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How To Start a Prayer Line A Step-by-Step Guide

Introduction

Thanks for downloading! This ebook will give you step-by-step instructions to starting your very own prayer line, 100% FREE.

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A conference call typically drums up the image of people in business attire sitting in a meeting in a boardroom. But did you know how useful conferencing can be in gathering a virtual community together?

Churches, synagogues, mosques and other institutions are implementing a free conference call in the form of a prayer line or study group. Participants simply dial into a preassigned number and enter a code at the prompt where they are able to tap into the community to chat or make a request.

Prayer lines are increasing in popularity as the benefits of having one are becoming greater. The ability to reach large groups and offer up to 24/7 access in real time is an incredible way to share the faith seamlessly and efficiently.

Plus, it's easy-to-use software and absolutely FREE.

CHAPTER 1

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So many people rely on their church to help them through the power of prayer and community. Through rough times, and joyous ones, connecting with someone to read a passage, make a request or share in united prayer is healing. It is this connection that fosters faith and hope, and a deeper sense of meaning.

While it may be challenging to get a large amount of people calling in to create a dynamic prayer line environment at first, just like anything in its infancy, it takes time and commitment to grow. Here are some tips to help attract participants:

- Work with what you have by telling like-minded individuals about your prayer line. Friends, family, churchgoers and bible study groups. Connect through their networks to help broaden yours.
- Promote your prayer line any way you can. Write it on the church calendar. Ask the church leaders to mention it before, after or during weekly sermons. Include it in the newsletter and discuss it at bible study and Sunday school.
- Make sure the more social and influential members are well-informed.
- Start by setting a few select dates and times where you think members will be able to easily attend. From there you can gauge the next appropriate time slots and who knows, eventually be open 24/7!
- Seek out members to add to your prayer line.
- Use social media. Post pictures, ask for prayer requests, recognize volunteers, share stories, create prayer themes – all posted on Facebook or Instagram.

Don't feel discouraged if your prayer line is initially quiet. With a little love and commitment, it will expand and become an integral part of your ministry.

CHAPTER 2

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It's true. Setting up your own prayer line account is really easy and it's FREE.

When you create an account with FreeConference.com, you will have immediate access to your own dedicated dial-in and 15+ dial-in numbers (including United States, Canada and International), an access code, and moderator pin. That's all you need to start a call!

A FreeConference account can accommodate up to 400 callers at any time from almost anywhere in the world. All you need to do is submit your email address to get started.

FREE features include:

- **Free Video Conferencing** – Meet face-to-face anywhere, no downloads required.
- **Free Screen Sharing** – Share documents in real-time for visual impact.
- **Free Online Meeting Room** – Add sight to sound for a more engaged conference call.
- **Invitations and Reminders** – Improve meeting attendance, without the extra effort.
- **Conference Call Recording** – Record. Save. Share. Never lose data again.

Additional features with a paid account include:

- **Smart Meeting Summaries** – Easily review post-call summaries for follow-up.
- **Auto Transcripts** – The perfect complement to audio recording, powered by AI.
- **Live Stream to YouTube** – More ways to view your online meeting room live with YouTube Streaming.
- **Video Recording** – Capture video/screen sharing in one click. Record. Share. Save.
- **Online Whiteboard** – Improve meeting efficiency and visually collaborate in real-time.

CHAPTER 3

Deciding On Prayer Line Topics

Keep things flowing by having topics and key points thought of ahead of time.
This chapter will explain how to brainstorm and select inspiring topics.



Deciding What's On The Agenda

The easiest way to get your prayer line up and running and gaining traction is to choose the topic or person you will pray for in advance. Have these topics written in a list of prayer points to help you to stay on track during your call. Consider sending these points to your audience in advance in your invitations.

Furthermore, having a dedicated topic (see next page) helps to create structure. By designing the meeting around one topic, everyone can chime in. Even though you may veer off course, you're still within the overarching idea.

Consider the following sample itinerary for a meaningful and organized call:

1. Hello And Introduction Of New Participants

Allow everyone to introduce themselves and say a thing or two.

2. Set The Tone With Opening Scripture

Choose a reading that embodies the topic and raises any thoughts or questions.

3. Quick Rundown Of Housekeeping/Etiquette

Go over how to ask questions, interruptions, etc., anything that affects the flow of conversation.

4. Initiate Open Or Structured Prayer

Have everyone come together in unified prayer. Think about whether you want to mute for a quiet, personal moment, or unmute for listening to the group pray together.

5. Pray For Blog Commenters And Other Sources

Address the prayers of those who commented through social media or in-person.

6. Allow Callers To Make Requests

Set aside some time for anyone calling in who needs to make a request or requires support.

7. Closing Scripture And Last Words

End with a small scripture, and any updates or news for next time.

Topics To Discuss On Your Prayer Line

Now that you have a better idea of the flow and set up of your prayer line, here are a few hot topics to help get conversation moving. Announcing the subject matter or theme ahead of time reinforces the discussion. Whether you choose to have more of a conversational approach or group meditation, or solo prayer time, everyone's focus on the same theme will ensure a productive and healing time spent together.

Here are a few ideas to inspire you:

1. Finances
2. Parenting
3. Forgiveness
4. Grace
5. Passion
6. Healing
7. Truth
8. Patience
9. Upcoming Religious Holidays

Use these concepts as guiding stars. They are meant to be broad so it is inclusive to many and all participants. They are the perfect starting point to cultivate more intricate and specific stories. And if one topic has a lot of success, then you can drill it down to be more specific next time.

For example, parenting can then become a session for new parents. Conversely, it can also become more niche to grandparents. Think about engaging ways that involve grandparents – reading scriptures about the importance of grandparents; holding a prayer session for grandparents that have passed on or who are sick or who we simply want to dedicate our thoughts and prayer to.

CHAPTER 4

Announcing Your Prayer Line

Once your prayer line is set up, informing future listeners of when and where to attend will determine your success! This chapter outlines how to do this.



Announcing Your Prayer Line

Your church is already a social place. It's where people come to connect with their faith and their community. Consider how social media operates the same way, but stands as a broader platform that can reach out further. By getting your message online within your community, you will be able to kickstart your prayer line listenership with ease. Facebook, for example, allows you to be social by sharing helpful content, like the announcement of your prayer line, recruitment postings for volunteers, video clips for promotion, etc.

Plus, it gives others a platform to comment. This is where people can ask for prayer requests, share personal stories, tag the church, share photos, and could potentially lead to dipping into Facebook advertising for greater results (that's a whole other ebook!).

But, before you jump onto social media, you will need to lock down when your services will be offered. Choosing a time and date that works for everyone will help set you up for success.

Establishing just TWO one-hour sessions per week (one in the am, and one in the pm) will give members the opportunity to join in at their convenience. In return, this will allow you to have a better idea of volume and input so you're able to expand or add in more sessions. Once you have this, you can post online and send out emails with your dial-in information.

FreeConference.com makes it easy to add all participants to your address book and send the invitation right from the online dashboard! You can also schedule recurring calls so you can hold your prayer call at the same time each day, week or month.

PRO TIP: Add your Prayer Line dial-in info to your church newsletter or website for more visitors!

CHAPTER 5

Getting Familiar With The Prayer Line Technology

Don't miss this step!

Test your prayer line and make sure you understand how it works. This chapter gives you a checklist to ensure you're all set for launch.



Getting Familiar With The Prayer Line Technology

Just before any big event, there's always a rehearsal or run-through. The same applies here. You'll want to test the audio and review your default settings. Knowing how to navigate will make for a smooth and seamless call, one member will want to be apart of in the future. FreeConference.com has settings that control entry and exit chimes, name announcements, waiting room music and three mass muting modes. Make sure that you have selected the settings that are right for your prayer line.

Here are a list of features that will ensure the logistical success of your prayer line.

- **Free Connection Test**
Test your microphone, audio, video, and internet connection with our handy Call Diagnostic Tool.
- **Moderator Controls**
Keep your conference calls clear, uninterrupted and organized.
- **Active Speaker**
Accomplish more with less interruptions when everyone knows who's talking.
- **Free Online Address Book**
Upload your contacts for the fastest, easiest conference call set up ever.
- **Live Support**
At FreeConference, we're always happy to help. Check out the FAQs. Or if you can't find what you're looking for, create a ticket or call 1-877-507-0040.

PRO TIP: Record your prayer calls so you can use the recording URL later to send to people that couldn't attend the call.

Starting a Prayer line Checklist

If you're going to set up a prayer line, make sure you go down the following checklist so you can feel confident in your decision to go forward. This will help give you a better idea of what to expect on this community-building endeavour.

- ☐ Discuss With Family And Connections To Gain Email List And Promote
- ☐ Set up FreeConference Account
- ☐ Brainstorm Topics For Discussion
- ☐ Pick Date And Time Of Call
- ☐ Establish Agenda/Itinerary Of Call

(Be sure to include important info in your sign off: number to be reached on, upcoming dates and times, shout-out for upcoming community events, social media handles, etc.)

- ☐ Make Launch Announcement Via Social Media, Newsletter, etc.
- ☐ Spend Time Getting Familiar With FreeConference Moderator Controls, Default Settings, etc.
- ☐ Set Up Rehearsal/Run Through
- ☐ Run Free Connection Test
- ☐ Have Fun!

Sign Up for a Free Account

Starting your own prayer line is a wonderful tool to strengthen the faith within your community. It's an exciting journey that requires taking a big leap but with the right tools, you'll have all the support you need for it to be a success.

With FreeConference.com's ease of use, scheduling feature, moderator controls, and large-scale capacity, your prayer line can be a hassle-free setup — and one that's sure to get the attention of your callers. Start spreading the word of God today.

FreeConference.com is a reliable member of our church committee. It allows us to meet and discuss proposed programs and upcoming events. It allows an urban group that reside in some cases 20 miles apart to collaborate on and plan in scheduled time or on a moment's notice. We are very appreciative of this valuable service. We recommend every aspect, from audio clarity to the number of participants it can accommodate. Simply put, it is a service we rely on and it has never let us down."

- Walter C. Anderson, FreeConference.com User



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