

## **LEADERSHIP LESSON # 60: USING PRAYER IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS**

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2. Use a **prayer journal** for **every member** of the class. Each member keeps a journal of prayer requests and answers for themselves. This journal can be one made by the class or fashioned by each individual class member.
3. Another prayer activity is to write prayer requests on a **poster board** or large sheet of paper. Across the top of the poster write: **Request – Date Asked – Date Answered**. In recording information avoid the use of personal names. Instead use “Fred’s friend,” or “Jane’s sister”. At the end of the month the class will rejoice at God’s faithfulness to hear and answer prayer.
4. Use **prayer request cards** that each person fills out each Sunday morning as they enter the class. These cards are collected by the class prayer leader and collated onto one sheet, duplicated and given too each person at the end of the class session.
5. Many classes use a **class prayer chain** that is operated by **phone** or on the **internet**. The class prayer leader receives the requests and shares them with Care Group Leaders who in turn share the requests with members of the individual care groups.
6. **Prayer partners** is a method class members may use to pry outside the regular prayer time in class. Two or more people or couples may agree to pray about common needs sharing their thoughts, joys, sorrows, frustrations, failures and concern for others.
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  - a. Use a **personal prayer list**
  - b. Suggest **prayer lists** at church
  - c. Pray during **evangelistic invitations**

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