# First Time In Our Prayer Room?

At the house of prayer we use a three-stage model of prayer called, "Harp & Bowl prayer" (Revelation 5:8). Here's a guide to help you keep your heart and mind engaged as we pray together.

### Stage 1 - Corporate Worship (About 10 Minutes):

We begin each cycle of prayer with a time of corporate worship involving music and singing. Feel free to worship however you feel comfortable.

### Stage 2 - Spontaneous Singing (About 5 Minutes):

The worship leader will invite the room to lift their own song to God. During this time all the singers will spontaneously sing all at once to God. We encourage you to lift your own song. You can open your Bible and sing themes and ideas around your favorite scriptures. We also encourage and invite everyone in the room to sing and pray in their prayer language during this period of time (*We're singing to God not man so no interpretation is necessary*).

## Stage 3 - Intercessory Prayer Through Antiphonal (Responsive) Singing (About 15 Minutes):

The prayer leader will come up to the microphone and lead the room in a prayer for a specific topic using an apostolic prayer to guide his/her prayer and make it easy for the whole room to engage.

- You can find a list of the apostolic prayers attached to this page, out in the foyer, or a digital copy on the bottom our website pihopco.com. As the prayer leader is praying we encourage you to lift your voice and; repeat phrases the prayer leader is praying, say "Amen" or "Yes God", or agree in prayer however you feel comfortable.
- After the prayer leaders finishes his/her prayer the worship team will begin to take turns singing short prayerful phrases that further develop the topic and scripture. We call this antiphonal (responsive) singing.
  - During this time we encourage you to continue to lift your voice with prayers of agreement. You can also continue with phrases like; "Amen", "Yes God", "Do It In Jesus Name". You can also begin to sing your prayers to God just like the worship team is doing. <u>Use the Apostolic prayer that the prayer leader used as a guide as you sing prayers of agreement to God</u>.
- After about two minutes of antiphonal singing one of the singers will come up a chorus to summarize what we've been praying and singing about for the past few minutes. We highly encourage you to sing this chorus with the team and also to keep lifting your voice in prayers of agreement.

# A Prayer Rumble (About 15-30 Minutes)

After a few rounds of praying through a particular apostolic prayer the prayer leader will then open the microphone for anyone in the room to come up to the microphone and pray for a topic on their heart. When you come up we encourage you to use an apostolic prayer or another scripture to guide your prayer.

## Group Prayer (About 5-15 Minutes)

After everyone in the room who wants to pray on the microphone has prayed during the rumble we will then move into a time of group prayer if we have time left, and we'll pray over each others specific needs.

- The primary goal of having a corporate prayer meeting is to <u>facilitate unity in the place of prayer</u>. We highly encourage everyone in the room to engage with the worship songs and the prayer topics instead of doing their own personal prayer time.
- We aim to keep the scriptures as the foundation for our prayer meetings. Rather then just "praying from the heart" we encourage using the scriptures to guide our prayers so that everyone in the room can easily follow along and pray in agreement.

# **Prayer Room Etiquette**

"All things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful; all things are lawful for me, but not all things edify. Let no one seek his own, but each one the other's well-being" (1 Corinthians 10:23-24)

The Pueblo Incense House of Prayer hosts believers from all across the city of Pueblo that attend different churches, each displaying a unique facet of God's beauty. Our calling to serve the body of Christ in our city inevitably creates circumstances in which personal and corporate behaviors collide in the prayer room.

For the good of others, we govern the prayer room under the principle of love. We are intentionally sensitive so that we can, in love, enjoy the prayer room and pray in unity. Our Christian freedom is exercised with restraint so that the good of others may prevail. As you look over the etiquette and protocol guidelines, please view them with the understanding that we want everyone to enjoy the Lord in His house of prayer.

"Even those I will bring to My holy mountain, And make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be acceptable on My altar; For My house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples." (Isaiah 56:7)

#### **Guidelines**

- We ask that you take all personal conversations outside of the prayer room.
- Personal vocal volume should be commensurate with, or not exceed, the platform volume. If you pray on the microphone, please do not shout your prayer.
- Please do not use your cell phone in the prayer room. If it is important that you receive your calls, place your phone on vibrate and take the call outside of the prayer room.
- Do not use any musical instruments unless the worship team has invited you to.
- Small food and drinks are permitted in the prayer room. Coffee and tea are provided for your convenience.
- Flags and dancing are also permitted in the prayer room.

#### Parents & Children

- Parents, please keep your children with you at all times in the prayer room.
- We ask you maintain your children's volume level to a point that does not exceed the platform volume.
- Children are not allowed to be in the Churches classrooms without the approval of the local church.
- Children should remain seated or contained the row of chairs you are sitting in.

