

Ignite a Prayer Revolution Workshop Notes

In her book, *Flood Gates: Holy Momentum for a Fearless Church*, Sue Nilson Kibbey encourages churches to engage in breakthrough prayer, seeking God to do amazing things in and through the church's ministry.

She identifies three styles of breakthrough prayers (these are referenced in the "Plan" video):

- **Threshold Prayer:** This style of prayer does not seek to ask God for a specific outcome. Instead it repeatedly lifts to God the current reality and seeks God to intervene in miraculous ways.
- **Archer's Prayer:** As a church prays this way, it has a specific target of its prayers, a specific need about which the church is praying together. The people may not be praying about a specific outcome, but they are praying together for God to breakthrough in the situation and do what only God can do.
- **Prevailing Prayer:** This is when the church-wide prayer has become a revolutionary movement. The church sees everything as a platform and opportunity for prayer and the whole congregation is engaging in the prayer movement.

Here are notes related to the various videos of this workshop:

101 Ignite a Prayer Revolution: This video highlights the difference between this a Prayer Revolution and typical church prayer practices.

103 Develop a Prayer Revolution Plan: This includes practical steps for Igniting a Prayer Revolution in your church. Some key points to consider in implementation:

Who will partner with you in organizing?

If you are the pastor, what steps will you take in the next month, three months, and six months to encourage the church to engage in the Prayer Revolution?

If you are a lay partner in this, what steps will you take in the next month, three months, and six months to encourage the church to engage in the Prayer Revolution?

What will be the specific Prayer Revolution practice on which your church will focus in the first three-month period?

What will be the specific Prayer Revolution practice your church will add three months into your Prayer Revolution? What practice will you add at six months?

104 Word from Bishop Beard: Hear a brief word from our Bishop to encourage you as you step into this Prayer Revolution.

102a All Church Prayer: A specific prayer is written for ongoing, regular use by the church seeking God to do new and amazing things in and through the congregation. The example talks about the use of the prayer weekly in worship. Other churches have chosen specific times when people are encouraged to pray the prayer every day. (One church chose the street address of the church as the time when everyone was encouraged to pray the prayer.)

102b Community Prayer Walk: This form of prayer has individuals, either alone or in pairs, walking the streets of the community silently praying and asking God to open their hearts to new possibilities. The example shares how this practice was expanded to include other churches from the community. When some churches engage in Community Prayer Walks, they leave from the same location and regather at a set time (maybe 30 minutes later) to discuss what they saw and how God open their eyes as they walked and prayed.

102c Joshua Prayer: This is a story of a specific week of prayer walking around the church property praying for God to do new things. Could the Spirit nudge you to do something similar?

102d Pastor's Prayer Partners: People from the congregation are recruited to take one specific day per month to pray for the pastor and for God's work in the congregation. The pastor typically will send an email to the prayer partners each month outlining specific prayer requests related to the mission of the church.

These are some examples which your church may choose to implement. There are many others, including examples on the West Ohio website related to their Breakthrough Prayer Initiative.