



GACX Prayer Coordinator

Member-Led Prayer Initiative Role

Overview

Each GACX member organization is encouraged to appoint a Prayer Coordinator who provides prayer leadership within their organization and collaborates with other prayer coordinators across Global Alliance for Church Multiplication (GACX).

The Prayer Coordinator aligns with the GACX vision, values, and Statement of Faith, and actively participates in the GACX Prayer Initiative Group.

GACX Prayer Initiative Vision

The GACX Prayer Initiative Group exists to work together to:

1. Encourage and pray for one another.
2. Equip each of our mission organizations to become more prayer devoted.
3. Collaborate to accomplish the GACX vision of one church planted for every 1000 people.

Selecting a Prayer Coordinator

The most common mistake made by leaders/pastors when selecting a prayer leader is choosing a member of the organization with the greatest gifting and desire to pray. This may not always be the best person for the job. Unless the prayer leader also has administrative gifts and the ability to mobilize others to pray, the ministry may never get off the ground.

Characteristics of a Successful Prayer Coordinator to Consider

- A strong personal prayer life, as well as gifts to lead, organize, and mobilize.
- Commitment to the organization's leadership, vision and purpose.
- Proven spiritual maturity, a good reputation in the organization, and the confidence of the leadership.
- Ability (or willingness to learn) to lead small-group and corporate prayer.
- The desire and ability to develop and work with a prayer team.
- Availability to administrate or coordinate a monthly day of prayer and attend key prayer events in the organization.
- A teachable spirit, with the time and desire to become further trained in this ministry.

Relationship between Leader and Prayer Coordinators

The success of any prayer ministry is dependent upon the positive working relationship between the organizational leadership and the Prayer Coordinator. It is imperative that leaders and prayer leaders show mutual respect. To do this, communication lines need to be kept open, honest and expectations clearly defined.

Practical Tips for Organization Leaders

- Leaders model to the prayer coordinator a strong personal and corporate prayer life.
- Give the prayer coordinator the same level of respect as you do the other leaders in your organization.
- Publicly affirm and recognize your prayer coordinator and his/her role in the organization. This signals that prayer is a core value to the organization, brings focus and intention to the prayer ministry, and provides a way to recruit intercessors.
- Develop a job description and clarify to whom the prayer leader will report.
- Encourage and assist your prayer leader in building:
 - a prayer team,
 - monthly day of prayer,
 - establishing a budget (Prayer ministry takes manpower, planning, and money, just like any other ministry).
- Set regular appointments with your prayer leader to pray with him/her and discuss progress of the ministry together.
- Draw your prayer leader into the leadership circle of the organization so prayer becomes a part of the fabric and lifestyle of the organization.

Practical Tips for Prayer Coordinators

- Pray daily for the organization's leader(s) and their families.
- Make mobilizing prayer for the leadership a top priority.
- Always speak highly of leaders, other ministry leaders, and their families. Do not entertain gossip.
- Allow leaders to lead the process, impart vision, and set the pace for prayer mobilization.
- Develop a prayer guide that complements the vision and mission of the leader and direction of the organization.
- Keep your leader informed about what you are doing through meetings, memos, emails, etc. Be sure to seek advice before asking anyone to serve in a visible leadership role.
- Be patient with the process of becoming a praying organization. Developing a comprehensive prayer strategy can take time. Don't give up!