

*“Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.”*
-Isaiah 43:19

a new year's Evening of Prayer

a take-home prayer guide

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The New Year's Evening of Prayer

Grace Community Church (Grace Mills River- GMR) began a tradition of setting aside some specific time for prayer on New Year's Eve in 1995 with the Youth Ministry. The first event was called "New Year's Eve Prayer Walk" and took place in the rented upstairs space at the corner of Banner Farm Road and School House Road in Mills River NC before 495 Cardinal Road became our permanent home. The idea came from a labyrinth which was laid out in a large ball room at the Gospel Music Conference in Nashville Tennessee.

Simple "stations" were created by the Youth Group and parents so people could walk from one station to another quietly and at their own pace. Each station was designed to be interactive and incorporated a great deal of creativity. A specific Scripture or Bible story was featured and invited people to some reflection and responsive action. Participants could sit on the floor on throw pillows that everyone brought from home to quietly pray.

The Prayer Walk was so well received that it became a beloved tradition. Over the years, stations were added, rearranged and set aside for another year. Some years became quite elaborate as teams of youth and parents were assigned to design and host each station. Other years, the design and number of stations were few and simple. Originally the Prayer Walk was an all-night affair but was eventually shortened to end just after midnight so people could still "pray in" the New Year. Only a handful of New Year's Eves were skipped due to some logistical, scheduling and weather-related challenges, however we have hosted 18 prayer walks so far, which we now call, "Evenings of Prayer."

This year, our 19th annual event falls on a Sunday so we're offering a prayer guide for you to use on your own or with others. We encourage you to invite others to join you as you pray in the New Year.

Preparing for your "Evening of Prayer"

All preparations should be completed at least a few hours (or more) before you plan to begin your time of prayer so that you can begin your prayer time in a non-hurried way. Everything you need to know about setting up you own Evening of Prayer is included at the end of this guide.

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Contemplative Prayer

To contemplate means “to view or consider with continued attention” or “to meditate.” Contemplation is “a state of awareness of God’s being.” Our culture values meditation as a “centering” or “relaxation” technique, however biblical meditation is always about centering our attention and worship on God within the context of facing the reality of this world and being honest about our own lives. It is from this perspective that we are enabled to confess our sin, remember the Gospel and humbly communicate with our God and Savior Jesus the Messiah.

Scripture informs us that meditation has been used by people like Isaac, King David, Joshua and even Paul. (Genesis 24:63, Psalm 19:14, 104:34, Joshua 1 and Colossians 2:2-3). Biblical meditation is not about “emptying ourselves” or “turning our attention inward” or even about breathing and being comfortable. Biblical meditation is instead about taking time to accurately reflect on the struggles, consequences and situations you are facing; relationally, financially, spiritually, physically, etc. What are your fears? What are your hopes? What relationships need repair? What relationship losses are you grieving?

STATION 1 – “Preparation Station” - Quiet Your Heart

[It would probably be a good idea to go ahead and silence or turn off your mobile phone and other electronic devices that could interrupt or distract you.]

We are glad you have set aside some time on New Year’s Eve for prayer and worship. It is good to begin your time right where you are by reflecting on 2017 tracing YHWH’s Goodness and Sovereignty through the various circumstances of your life. Begin by prayerfully reflecting on the following verses:

“The Lord is far from the wicked, but he hears the prayer of the righteous.”

Proverbs 15:29

“Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.

The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.”

James 5:16

“For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer.”

1 Peter 3:12

“He [YHWH] will surely be gracious to you at the sound of your cry.

As soon as he hears it, he answers you”.

Isaiah 30:19b

“This is what the Lord says: “Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls. But you said, ‘We will not walk in it.’”

Jeremiah 6:16 (NIV)

“This is what the Sovereign Lord, the Holy One of Israel, says:

“In repentance and rest is your salvation,

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*in quietness and trust is your strength,
but you would have none of it.”
Isaiah 30:15 (NIV)*

*“And he [Jesus] said to them,
“Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while.”
For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat.”
Mark 6.31*

As you begin your time in prayer take some unhurried time to sort through your thoughts and feelings on paper. Write as much or as little as you like. You can use the following questions to get you thinking. Of course, you may have different thoughts to add or you may want to skip a few.

- How are you feeling right now? What is on your mind?
- What successes have you achieved? How have those impacted your attitude?
- What gifts have been beneficial? Why?
- What is pressing in on you?
- Reflecting on this past year, what hurdles, struggles, conflicts, fears have you faced? Which ones, if any, continue to persist?
- Who have you hurt/offended and who has hurt/offended you? Why was/is that so painful for you?
- Where have you failed and now carry guilt?
- What persistent sin(s) seem to plague you?
- What about your future stresses or frightens you?
- What loss have you suffered and how is that impacting your life as a whole (spiritually, physically, emotionally, practically, financially, relationally, etc.).

Once you have considered your current life and circumstances, reflect on the questions below:

1. How have or are you responding to all that you are carrying?
2. What has this time of writing and reflection revealed to you about your heart?

God invites His people to live in the here and now but to do so from a gospel perspective. He calls us to view ourselves and our circumstances from our favorable and secure position in Him because of the finished work of Christ through His death, resurrection and ascension. When you are ready, move on to the next station.

STATION 2 – “The Passover Door”

Take some time to prepare before you enter through the “Passover Door.” You are invited to remove your shoes, if you like, as a symbol of walking into the holy Presence of God, like Moses was instructed to do at the burning bush. Find a seat on the floor or in a chair so that you can clearly see the symbolic red banner or markings above the door frame. Take your Bible and read the Scriptures referenced below.

Exodus 12:21-23

Luke 22:7-20

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John 10:9

The Passover Door is significant for many reasons, but right now let's focus on the blood of the Lamb – specifically the blood of the Lamb of God.

- What are your thoughts on what you have read in the passages above? What does that mean for you right now?

Let's consider another mystery that has been the topic of many books and discussions for centuries. Imagine that above the symbolic "blood" are the words of invitation,

*"The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come."
And let the one who hears say, "Come."
And let the one who is thirsty come;
let the one who desires take the water of life without price."*

As you pass through the door, imagine when you look back you see written above the door

"He chose us in him before the foundation of the world"

Consider the mystery of the Gospel as you read the following passages

Matthew 11.27-29

Revelation 22.17

Ephesians 1:3-6

As you walk through the door, notice the Hebrew words on the front and the back of the door. This door is an invitation for everyone to come to the cross for the cleansing power of the blood of Jesus that washes away our sin. After you pass through, the words above the door remind us that we were chosen in Christ before the foundations of the earth. A profound and humbling truth of Scripture.

It is through such rich and deeply rooted biblical meditation that we can enjoy, rest and celebrate the Presence of YHWH in us and our position in him. This is the truest application of Emmanuel—God with us!

YHWH is our Creator, our King, our Savior, Father, Redeemer, Friend, Lover, Refuge, Fortress, Strength, Hope, and Joy. He enjoys His people as we enjoy Him. Tonight is designed to assist you in reflection, experiencing and responding to the Presence of God through biblically based interactive prayer stations.

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STATION 3 – “Written Prayers” – Write a letter to YHWH Elohim.

Sometimes we find ourselves wondering if God listens to our prayers or we have difficulty sensing his Presence. Writing down our prayers may help you consider your communication with God in a more tangible way. Of course, written prayers are unnecessary because our Father hears all our prayers and responds favorably to all of his redeemed sons and daughters according to his Nature and Purpose.

Spend some unhurried time writing a letter to our Abba [Daddy, Papa]. Keep in mind that prayer/communication with the God of the universe is not primarily about presenting our wish list as if he is some kind of cosmic Santa Claus or Genie. Certainly, he wants us to bring our desires and needs to him because that demonstrates our desperate dependence on him alone, but he desires something more. He desires that we will increasingly find him beautiful and not simply useful. YHWH wants use to want him and not just his “stuff.” That said, approach this letter to Abba as a love letter that explores your real attitude and thoughts toward him rather than a “shopping list.”

Write as if he will eagerly read your letter, because he will, in fact he knows your heart better than you ever will. Open with a greeting of honor as you reflect on who he is and who he is to you! Be honest about where you are in your relationship with him and ask him to remind you of his heart for you.

Think about all the many ways he demonstrates his favor in practical ways in your life. Reflect on the beauty and complexity of nature and life.

Consider how he expresses his wisdom and affection for you in and through your various relationships. Ask him for his guidance in navigating difficult people and problems.

Ask him to search your heart and bring to mind anything, action, thought and words that he wants you to be aware of and ask him to transform you where you cannot change yourself.

Write about your need and resistance to repent of the things that weigh heavily on your conscious right now as you invite the Holy Spirit to convict you and lead you to freedom and joy.

Tell him about your fears, doubts, sorrows, frustrations, and neglect of keeping him central. Ask him to draw you close to himself and release you from self-focus, selfishness and efforts of self-improvement apart from Jesus.

Include Scripture in your letter if you like. Maybe something in Psalms or another passage that has been coming to mind lately. Ask him to give you insight into his word and create in you a desire to know him through his word. Ask him to give you a glimpse of how 2018 can be a season of growing in intimacy with him, deeper connections with other believers and how you can be more missional in your daily life.

Fold your letter and take it with you to the next station. You may want to keep it close by all year long to remind you of this evening. You could place it in an envelope after your prayer time this evening and put it away with your Christmas decorations so you can pull it out next New Year's Eve!

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STATION 4 – “The Cross”

As you approach the Cross, notice the manger. Life will eventually be returning to “normal,” but we are still in the season of the Christmas Holidays (the 12 Days of Christmas began on December 25 and ends on January 6 in many Christian homes and traditions). This is a great opportunity to reflect on the profound mystery of YHWH Himself incarnating as a human baby—Jesus, our Emmanuel (God with Us). When God Himself, the Creator of the Universe, became flesh to bring the Good News to mankind, everything changed! Read and reflect on John 1:1-18.

Now you are ready to turn your attention to the cross. You may wish to sit, kneel or lay at the foot of the cross and reflect on the amazing love God poured out on us through the sacrifice of His Perfect Son on our behalf. He invites us to come to the cross of Jesus, bringing our burdens, our sin, shame, failures, fears, hurts, losses, unbelief, blindness, anger, and cares.

Jesus lived a life of perfect obedience to completely and perfectly satisfy all of the commandments of the law on our behalf so that we would have freedom in him.

Jesus died to pay for the due wages of our sins by absorbing the punishment we deserve.

He rose again to demonstrate that He had broken the power of death and separation.

His ascension to the right hand of the Father demonstrates that his work of salvation is complete, active and fully accepted by YHWH. Furthermore he sends every single believer the Holy Spirit to convict, empower, guide, and fill us with his joy right now. He remains with and in us until the end of this age.

His return is the hope we all have that he will complete what he has begun in us and that we will forever more be in a new heaven and new earth without sin or anything to separate us from him.

Reflect on how great a salvation he has proclaimed to us and how Great is Our God!

What comes to mind as you read the following hymn by Isaac Watts?

*When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.
See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.*

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Before moving to the next station, present your written prayers/ love letter to Jesus at the foot of the cross as you read and personalize the following passage:

*“Humble yourselves, therefore,
under the mighty hand of God
so that at the proper time
he may exalt you,
casting all your anxieties on him,
because he cares for you.”*
1 Peter 5:6-7

Be sure to take a paper reminder that “It Is Finished.”

STATION 5 – “The Light of the World” – Together we are the church and together we shine.

Light a candle and place it in front of you. In celebration of your personal relationship with the One True God. It is through your single light, combined with the lights of other believers that the world will know that God is real and that His love lives in us. This light is to demonstrate his hope, his love and his gospel message. We are encouraged to be a “city on a hill” whose combined lights gives hope to a dark world that there is a place of light and warmth, a place to be accepted and refreshed, a place to experience God’s love through us—His Body.

Pray that the world will see your light combined with the lights of other believers through Grace Community Church in 2018. Pray that together we can demonstrate YHWH’s love through our love for each other and through our combined love in action in our community. Pray that we will invest in study and equipping together to be bold in communicating and living the gospel. Pray that you will be more invested in being discipled and in discipling others. Pray that the Holy Spirit will wake you and our church up inside and stir us into welcoming more people in our homes, lives and church.

Pray also for the other churches in our network and gospel-centric churches all around the world. You can find additional information about our network churches on our website at <http://www.gracemillsriver.org/about-us/network-churches/>

Read the following passages. Remember that the “you” in these verses are primarily plural meaning “you all” or “y’all.” Take time to reflect on each passage by asking, “how would my life be different if I trusted these words and integrated these truths into my daily life?” Pray that YHWH will enliven your spirit in 2018 to shine brilliantly with other believers to reach others with Hope.

John 8:12

Matthew 5:14-15

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2 Corinthians 4:3-5

Philippians 2:14-16

Galatians 6:14

Revelation 22:5

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At Grace Mills River, we are passionate about equipping everyone to know God intellectually and experientially so that together our lights can shine brilliantly to make Jesus known in all aspects of our lives, school, work, relationships and beyond. We are working hard to make discipleship and equipping accessible to everyone using personal relationships and technology. Please pray for us as we continue to develop these avenues in 2018. If you are not involved in purposeful spiritual discipleship and equipping, we encourage you to check out what is available to you on our website:

<http://www.gracemillsriver.org/ministries/adults/>

and

<http://www.gracemillsriver.org/connect/classes/>

Communicating the gospel in all of our individual relationships and our local communities verbally and in taking action is a growing passion at GMR. Pray that we are ready and effective in equipping everyone in our church to engage others individually and together in various ways. Interested in getting involved in loving people who may or may not know Jesus? Check out our website at

<http://www.gracemillsriver.org/ministries/local-outreach/>

Pray for each of our efforts and those leading and investing their time and energy in spreading the gospel in love!

STATION 6 – “The Fruit of the Spirit”

You are invited to linger here and reflect on the Scriptural promise that the Holy Spirit who lives inside of all believers produces his fruit in us. Fruit is intended to attract and nourish others. We are not producing fruit ourselves, but we are bearing fruit that he produces in us! The fruit of the Holy Spirit is already being produced in your life as you learn to remain/rest in Him by living in dependence on Him. Since it is not our efforts or resolutions that produce the fruit of the Spirit and the Holy Spirit Himself produces the fruit, what does that mean to you right now? How have you tried to produce your own fruit? How is that going? What fruit do you see appearing in your life that surprises you?

When God Himself is the focus of our greatest desire and worship his life flows through us like sap through a vine. He is our life, our Joy and the Vine that holds us together. Together we all bear fruit that is intended to refresh each other and the world around us.

Fruit is not only a tasty and refreshing bit of nourishment, fruit also has seeds in its very core/heart. What implications does that have for your life? We often see fruit as something we are “supposed to do” and that it somehow benefits us, but the opposite is true. Fruit God desires is something done in us by the Holy Spirit as we abide in him and he abides in us. It is more about benefiting others and planting seeds than it is about the branch that bears it. How does this thought challenge your way of thinking and relating to others? What does it mean for your “new year’s resolutions?”

Read and digest the following passages and write down what you glean or learn from them:

John 15 .1-11

John 15:16

Galatians 5.16-25

Consider people that you know and love who do not have a relationship with Jesus. Take some time to pray that God would use the fruit he produces in you and others to draw them to a saving faith in Jesus.

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Name some people that you run into daily or frequently. Write down their names. If you don't know their names write down a descriptor like "the person who always waits on me at my favorite restaurant" or "the person I pass nearly every Sunday at church." As you pray for each by name or descriptor, take a string of yarn or ribbon and tie it to a branch to signify your desire to see each of them become a believer in Christ or to grow in their faith. Pray also that God would grant you opportunity and boldness to ask for their names and ask those you encounter "How you can pray for them" and look for other ways to lovingly share the Good News of the Gospel over 2018.

STATION 7 – "Prayers for Missionaries, their Ministries & the Persecuted Church"

Pray for each of the missionaries supported by Grace Community Church.

- ❖ Josiah & Barbara Bancroft – Serge Global Missions
- ❖ Joel & Cindy Hylton – Serge in Prague, Czech Republic
- ❖ Edward & Christine Isingoma – Serge in Uganda
- ❖ Chip & Meredith Jones – Serge in Chile
- ❖ Gary & Ashley Helms – Serge in London, England
- ❖ Yobani Alas – Honduras Fountain of Life in Honduras
- ❖ Ann Kieser – Serge in Uganda
- ❖ Scott Rayl – Wycliffe Bible Translators in Nigeria

You can find additional information on our website at
<http://www.gracemillsriver.org/ministries/global-missions/>

Pray that all their monetary and ministry needs will be adequately met through supporters.

Pray for the health of their bodies, families and partners in the Gospel.

Pray for all those who are serving to bring the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus to those around them all over the world.

Pray for those who have not yet heard and for those who have heard but have not yet personally met Jesus Ask those you encounter "How can I pray for you" no matter where you come in contact with others.

Take some time to write one or more of our missionaries a note of encouragement. You can drop your handwritten note in an offering box next Sunday or take a clear photo of your note and send it to Allison Rickman allisonrickman@gmail.com. The notes will be collected and sent to each missionary!

STATION 8 – "Prayers for Shepherds & World Leaders"

We are encouraged to pray for those who watch over us as a church.

*"I [Paul] urge, then, first of all,
that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving
be made for all people—
for kings and all those in authority,*

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*that we may live peaceful and quiet lives
in all godliness and holiness.
This is good, and pleases God our Savior..."*
1 Timothy 2.1-3a

You can find additional information of the Elders/Deacons and Staff on our website at
<http://www.gracemillsriver.org/about-us/leadership/>

Pray for each officer, staff and leader at Grace. You can also write a note of encouragement to one or more of them and send it directly to their email addresses (listed in the link above) or drop them in an offering box or take a photo of your note and send it to equipping4ministry@gmail.com and we will direct it to the leader(s) you reference.

STATION 9 – “Prayers in Action” – Now What?

*“Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is,
the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.
Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have,
for such sacrifices are pleasing to God”*
Hebrews 13.15-16

A desire to express gratitude resulting from being in the Presence of Jesus leads us to worship. The word “worship” is very close to the word “service” in the New Testament. We are encouraged to give to God’s Kingdom work out of a grateful heart. Our hearts of gratitude lead us to invest in the gospel ministry among ourselves and to reach others. You have three opportunities to express your gratefulness here tonight.

1. **Sing a hymn or worship song** (or several) to YHWH right now!
2. **Make a financial gift.** Grace Mills River is facing serious financial needs that has potential to significantly impact our ability to continue our current level of ministry. Please pray for God’s provision and wisdom and prayerfully consider an additional monetary gift to our general operating budget.
 - Via text to [828-548-1786](tel:828-548-1786)
 - Via our website at <http://www.gracemillsriver.org/give/>
 - Via in person by placing a check in the offering box on Sunday
 - Via snail-mail
3. **Find a place to serve in the church.** Like all families, there are certain “family chores” that every member of the family is responsible for. As is true in your family, no one is “exempt” from some kind of work or responsibility necessary for the functionality of the home, the same is true at Grace Mills River. If you have not yet found a place to help with our family chores, you can find ways to serve at our website <http://www.gracemillsriver.org/connect/serve-at-grace/>

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4. **Assist others with your skill(s) and time.** Another way to demonstrate gratitude is through love in action by sharing some time, energy and skills with people in need at Grace Mills River. You can complete the online form or fill out the form below and drop it in the offering box on Sunday.
5. **Join the family!** Prayerfully consider becoming a member of our Grace Mills River family, if you are not already a member. A new opportunity to be part of our family will be offered in March 2018, so keep your eyes open for more details. Please pray for the members and attenders of GMR, that we will be more connected relationally to each other and increasingly missional together in our community and world.
6. **Take a Grace Class or Register for Leadership Training.** Grace Classes begin in February and Foundations of Servant Leadership begins in March. Pray about investing more in 2018 by becoming a disciple and/or a servant/leader. Pray that Abba would "send more workers into the harvest."
7. **Open Your Life and Your Home to Others.** Pray that God would give you and all of us at Grace Mills River a greater love for people both inside and outside of the church. Pray for opportunities to invite others into relationships with you and your church. Pray that we will become increasingly missional in our lifestyles in 2018.

As you close your time of prayer, we would love to hear about your prayer experience. It would mean a lot to us if you would write a very brief note describing your prayer time tonight. Please indicate in your note whether you would like your comments to be confidential or if you are willing to have your notes available for others to see.

There are several ways you can share your experience with others at Grace and beyond. Here are a few ideas:

- Invite certain friends and family to join you in preparing and in praying
- Take photos of your prayer area and prayer stations - before and after
- Take a photo of your group or family who participated
- Have each person leave a brief written description of their experiences
- Walk through your prayer area with a video - with or without comments
- Post your photos/videos in your social media account
- Share your photos/videos/comments with Grace Mills River at equipping4ministry@gmail.com

Our Pastors, Session, Diaconate and Staff all send our love, gratitude for your partnership in the gospel in 2017 and pray that in 2018 Jesus will bring you greater repentance, dependence, refreshment, and joy in Christ and in our church. Regardless of what lies ahead, we are confident that YHWH is already there and will never leave or forsake any of His redeemed people!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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Setting Up Your Evening of Prayer

The prayer guide includes some interactive prayer instructions for several “stations.” Each station will need a little dedicated space to set up or you could simply pray through the stations without any set up. You can choose to do as many or as few as you like depending on your available time & space. We set up a few stations on the floor or on low tables to draw participants to their knees, but you can decide the best way to construct each of your stations. You can set everything up in one room or you can place the stations in accessible rooms or even outside (weather permitting). Once you decide which prayer stations you would like to include in your evening of prayer, you can use the checklist below to help you gather all the various items needed to set up your prayer space. Be creative. You decide whether you want to be extravagant or minimalistic!

Lighting

The atmosphere and lighting of your prayer space can be whatever best suits you. When we host the evening of prayer at Grace Mills River, we usually lower the lights.

Music

You will want to make your space as quiet and non-distracting as possible. You may want total silence, or you could play some reflective instrumentals or your favorite hymns and worship songs. You are welcome to use a special playlist titled “An Evening of interactive Prayer on Spotify(free) by clicking the link below. There will be an ad when you initially join the link, but you will probably have 30 minutes of uninterrupted of music before ads become a regular interruption. You could listen just to get an idea of the kinds of music we use at GMR and make your own mix.

<https://open.spotify.com/user/1252415075/playlist/6OAtJEfRclrPfnhnnRj17a?si=APegIGfpTM-TuMwcRmxeJQ>

Checklist

*The items you will need for each station are listed in **Bold** in the checklist:*

- **A Bible for each Participant**—each prayer station will have Scripture reference for you to look up.
- **A few Pillar or Decorative Candles**— Place the candles around your prayer space. Candles can be real, battery or electric.
- **A Candle for each Participant (optional)**—we use small battery-operated candles to provide a little extra light for the individual to read the guide & Scriptures. You can use either real or battery candles or you may not need to provide extra light if your lighting is adequate.
- **A few throw pillows** – scatter these around the floor to sit, kneel or lay at stations if they are placed on the floor.

STATION 1 – “Preparation Station”

- **A few Sheets of Paper** – of course each participant could use a journal if they prefer
- **Pens or Pencils**

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STATION 2 – “The Passover Door”

- **Dark Red Fabric or Paper**—place it above a doorframe to symbolize blood of the lamb
- **Tape or means to attach the fabric/paper**

STATION 3 – “Written Prayers”

- **Several Blank Sheets of Paper or Stationary**—several for each participant. You could also provide an **envelope for each participant** as well.

STATION 4 – “The Cross”

- **An Empty Manger or Creche**—you could even use a picture or a table top decoration
- **A Cross** - Large as possible, but any size can work

STATION 5 – “The Light of the World”

- **A Candle to light or turn on** – one for each participant

STATION 6 – “The Fruit of the Spirit”

- **Ribbon or Yarn cut into 4 to 6-inch lengths**—enough for each participant to have several. Place yarn in a container near the tree/branch.
- **A Small Leafless Tree or Branch**—something large enough to tie yarn or ribbon. Anchor your tree/branch in a floor or table top container or mount on the wall.

STATION 7 – “Prayers for Missionaries, their Ministries & the Persecuted Church”

- **Global Missions flyers from Grace Mills River** – either enough for each participant or one to post at the station. The flyers are located on the Global Missions display in the hallway near Grace’s Gathering Grounds Café or you could link to our missions page online
- **Writing Instruments**
- **Several Index Cards** – per participant

STATION 8 – “Prayers for Shepherds & World Leaders”

- **Writing Instruments**
- **Several Index Cards** – per participant

STATION 9 – “Prayers in Action”

- **Writing Instruments**
- **Several Index Cards** – per participant

Helpful Cut-Outs

*“The Spirit and the Bride say,
“Come.”*

*And let the one who hears say,
“Come.”*

*And let the one who is thirsty
come;*

*let the one who desires take the
water of life without price.”*



*“He chose us in him before the
foundation of the world”*

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