

# Prayer-Room Do's and Don'ts

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Because the prayer room is a corporate space it is important that we define what we might call a *prayer-room etiquette*. There is a vast difference between order and control. Sometimes establishing an order in a corporate gathering can be misunderstood as a seeking to control. But the New Testament teaches us that we have the responsibility to order and operate within certain boundaries related to the movements of the Spirit. When we engage with God as a corporate people our personal expressions are either to be released or withheld based on whether or not they are profitable to those gathered. In our prayer room we have established a short list of do's and don'ts to that end. Our guidelines are not intended to quench what God is doing, rather they are there so that we can all receive from Him and respond together.

-When you enter the prayer room please be sensitive to the fact that many are in prayer before the Lord. Please turn your phone and devices to silent mode and please take all conversations into another room.

-We ask that you would refrain from using instruments, including shofars, during the meeting unless you are part of the worship team that is leading.

-We ask that you would seek out one of our leaders in the prayer room before using flags or engaging in prophetic dance. We recognize that there are multiple expressions in our worship which please the Lord -but we want to ensure that basic safety standards are in place such as keeping entry's and exits clear.

-While the clapping of hands and shouts of praise are both Biblical ways to celebrate and release what God is doing in a prayer room these can also easily become a distraction. A good rule to remember is that if the vast majority of the room is engaged in clapping our loud praise than it is ok.

-Our prayer room has leaders in the room to help give stability and oversight to various components of the meeting. We will typically have a prayer leader, a worship leader, and a section leader who will help to oversee the room. If you have a question, suggestion or concern please see either our prayer or section leader.

-We would ask you to refrain from the using the kitchen, storage, offices and any other occupied room without permission.

-We would ask that you would not impede the view of our cameras in the room which provide a live-stream access to the meetings.

-We would ask that you would not pace or express your worship directly in front of the worship team and stage area.

- If you would like to share a prophetic word or word of encouragement for the prayer room please write it down and give it to either our prayer or section leader. Typically, we will not pause the meeting to read or share a prophetic word from the microphone but we will make sure to read it and ask the Lord for His insight and wisdom concerning its interpretation and application. We hope to be able to catalog words of hope, direction and encouragement for the prayer room.

-Lastly, if you are interested in getting involved in the prayer room at a deeper level, we will be developing volunteer position as well as providing practical training for our intercessors. Let one of our leaders know that you're interested, and we'll be sure to take down your email address and stay connected with you.

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