

5. Ask the Lord to speak to each person present in the prayer meeting and then read 2Chronicles 7:14 *“if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land..”*
 - a. Leave a pause then invite someone else to read the verse again.
 - b. Ask people what they understand by this verse.
 - c. Invite someone else to read the verse again
 - d. Ask people to share anything that God might be saying to the church through this verse.
 - e. Invite someone else to read the verse again.
 - f. Pray asking the Lord to help you humble yourselves and pray, seek his face and turn away from sinful lives.
 - g. Move into praying together for the issues that need prayer.

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Opening Worship Ideas

The following are worship ideas to begin a church prayer meeting.

Choose one or more of these ideas which might be helpful in your setting.

1. Lay out a bowl of fruit in the centre of the prayer group and give each person present a card with a fruit of the spirit written on it.
 - a. Read out Galatians 5:22-23 *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.”*
 - b. Explain that Jesus perfectly exhibited the fruit of the Spirit in His life. Encourage people to worship Him using the word that they have been given eg: “We praise you Jesus for you are perfect **love**,” “We worship you Lord for you are full of **joy**,” “We bless you Jesus for you are **faithful**” and so on. If this is too hard, people could simply say, “Jesus, You are love,” “Jesus you are joy” etc
 - c. Encourage people to ask Jesus to grow that fruit of the Spirit within the life of the church family eg: “Lord please fill us with your Holy Spirit and grow the fruit of **love/joy/peace**.....in this church family.”

2. Encourage people to share the Peace with each other and in a group where people don't know each other well, ask people to share their names at the same time!
 - a. Invite people to go and stand with two other people and briefly share one thing that they would like to give thanks for.
 - b. Once people have shared, encourage them to pray very simple prayers of thanks together.
 - c. Then invite people in their small groups to simply lay hands on one another and invite the Holy Spirit to come and fill them afresh with God's love.
 - d. After a few minutes move into praying for the different issues that need prayer.
3. Project a worship song from YouTube with good visuals, encouraging people to draw close to the Lord as they watch and listen eg: Chris Tomlin's “Love ran red.”
 - a. Alternatively you could use some instrumental reflective music eg: Ruth Fazal's “Songs from the River” Volumes I-V to help people begin to engage with the Lord.
 - b. At the end of the music leave some silence and encourage people to listen to what the Lord might want to say to them.
4. Invite a couple of people attending the prayer meeting to share simple testimony of how the Lord has answered their prayers. (Brief them before the prayer meeting)
 - a. You may also want to share answers to prayer from the previous prayer meeting.
 - b. Follow the testimonies with a couple of songs of praise and thanksgiving before turning to pray together.