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Greetings Weekend Prayer Team Seeker!

Thank you for your interest in our prayer team outreach! Our goal is for people to feel encouraged and cared for when they visit, and that the Lord will be glorified. We must be sure our prayer team is ready and prepared to show Christ's love to all who walk through the door seeking prayer. Melissa, a prayer team volunteer, recently shared the following:

"Serving on the prayer team at Berean has given me a greater sense of belonging and responsibility to the body of Christ. In addition to receiving the blessings inherent to corporate worship, I have the privilege of being a vessel through which the Lord blesses others. This ministry has helped me to become more aware of my utter dependence on the Lord, and it has taught me to trust Him, as He's never failed to give grace in the moment. As a beneficiary of the prayer ministry at Berean, I have experienced the tangible love of Christ when I was hurting. And as a prayer servant and witness of answered prayers, I continue to be humbled and grow in my love for the Lord and others. It has truly been an honor to be called into this ministry."

Please note some of the procedures we follow which will enable you to provide the highest level of care to each of our visitors:

Prayer Team Volunteer Responsibilities

- 1) Show up! This is MOST important – we depend on you to be there if you have accepted a certain date/time. Complete the response cards, if needed (you will be shown where they are located). Response cards are then placed in the prayer box located in Berean Care & Prayer area.
- 2) No prior prayer ministry experience required.
- 3) Always wear name tag located in Volunteer Room.
- 4) Prepare your heart before serving. Remain in prayer area, or in worship center/sanctuary, no less than 15 minutes right after the service. (It may take this long for people to get to the room or to build the courage to come.)
- 5) Listen first, ask open-ended questions like "How can I pray for you?" Please note: you are there to listen, empathize, and pray – not counsel. Ask prayer seeker for permission if you feel led to hold their hand, touch shoulder. If praying with opposite sex refrain from touch unless there is another prayer volunteer in same vicinity.
- 6) Response Card: all information shared is confidential. If one wants to be on the prayer list (prayer bulletin) or has checked off other boxes on the card, follow requests.

- 7) Be aware of any additional resources Berean may have to provide further support, i.e., Berean Care business cards or cards with emergency numbers indicated. Familiarize yourself with the handouts and pamphlets available.
- 8) When possible, look in the prayer room or worship center on Saturdays or Sundays when you are not scheduled, just to be sure someone is there. We want to serve those in need!
- 9) For prayer seekers who need counseling skills/pastoral care, complete response card & follow through with Pastor Dan Feldkamp at Lakeville Campus, danf@bereanbaptist.com or Director of Berean Care, Pastor Brent Birdsall at Burnsville Campus, brentb@bereanbaptist.com.
- 10) Mandatory attendance at Spring and Fall training sessions.

If you desire to talk further about being a part of this ministry please contact Lori Utecht, Burnsville Campus, loriu@bereanbaptist.com, Pete VanDussen, pete.vandussen@gmail.com for Lakeville's Campus, or Noah Mooney, noahm@bereanbaptist.com for Inver Grove Heights Campus. Your campus weekend prayer team coordinator will gladly contact you to schedule a time to meet along with your campus pastor. The meeting would be a casual time to hear about your faith story and get to know you better!

Again, thank you for pursuing this tremendous opportunity to share God's unconditional love by praying alongside of those reaching out for support!

"Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people." (Ephesians 6:17-18)