



INVENTORY 1: BEHAVIOR-BASED INVENTORY OF PASTORAL AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER (to be completed by pastor)

Personal Inventory

(to be completed by the pastor regarding his personal prayer life)

I have recently done the following as it relates to my personal prayer life (check all that apply).

- Spent daily time with God in prayer
- Experienced meaningful personal prayer times
- Prayed for the salvation of lost persons by name
- Thanked God for a specific blessing in my life and family
- Prayed for my church staff and church leaders
- Prayed for the Sunday services at our church
- Prayed in my heart as others led in congregational prayer in my church
- Recorded (in a notebook or journal) the things I need to pray for regularly
- Prayed for more than a half-hour
- Prayed reflecting on a Bible passage I had just read
- Spent time listening to God as a part of my prayer time
- Spent time meditating on the meaning of a Scripture passage asking God to clarify the meaning and application needed

Congregational Inventory

(to be completed by the pastor regarding congregational prayer)

Our congregation has recently provided the following as it relates to congregational prayer (check all that apply).

- _____ Personal prayer opportunities with other believers
- _____ A congregational prayer time of more than 30 minutes in duration
- _____ Meaningful congregational prayer time in worship services
- _____ Encouragement to come forward to seek prayer at the close of a service
- _____ Prayer times devoted to praying for lost people
- _____ Intentional prayer times for gospel impact in our community, state, county, and world
- _____ Prayer times devoted to an unreached people group
- _____ Prayer times devoted to specific ministries in our church
- _____ Prayer for additional leaders and laborers to be raised up
- _____ Prayer for students by name
- _____ Prayer for children and students attending our church to be saved



INVENTORY 2: HAVING A BALANCED APPROACH TO CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

This inventory serves as a checklist to determine: “How balanced is our congregational prayer ministry?”

Recently our church has prayed for the following in a congregational prayer time (check all that apply).

- For a fresh vision of God
- For brokenness and humility before God
- For broken and strained relationships to be restored through forgiveness
- For lost people to be saved
- For boldness to engage in spiritual conversations and sharing the gospel
- For cleansing of personal and congregational sins
- For the congregation to fulfill the Great Commission and make disciples
- For our pastor, staff, and leaders
- For local, state, and national government leaders
- Prayed through Scripture passages that relate to congregational health and vitality
- For receptivity and understanding of what the Holy Spirit is saying to our church
- For physical and spiritual healing for persons in the church and community
- For a fresh vision from God and His preferred future for the congregation
- For the ministries of the church to be effective in helping the church fulfill its God-given mission
- For the upcoming Sunday services
- For the gospel to be proclaimed to the ends of the earth through SBC missionaries and mission work
- For other Bible-believing churches and gospel-focused ministries in the community



INVENTORY 3: EVALUATING THE HEALTH OF MEMBERS PERSONAL PRAYER LIVES

This inventory could be administered to members of the congregation on a Sunday morning (during a Sunday school hour or as a take-home assignment to be returned to the church the next Sunday).

How often do you engage in personal prayer?

- Once a day
- Three to five times a week
- Once a week
- I pray but not constantly
- More than once a day

When I have a personal prayer time, I ...

- pray first thing in the morning
- do so as a part of my devotional time
- pray in the evening
- keep a prayer journal
- meditate on Scripture

When I pray, I usually spend

- 5-10 minutes
- 10-15 minutes
- 15-25 minutes
- more than 30 minutes

During my normal time in personal prayer

- I do all the talking
- I spend most of the time talking

- _____ I listen and talk equally
- _____ I listen more than I talk

I have a prayer partner that I meet with

- _____ once a week
- _____ more than once a week
- _____ once every couple of weeks
- _____ as we find time

The church where I am a member provides _____ resources for personal prayer (fill in the blank with the word or phrase that best describes your church)

- _____ weekly
- _____ monthly
- _____ seasonal
- _____ no
- _____ very few
- _____ too many

Our church encourages congregational prayer

- _____ through a weekly service
- _____ through small groups
- _____ through development of prayer partners

Our church has ... (complete the sentence with the statement that best describes your church)

- _____ helped me in my prayer life over the past year
- _____ given me confidence in my prayer life over the past year
- _____ not contributed to my growth in prayer over the past year

My church has a _____ prayer ministry (fill in the blank with the word or phrase that best describes your church)

- _____ strong
- _____ weak
- _____ non-existent
- _____ exciting



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<http://www.kybaptist.org/prayer>