Revive Our Hearts \*\*

# A Prayer Strategy for Women in Your Church

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Below is a complete description of how to implement a prayer strategy among the women in your church:

Step 1: Create a list of the women involved in your church.

- **Step 2**: Recruit a Prayer Team.
  - Once volunteers are selected, divide the list of women equally among your prayer volunteers.
  - Ask the volunteers to pray for the women on their list by name using a monthly guide.
- **Step 3**: Choose an annual prayer theme.
- **Step 4**: Select a monthly prayer focus to support the theme.
- **Step 5**: Email the monthly focus to the prayer team and to all women in your church, inviting them to join in by praying on their own.

### Sample Monthly Prayer Email

Annual Theme: Women Seeking Revival Monthly Focus: Obedience to God Sample email introduction:

August greetings to all!

In our year-long pursuit of personal revival, this month we turn our focus to obedience. This obedience is a response to who God is and what He has called us to so that He might be glorified. It's a right response to His love and care for us. You'll see the word **respond** in bold throughout the opening prayer below. Let its dark, thick font stick in your mind as both an invitation and responsibility to think and act according to God's Word because of who He is and all He has done.

Remember, you are being prayed for by name by a woman in our [your church name] family. These verses are being prayed over you to the One who wrote them, so we can be certain we are praying in His will. Will you join us? We need each other and we all need the Savior. May we respond with obedience to Him.

Praying with and for you all, [Your Name] [Your Role or Title]

## A prayer and heart response for August

Dear Father, in John 14:15 your Word says, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." I pray, Father, that as I immerse myself in the truth of your Word and allow your Spirit to search the depths of my heart and mind, I would **respond** in complete obedience to these promptings. Help me to align my heart and mind with the truth of Your Word, knowing that partial obedience is disobedience and disobedience is sin and ultimately rebellion against You. As I seek to know You, then to **respond** and live out Your truth, help me to see things in my life that cause my heart to stray from You. Reveal things that I seek more than You and things that distract me from knowing You intimately and being obedient to You. I know that a wise person is obedient to the Word of the Lord. Help me to be wise and build my life on hearing and doing the will of God. Help me, Father, to willingly and glad-heartedly **respond** in obedience to the One who loves me extravagantly and has my best interest at heart. For Your honor and glory, Amen.

### Personalize and pray these Scriptures

#### Psalm 139:23-24

Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

#### Deuteronomy 13:4

You shall walk after the Lord your God and fear him and keep his commandments and obey his voice, and you shall serve him and hold fast to him.

#### Mark 12:30-31

"And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

### 1 John 3:9-10

No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God. By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.

#### 2 Peter 3:14-15, 18

Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace. And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him . . . But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

#### Jeremiah 17:7-8

Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.

Read more about developing a prayer strategy in this blog post, "A Prayer Strategy for Women in Your Church."