**Encouraging, Facilitating & Organizing Prayer within Organizations/Networks**

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Important to first understand your audiences, the use of communication tools, and the channels for communication.

When working on prayer within an organization [or network], there are two main aspects:

 Philosophy of prayer and

 Practical aspects

Under “philosophy” fall things such as:

 Leadership vision

 Vision/mission/purpose statement [of the organization or network]

 Historical statements or commitments to prayer

[Cultivating all 3 areas of prayer:

 Personal prayer

 Prayer “out there”

 Prayer for the organization/network]

Practical aspects are such things as:

 On what basis are you doing this (do you have delegated authority?)

 Who is doing what (where, why)

 --may do a survey or use other data collection to determine this

 --should collect some information before surveying so you know what/whom to ask

 What is needed

 --may want to survey leadership or those close to the work for this

 Understanding the gaps between what is being done and the needs

How a prayer strategist can function in an organization/network that doesn’t understand the role

 Acting as a resource person

 Having resource materials available

What happens if the orderly process of development is interrupted

 Personal case—leader looking for a solution outside the organization/network

 Getting things back on track—or—releasing it to God

Discussion Questions

1. Share about the current situation of prayer in your organization. Is prayer growing or in decline? Why do you think so?
2. Who are some key people you might survey about prayer on your team?
3. Does your organization have a historical statement on prayer, or a vision or mission statement for it? Does this need updating?
4. What are some practical things you have learned about at these FPS meetings that might strengthen prayer in your organization? Who would you need to talk to about this? List 3-4 action steps you could take in the next 2 months that might make this happen.
5. How can a prayer strategist function in an organization that doesn’t understand the role? How might you do this for your team?

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