



# TIMBERLAKE CHURCH

## THE HOW-TO'S OF GROUP CONVERSATIONAL PRAYER

You should end every group time with group prayer. We use conversational prayer or “sentence prayer” which allows each member of the group to join in without feeling too intimidated.

Just as in private prayer, conversational prayer should begin with a time of thanks to God, usually done by the leader of the group. Use short sentences: “Thank you Lord, for...” Two or three in the group may want to mention some things they are grateful for. Use simple, conversational tones, be direct, brief, and to the point.

Allow group members the opportunity to pray about something the discussion time challenged them on, or that a bible reading encouraged them to do.

Pray for one another in the group. Take time to pray specifically for any prayer requests. If someone in the group is going through something and needs to be lifted up in prayer, pray for them. Pray short and simple, ask the Lord to strengthen that person, and give him/her wisdom in his decision or situation, or to comfort them.

Prayer time is not a “round the circle” prayer, but spontaneous. No one will be “called on” to pray. But really encourage each group member to do so!

Allow for a little silence. Give other members of your group time to gather their thoughts on the prayer requests

### GOALS OF CONVERSATIONAL PRAYER:

- That every person will learn to take part in ‘public’ prayer. It is a great bonding time for the group and also a spiritual development step.
- That everyone present will have the opportunity to be prayed for.
- That we learn the meaning of “love one another” as we learn to care through prayer for one another.