

- c. Ask the Lord to show new ways of sharing expertise that will save other Christians time and release more energy for mission.

# Praying Together Resources

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Ideas for praying  
together around the  
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“Sharing Expertise”

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The following are ideas to help a church prayer meeting pray around the theme of "Sharing Expertise."

1. If you have a church administrator(s) invite them to the prayer meeting. You could also ask the PCC secretary.
  - a. Ask the administrator to share with the prayer group what their role is, sharing some of its joys and challenges.
  - b. Invite them to share issues for prayer then gather around them to pray. Thank the Lord for them and pray for the issues that they have shared.
  - c. Ask the Lord to continue to equip them as they serve Him.
  - d. Pray that the Lord will show them ways to streamline the work so that time is released for mission.
  - e. Pray for good relationships between them and the rest of the church staff team.
2. Set up some large sheets of paper around the room where you are praying and put on some quiet meditative music. Invite people to prayerfully walk around the room, writing up their thoughts on the papers.
  - a. At the top of sheet 1 write: "How do we waste time as a church?"
  - b. At the top of sheet 2 write: "What distracts us from the work of the Kingdom of God?"
  - c. At the top of sheet 3 write: "What can we let go of as a church that will release energy for mission?"
  - d. At the top of sheet 4 write: "What unnecessary burdens are we placing upon our leaders?"
  - e. Finish the meeting by praying over the responses.

3. Pray for the diocesan administration team. You may find it helpful to print off photographs from the diocesan website.
  - a. Thank the Lord for each person and for the gift of administration that God has given them.
  - b. Pray that the Lord would equip them to simplify and streamline diocesan processes, using their expertise to release burdens from those in church leadership.
  - c. Ask the Lord to give them the skills and vision that they need to support the work in the Parishes.
4. Slowly read through 1Corinthians 12:4-11 and Romans 12:6-8
  - a. Thank the Lord for the gifts that He has given to the church.
  - b. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to people what their gifts are. (You may like to do this in pairs).
  - c. Invite people to surrender their gifts to the Lord for the building up of the body of Christ.
5. Produce a bag of sweets and share them around the prayer group. Explain to the group that amongst them there is a wealth of expertise in terms of gifts and experience that needs to be shared with others! Jesus said: "*seek first his kingdom and his righteousness.....*" (Matthew 6:33). Within the church (nationwide) much time can be wasted when people have to keep on "re-inventing the wheel"
  - a. Pray for opportunities to share expertise within your church.
  - b. Pray for opportunities to share expertise with, and learn from, other churches.