

# PRAYER TEAM

Vision/Protocols/Culture



## Why A Prayer Team?

We believe prayer is one of the most important things for this house to operate. Prayer is part of the foundation that we build everything in this house on. Scripture even tells us in places like Mark 11 that the Father's house should be called a "house of prayer". We, as the people of God, are His temple so as we develop a culture of prayer in ourselves, we build a house of prayer corporately. We currently have three areas of prayer in this house:

1. Pre-Gathering Intercession
2. Weekly Intercession Gatherings
3. Altar Call/Personal Words of Knowledge/Wisdom, Prophetic Words, Etc.

## Organic Culture

Relentless is a community of believers who love God and do life together. We are hungry for a move of God and are committed to discipling, developing, and empowering the people of God that He has sent to this house. We embrace an "organic culture" style of gift development. As an apostolic house, we expect many types of people from different backgrounds to join us. Some of these individuals may be seasoned and proved in their gifts and some may not. We never want to limit the abilities of those who operate in gifts in a mature/seasoned fashion or the ones who are starting to learn how to operate in gifts. Having this in mind; we have set up "protocols" for accountability and order in the flow of our organic culture; encouraging all to walk in this purpose. Organic culture is simply the idea of a R&D (research and development) Culture. We allow people to operate in their gifts with the understanding that sometimes it will be edified and encouraged and sometimes it will be corrected for the purpose of building up and maturing in the person operating in their gifts. We get it right, and, we get it wrong; but we want to have an organic culture of "try" so that the dullness is identified for the purpose of sharpening. To make it even more clear; there will be times you are corrected, so don't take it personal! Understand it is for your benefit and the benefit of the corporate body.

The church has lost the ability to abide in Him and produce organically. We want to walk in a culture where the family of God can produce seed year after year and be pollinated by the wind of Holy Spirit; His ways and not ours! Below you will find different prayer ministry culture and protocols so that people can operate fully in their gifts with accountability and purpose!

# PRAYER TEAM

Vision/Protocols/Culture



## General Meeting(s) Protocols

There are times where we come together for times of prayer, intercession, prophetic intercession and more. We want everything in this house to have the DNA of this house; meaning everything in this house to look like, feel like, and sound like Relentless. So, when meeting together please honor the following DNA 'codes' of the house!

- 1) Sound** – All playlists, artists, and soundtracks must be approved for meetings. Leadership can help develop approved playlists for prayer meetings so that the sound of prayer gatherings match the sound of the house. There are many different sounds for prayer and we are not saying those sounds are wrong or not powerful; they are just not the sound for this house. As we grow; the sound will grow and change; but let's grow and change together!
- 2) Time** – This is simple – we start on time and we end on time. We are a house built on honor. Please make sure we start on time and end on time so we can honor people's plans and schedules and if Holy Spirit is leading/flowing past time; at least let people know they are free to leave if it is past time of scheduled flow.
- 3) Be prepared** - Pre-service prayer is not mandatory but strongly encouraged. Please prepare yourself and take this ministry seriously! This is one of the greatest forms of power and servanthood you could possibly involve yourself in.
- 4) Include Holy Spirit** - Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you to the person to whom you should minister or guide them to come to you. This connection is very important, but remember God will give you the power to pray correctly for anyone who is genuinely wanting to receive. The answer is His and the power is His, we are just the vessel He uses!
- 5) Men should pray with men, and women with women** - A couple of opposite sexes praying as a team is ok but the best would be a husband and wife team. Exceptions would be in cases where the person responding is a relative (i.e., you are a woman and your brother responds to the salvation call). When people approach you for prayer ALWAYS do your best to have an accountability partner and especially when it is the opposite sex! Simply ask the person if they would mind if "so and so" joins with us in prayer!

# PRAYER TEAM

## Vision/Protocols/Culture



- 6) Crying/Emotional Response** - If a person is crying or responding emotionally to an appeal, do not interrupt this process unless it becomes "out of order" (extremely loud, disruptive, attention getting). Just draw alongside and begin to pray for them quietly. We are emotional beings, and God often deals with us first at the emotional level. If there is a need to get on to other ministry or it is becoming a big distraction, with great care and love, ask if we could go into the prayer room and finish praying! (take another person with you so you have accountability in the prayer room). When the emotion subsides, then you can talk with the them. It is important to follow up with ministry even when strong emotions have been evident. For example-- crying because one is sorry for sin is not enough. They must understand the plan of salvation and make the proper response of repentance after the "godly sorrow" has subsided. If there is loud manifestations please proceed with great caution. In no way do we want to limit God, but we also do not want someone to begin to control the meeting. Discernment and being quick to defer to the Pastoral oversight is important!
- 7) Serious problems** - should be referred to the pastoral staff. For example--if you Pray with someone who is suicidal, a young lady planning an abortion, or someone whose home is about to break up, such situations are examples of serious problems that should be referred to the pastoral staff.
- 8) Healing/Deliverance Prayers** – Pray for the specific condition and declare healing over it and/or walk people through deliverance prayers. Let Holy Spirit lead you to the root of the condition. For example, Sometimes someone needs prayer for a headache; pray to either pray the headache away, or let God reveal the root of why the headache exists, speak to the root, and declare healing over the “real” issue. Always follow prayer with praise; believing healing is taking place!
- 9) Salvation Prayers** – Don’t be afraid to ask people to invite Jesus in to their heart right there with you if they are requesting a prayer of salvation. Lead them by reminding them of what Jesus did for them, that it is free, walk them through the meaning of repentance, and let them know that when they declare His name they are saved and their salvation should be followed up with a lifestyle of living for God. Always let pastoral staff know of new salvations and point them toward baptism.
- 10) Personal Hygiene** - Be careful about personal hygiene. Carry a supply of breath mints or breath spray and use them as you see the minister concluding his/her message or when you know a prayer time is approaching.

# PRAYER TEAM

Vision/Protocols/Culture



## Pre-Worship Gathering Intercession

In March of 2022, we received a word from God; “A Three-Strand Cord Is Not Easily Broken”! As we prayed in this word we believe God gave us a new way to pray in to our worship gatherings every weekend.

**Ecclesiastes 4:12 (NKJV)** <sup>12</sup>Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

**Ecclesiastes 4:12 (AMP)** <sup>12</sup>And though one can overpower him who is alone, two can resist him. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

**Acts 2:42 (NLT)** <sup>42</sup>All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord’s Supper), and to prayer.

**Acts 2:42 (AMP)** <sup>42</sup>They were continually and faithfully devoting themselves to the instruction of the apostles, and to fellowship, to eating meals together and to prayers.

The Lord said that by: Teaching, Discipleship, and Prayer, this house will form a three-strand cord that the enemy cannot easily breakthrough. The three strands of this house are:

1. Apostle’s Teaching (Given By Revelation during weekend gatherings)
2. Discipleship Of Apostle’s Teaching (Midweek Discussion Groups/Gatherings)
3. Praying The Apostle’s Teaching (Pre-Gathering Intercession)

In that idea of a “three-strand cord” we have developed a “three-stranded cord” of pre-gathering intercession that is very intentional for worship gatherings in this house. We pray in to 3 areas before our worship gatherings:

1. Weekly Decrees from Apostle’s Teaching Point
2. Scriptures from Apostle’s Teaching
3. Lyrics from the Worship Set for the Gathering

In Pre-Worship Gathering Intercession we are setting the atmosphere for every heart/mind to receive what God has intended for the meeting. Decrees/Declarations are prepared with all of the 3 areas of Pre-Gathering Intercession and printed for all who come to pray in a unified posture. We encourage everyone to pray as Holy Spirit leads and to include these decrees/declarations.

# PRAYER TEAM

Vision/Protocols/Culture



## Weekly Intercession Gatherings

The Hebrew “paga” means “to fell,” or “attack,” but also “meet” or “make supplication.” The Greek was translated as “petition” and “intercession.” Our English word “intercession” is derived from the Latin for “to come between,” which means both “obstruct” and “to interpose on behalf of” someone. Christ stands between us and the Father. That’s why we pray “in Jesus’ name” because it’s by His sacrifice that we are made righteous and can approach the throne of God. A modern understanding of “intercession” can include “mediation” or “standing up to” someone. Believers are able, by the gift of salvation by grace alone, to bring the needs of other people before God through Christ.

We have weekly meetings to “stand in the gap” on behalf of the people of this house and this city in the throne room of God. We come together to pray over prayer requests, needs of the corporate House, make decrees over our region/nation, and pray for salvation over souls. We also pray in to declarations that flow down from our apostolic covering as Spirit leads us.

## Altar Calls

We know that many are well trained in prayer and ministry, however, since there is no way to know everyone who is attending our gatherings, we need accountability in what goes on to make sure people are receiving the voice, heart, and direction of the Father.

- 1) **Altar Calls** – There are times during our gatherings where we open the floor up for what we call, “Altar Calls” - this is simply a time to minister, and come in to agreement, with those seeking answers, help, healing, and more. Every gathering will have “Altar Ministry Hosts” assigned/scheduled to help maintain unity and accountability during altar calls so that no false words or wrong directions are being given. Hosts will be identified with a lanyard/badge. While we allow people to pray and minister; these Hosts lead the way and have the authority to ask people to step away or submit to the Altar Host’s request to shift the prayer in to truth and where Holy Spirit wants to go. These Altar Hosts have been appointed by our leadership team. This doesn’t mean that only Altar hosts can flow, it means they are watching, hearing, and keeping everyone accountable to truth being spoken and Holy Spirit being followed. Altar hosts lead prayer and ministry times.

# PRAYER TEAM

## Vision/Protocols/Culture



- 2) **Personal Prophetic Words** – With an organic culture; we allow people to release prophetic words in personal ministry moments; however we ask everyone be held accountable to words being given. The following protocols are how we stay accountable to words being given.
  - a. Always have a witness present – ministry should never be done alone – in our worship gatherings and any other groups or gatherings, all personal words should be given with a host or leader present.
  - b. We ask that all prophetic words are recorded or written down for accountability and for the ability to properly steward the words that are received. All of these recordings/writings will be given to the apostolic leader of the house so that we have records of all words given so that words are stewarded for the benefit of the receive and to provide clarity rather than allow an environment for confusion.
  - c. More Prophetic Ministry Protocols can be found in the next session.
- 3) **Spontaneous Worshippers Walking Up to the Altar Area** – We have seen times during the worship gathering when people will come up to the altar to simply become more free in their worship. This is NOT your opportunity for the laying on of hands, personal prayers of healing, prophetic words, or other forms of prayers. Let people worship! The protocol for ministry prayer at the altar should be a response from the leader inviting the people to the front or in the congregation who may need prayer.
- 4) **Catchers & Modesty Cloths** – In the event someone “falls out” in the spirit, meaning they are so immersed in the overwhelming presence of God they simply lay down in His presence, we have provided “modesty cloths” to cover them. We cover with “modesty cloths” to help protect their physical privacy and so to not cause others to stumble. Our “modesty cloths” are black, and folded; located behind the subwoofers in the worship center. Altar workers are to be ready to “catch” people in the event of falling as Holy Spirit moves in altar calls involving the laying on of hands or however He is manifesting.
- 5) **Prayer Points** – When praying over people through different types of altar calls it is important to remember to:
  - a. Pray in to the Solution, not the Problem!
  - b. Pray in to and Call Out Purpose and Destiny!
  - c. Don’t give more attention to chaos and darkness than the glory of God!

# PRAYER TEAM

Vision/Protocols/Culture



## Types of Altar Calls

**Salvation:** A call for those who need to repent from their sins and be born-again of the Spirit of God.

**Rededication:** call for those who have accepted Christ in times past but feel like they have walked away by their own volition or have become so laden down with sins that they don't feel like they have an active relationship with Christ!

**Commitment:** Those who would like a deeper commitment or are making a commitment aligning with the message that was given, desire a deeper walk with the Lord Jesus Christ, missionary or ministry appeals, etc.

**Baptism of Holy Spirit:** This is a desire to receive the infilling of the Holy Spirit. Individuals wanting prayer that they surrender to what they are filled with so evidence of the fruit of the spirit is evident in their life. This isn't limited to gifts like "tongues"; it is surrendering to be immersed in Holy Spirit unhindered.

**Healing:** An appeal for those who need physical, mental, or emotional healing. Healing comes in many ways!

**Deliverance:** An appeal for those needing deliverance from addictive substances, from depression, fear, anger, bitterness, other works of the flesh, demonic influences, etc.

## Prophetic Ministry Protocols

We know that many are well trained in prophecy and altar ministry, however, since there is no way to know everyone who is attending our gatherings, we need accountability in what goes on to make sure people are receiving the voice, heart, and direction of the Father.

There may be times when people hear/receive a word from God that they feel is to be given to the corporate body. The following instructions are how these words are to be communicated to the people in the group/gathering.

# PRAYER TEAM

## Vision/Protocols/Culture



- 1)** Words for individuals should never be given in front of a crowd unless permission is granted from the apostolic leaders or the elders. If you receive a personal word; refer to protocols below.
  - a.** If a personal word is given, a leader or host should get email/contact info from the person receiving so we can get them a copy of the word, whether by written word or an audio recording.
  
- 2)** All words must be approved by leaders and/or altar team hosts before being allowed to be spoken.
  - a.** If a word is given to an altar team host; please give the full word or write it down and hand it to the leader while clarifying what you feel the Lord is wanting you to do with the word. The altar team host will then bring it to leadership for further instruction.
  - b.** Leadership will determine what, how and when prophetic words will be released. Some words may not be released due to varying factors, including but not limited to timing or overall flow of the Spirit as discerned by leadership. Some words may be held pending additional understanding or revelation that brings greater clarity. This is why we want the words in writing; if they are words from God then they are to be released in time; although it may not be according to the timing you think. Trust leadership that we will steward the release of these words correctly; sometimes immediately and sometimes the release may be later.
  
- 3)** Sometimes, God may not give someone a word, rather an instruction. For instance, maybe God is telling you “someone needs healing” – simply take the word to an Altar Host or leader and we will ask Holy Spirit to guide us in what to do with that word.
  
- 4)** In times outside the worship gatherings (groups, intercession, any meeting outside a weekend gathering) if a personal prophetic word is given, we ask that it be recorded (audio or written down) for accountability and submitted to leadership and a copy given to the person receiving the word. We are not doing this for control; this is about order and alignment. If someone needs wisdom, ministry, or advice about a word, leadership shouldn't be blind-sided with no knowledge of the word given. Remember; we want to be a unified body of believers!

# PRAYER TEAM

## Vision/Protocols/Culture



We believe as we follow order and protocols that people will grow in their gifts. Sometimes, words may be given incorrectly or in a fashion deemed unsuitable by leadership. You won't be rebuked! You will simply be corrected, trained, and sharpened to help you deliver the word of God effectively the next time! We are excited to see what God does in our personal and corporate prayer and prophetic ministry times!

## Prophetic "Acts" Protocols

There are times where we invite the people of God to come together for prophetic intercession, equipping, and more. There are many schools of ministry surrounding the prophetic with different styles and applications, so we have developed some protocols of how to honor the culture of this house!

**1) Nothing Permanent** – We encourage the people of God to participate in prophetic acts as Holy Spirit leads; however we ask that nothing permanent is applied to the facilities. If

God leads you to write something; write it on a piece of paper or card that can be removed. Do not write anything on walls, chairs, desks, other furniture or structural piece of the facility.

**2) Anointing Oil** - If anointing oil is poured, it must be poured in such a way that it does not stain carpet or other cloths or walls. Anointing oils spread over doorways, windows, etc must be approved by elders or the apostolic leader of the house.

**3) Prophetic Acts**– We encourage everyone to worship God and express their passion for Him in many different ways. However, we ask that if God leads you to do it; do not force (or keep encouraging someone to do it until they give in) someone else to do the same thing. This is your personal prophetic expression and we honor everyone's expression. For example, Just because Holy spirit moved you to dance, that doesn't mean He has moved everyone to. Sometimes it will spread like fire and everyone will participate, but sometimes you'll dance while someone else sits; that's ok! Scripture speaks of agreement; if someone agrees with what you feel Holy spirit is speaking to you, let them agree; if no one is in agreement; that's ok too.

# PRAYER TEAM

Vision/Protocols/Culture



## Advice For Receiving Prophetic Words

The following are instructions provided to help you properly respond to all prophetic words you receive at any time in the life of this house

- d.** Immediately write out your prophecy, meditate on it and begin to pray it through.
- e.** Review your prophecy with your spiritual covering (apostle/pastor/elder/ mentor).
- f.** Don't make critical decisions or moves based on this word without confirmation and counsel. Prophetic words are not always immediate and are conditional based off actions. Seek counsel.
- g.** Prove every word with Biblical principles and witness of the Spirit. Remember that prophecies are almost always conditional based upon proper biblical response.
- h.** Once a word is tested by spiritual authorities in your life and confirmed by the witness of the Word, Spirit and others, begin to put the word to action in your steps and decisions and expect the Lord to lead you. He will guide you steps of preparation that lead to the fulfillment of the word in His time and in His ways.

We are excited you chose to join our prayer team and believe God is going to do great things through you!