PRAYER CONCERT

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This prayer concert is based on the Lord's Prayer. It is a creative way to pray, involving everyone in the room. It is suggested that you use power point if you have it available – put all songs and prayer points etc on the screen so everyone can see it.

Introduce each segment of the Lord's Prayer as you progress through the prayer time – have the segments written on the screen

The idea of this prayer concert is based on a musical concert – using various groups such as duets, trios etc to vary the prayer exercise.

The leader needs to be the 'Conductor' of the "orchestra" and give clear instructions. Usually a segment concludes when people hear a CD begin to play softly in the background and they return to their seats. It is suggested that you place the chairs in a circle and have a large Cross visible and handy so you can place the cardboard 'hearts' on it as indicated below.

Introduction

Introduce the *Prayer Concert* by expressing our need to pray.

- Have the verse from 2 Chronicles 7:14 on screen.
- Make brief comments about the verse.
- Then explain how the prayer concert works (see above)

Our Father who art in heaven

Song

Father we love You

Prayer

What image comes to your mind when you hear the word father? Meditate on that image as you listen to the music.

Song

Play music of *He knows my name* (*I have a maker*)

After time of silent prayer - sing this song

Hallowed be your name

Write the names of God on the screen and leave them there for people to focus on whilst praying in this segment.

Jehovah Jireh – my Provider Jehovah Rapha – God who heals Jehovah – Rohi – God who is present El-Roi – God who sees El-Elyon – Most high God El-Shaddai – Go Almighty El-Olam – Everlasting God Adonai – Lord

Song

Jesus, what a beautiful name

TRIOS: (group of 3)

Express prayers of thanks to God based on the meaning of His name.

Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven

QUARTET: (group of 4)

Have a supply of cut-out hearts on red cardboard and ask people to write the Christian name of unsaved or a prodigal on it.

Then pray in groups of four for the unsaved or prodigals

After a time of prayer – The Leader staples the hearts together at the side and forms a large circle of hearts. This is then draped over a large cross

As the leader does this, have some appropriate music playing in the background

Give us today our daily bread

DUET: (group of 2)

Thank God for His provision and blessings

Share a need or a blessing with someone

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us

Read Psalm 51:1 – 12 from a modern translation – could be put on PowerPoint.

SOLO: (Individual)

A time of confession

Play some relevant music in the background as people offer prayers of confession in silence. If you had a large cross they may want to stand in front of it or kneel as they pray.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil

Ephesians 6:10-18 (The Message)

Put these verses on PowerPoint and have everyone read them aloud.

Leader to speak briefly about the need to be fully prepared and ready to face the enemy.

ORCHESTRA: (The whole group)

Ask everyone to form a circle and face outwards and all pray together against the enemy, claiming victory in Jesus

Song

The name of the Lord is a strong tower

For Thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory

Final segment is one of praise to God – acknowledging His power, sovereignty, wisdom and might

Song

This Kingdom

QUARTET: Prayers of praise

Amen

Concluding Song

The Millennium Prayer (The Lord's Prayer) as sung by Cliff Richard.