

3. Newsletters

We will produce "Prayer Impact Newsletters" which will be distributed by members of each group to the homes they are praying for.

4. Local Press

We will place advertisements in local papers informing people of the Prayer Impact initiative.

All members of Prayer Impact groups will be invited to contribute to these publicity activities.

Keep In Touch

The group's Prayer Impact Co-ordinator should keep in touch with their church's Prayer Impact Co-ordinator to pass on any concerns, particularly if they (and/or the group) feel that they are getting out of their depth with any situation. It is important to keep in mind that you are not working alone – the Lord God and all the Christians in Petersfield are behind you! Prayer Impact organisers will keep in touch with each group.

What happens if unusual or awkward prayer requests are made?

The guiding principle is to **connect** rather than **correct**. For example groups may be asked to pray for unmarried partners, pets or football teams: focus on the positive aspect of them requesting prayer. Ask God for developing relationships and subsequent opportunities to discuss these issues. In other words foster a growing sense of the normality of praying about everything.

Where members of Prayer Impact groups feel "out of their depth" they should immediately contact their church leader(s) for help and support.

Is Prayer Impact a Counselling Service?

No! Prayer Impact groups are not counselling groups and members should not invite unknown neighbours into their homes.

People with obvious pastoral needs, spiritual enquiries etc should be referred to appropriate groups or individuals in the church.

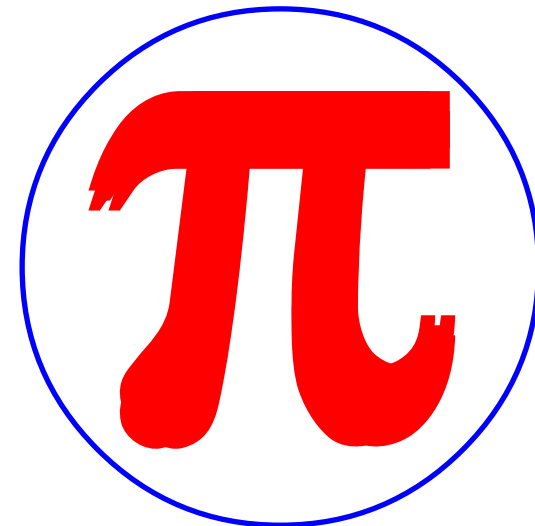
What about confidentiality?

It is important to stress that confidentiality will be respected - Prayer Impact is not in the business of spreading people's details around.

Prayer Impact



Guidelines for Street Co-ordinators



Introduction

These guidelines are just what they say they are: guidelines. It is up to you and your group to operate as often and for as long and you find it comfortable to do so. We suggest at least 30 minutes once a month – you can decide among yourselves. The main purpose of Prayer Impact is to pray for your street, so this should be your main concern.

The First Meeting

If you don't already have a co-ordinator then choose one: someone who will keep in touch with your church's church co-ordinator and church leader. Agree where and when to meet next.

You may know most or all of the people in your group so you may have little or no trouble working as a group. If, however, there are several people who do not know each other then the following method has proved useful in getting people to know each other with the minimum of embarrassment:

Form pairs (one group of three if you have an odd number!), preferably pairing people who do not know each other. In turn each member of the pair asks the other member a few questions about themselves, for example:

- Which church do you attend?
- Tell me about your family
- What job do you do?
- Where do you work?
- What hopes do you have for Prayer Impact for (a) yourself (b) your street?
- Do you know any individuals and/or families who have a special need for prayer?

Take notes! Swap roles then - in turn - each member of the pair introduces the other, with prompts and further detail as appropriate.

Subsequent Meetings

Bring any known needs to the group – do not give any more details than strictly necessary and remember that anything discussed in the group is confidential. Then pray!

Which homes should you pray for?

The homes in your street or, if it is a long street, a section of your street. Keep a record of the house numbers so that the homes you pray for are the same as the homes you deliver leaflets to. And remember that other groups may be praying for homes in *adjacent* streets - we don't want two groups delivering leaflets to the same home!

Pray for:

- The Holy Spirit to guide the group
- The strengthening of marriage relationships
- Salvation for everyone in your street
- Blessings upon each person in your street
- Individuals and families in need, physical and spiritual
- The strengthening of family relationships
- Other relationships
- People moving (and out of) into the street

You will no doubt find more topics, but keep in mind that it is the people in your street that you are praying for - don't include a wider group. Pray in general terms for the people in your street and in particular for those whose problems and concerns you are aware of.

Publicity

1. House to House

After your first meeting deliver a leaflet explaining the purpose of Prayer Impact to each of the homes you are praying for. Don't deliver to homes you are not praying for and remember that other groups may be praying for homes in adjacent streets.

When you receive prayer requests pray as appropriate and keep the request forms - if you receive some feed-back make a note on the back of the form, we hope to use experiences of answered prayer in future publicity - but without mentioning any names or locations. Don't forget the importance of confidentiality.

2. The Web Site

We have created a web site (www.prayer-impact.org.uk) which will display information about Prayer Impact and invite more Christians to join in with Prayer. The web site may grow as people see a need for more information and help.