presence to be with that person.
- Feel free to say no if you are asked to pray during a time that is difficult for you; another opportunity will come.

(Taken from the Llano Emmaus Community Newsletter)

SUGGESTIONS FOR PRAYER

- Safe travel to and from the Walk
- Good health, open minds and hearts
- Undivided attention, Christ-like team wisdom
- Patience, trust and calm
- Joy and a sense of God's love
- For the Holy Spirit to meet each Pilgrim's needs
- For the team to open themselves as God's channels
- For the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the lives of pilgrims and team
- To realize God's grace is sufficient for all needs
- May also pray the meditations in front of our purple Walk to Emmaus book.