



## Prayer MINISTRIES

We pray for God's leading in all that we plan and bring before our churches. What a privilege we have in prayer!

There are many resources available for prayer ministry. To enhance local prayer ministries year-round, the North American Division (NAD) provides materials online. Sermons can be found at nadprayerministries.org, and other NAD departments also offer resources on the topic of prayer. *How to Start a Prayer Ministry in Your Church* is available. During the last few years, we have used the acronym PUSH (Pray Until Something Happens). We also follow the programs introduced by the NAD each year (in 2015 it was Pray One Million). One year there were Seventh-day Adventists praying at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. every day. Some churches continued it after the year was over or adopted something similar. This year the initiative is HOPE (Houses of Prayer Everywhere) to encourage prayer in all of our churches. Carolina's Prayer Ministries Department promotes these types of programs to bring prayer to the forefront and make it a viable witness to others in our community.

### CAMP MEETING OUTREACH

At Camp Meeting each year we promote prayer in the chapel at 7:30 a.m., 1:15 p.m. and before the evening meetings. Prayer warriors have made it a point to gather and pray with those who want or need prayer before the meetings take place. Quite a few members have indicated a desire for this kind of ministry. We follow

up with prayer and an anointing service on Thursday night

to which folks can come with their petitions. Throughout the year as we travel to churches, we hear stories from our members of both spiritual and physical healing.

In recent years, prayer at Camp Meeting has been powerful. Speakers Kevin Willfley, Randy Maxwell, Kelly Mowrer, Ruthie and Don Jacobsen, and others have taken us full circle and brought to light the intense need for prayer in our lives.

### PRAYER RALLIES

In addition to our emphasis at Camp Meeting, we have held rallies in Hendersonville, Asheville at the Cove, and Raleigh, to name a few.

In the churches that have prayer as an integral part of worship, they have become Houses of Prayer. Prayer meetings continue to be a highlight, uniting people through prayer, and there are church groups who pray for upcoming evangelistic meetings. In the past five years, I have visited a number of churches either on Friday evenings or Sabbath afternoons to give encouragement through sermons and prayer time. Nosoca Pines Ranch has also been a gathering place for leaders to come and receive training and inspiration to press forward in prayer.

To unite the conference in prayer, there is a dedicated prayer line on Monday evenings that was started in 2015. The Presidential Prayer Partners newsletter comes from our president's office and is a primary topic of conversation and prayer.

A popular outreach has been distributing buttons that say "May I Pray With You?" for members to wear on their lapels. One lady reported praying with more than 250 people from one year to the next.

No doubt, we "come boldly unto the throne of grace," Hebrews 4:16. Praise God for promising that He will answer anyone who calls on Him (see Psalm 91:15)!

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