

# How To Lead Prayer At Salina

## 1. Relax

God's people have been doing this for a long time - you are one voice among many. God doesn't grade you based on your slick presentation, your smooth voice, or your delightful mannerisms - God sees the heart. The folks at Salina who will be praying with you may not be quite so awesome as God, but at least we want to pray with you.

## 2. Preparation

Prayer doesn't need to be overcomplicated, but a bit of preparation is expected. Feel free to write out your prayer ahead of time, or set an outline, or whatever works for you, but please put some effort into being prepared to guide your Salina family along.

## 3. Organization

So many options! You can pray aloud for everything yourself; you can call out sections for people to handle with silent prayer; you can mix silent prayer with relevant Scripture; whatever. If you are going to have other people pray aloud however, don't expect lots of people to pray aloud. People are often uncomfortable praying in front of lots of people... So, either limit how many items you are asking people to volunteer for or pre-arrange who you are going to ask, and bear in mind that many people are unfortunately not comfortable praying in front of a group.

## 4. Things To Include

You don't have to belabor each of these areas, and you may hit several of them at once.

### **Praise**

We want to remember who God is and what He has done as a group. These aren't going to be original ideas, just ideas that we need to remember as a group. Reading a passage of Scripture (a Psalm perhaps) is often useful here if you are having trouble.

### **Confession**

We are all sinful, and we need the grace of God. Confessing our guilt before God and asking for forgiveness is good for us, something prayer in the Bible does, and something we are told to do.

## **Thanksgiving**

We want to express thanks to God for what he has done for us - providing us with life, salvation, family/friends, the Holy Spirit, etc. Gratitude is something we owe our heavenly Father.

## **Requests**

This is the part we normally think of as prayer - we ask God for things. We want to ask God for good things - our Sanctification (Sanctification - the process of becoming less Evil and more like God), our provision (Christ tells us to pray for our “daily bread”), our Ministry, the spread of the Gospel, our government, and whatever else we are concerned about.

## **5. Time: 5-10 Minutes**

A long prayer is not a better prayer - more words doesn't make it more effective.

## **6. Some Biblical Prayer To Help Get You Started**

1 Sam 2:1-10

Psalms 32, 34, 51, 90, 130, 149, 150 (really, most Psalms)

Matt 6:9-14

Phil 4:4

Col 1:9-14

Heb 13:20-21

Rev 4:8-11, 11:16-18, 15:3,4