



Bridging the Gap

Prayer Team Application

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Text: Yes or No

Address: _____ Email: _____

Church/Organization Name & Address: _____

Listed below are the requirements for women serving on a Bridging the Gap event prayer team:

- A woman from Minnesota with a desire and inspired to pray who:
 - Is born again, mature in her faith, and nurtures an ongoing, daily relationship with Jesus and study of Scripture.
 - A committed member in good standing at her church
 - Completes the Prayer Team Application including the pastoral/ministry leader recommendation form. (if you are a credentialed pastor or missionary with the Assemblies of God, only your signature is required.)
 - Completes prayer team training, initial and ongoing as directed
 - Agrees to the Statement of Faith, item number 1 included below
 - Open to the growth opportunities that participating on a prayer team provides and the willingness to receive constructive feedback
 - Agrees to abide by the Conduct & Procedures Guidelines, item number 2 included below

- I currently serve my church in the following capacities:
 Prayer Team Small Group/Bible Study Leader Credentialed Pastor
- I have served on the BTG Prayer team previously. Yes No

1. Statement of Faith

Prayer Team Applicant believes in, accepts and will adhere to the Statement of Faith below in both conduct and speech:

HOLY BIBLE: The Holy Bible, and only the Bible, is the authoritative Word of God. It alone is the final authority in determining all doctrinal truths. The Bible, in its original writing, is both inspired and inerrant (II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1:20-21; Proverbs 30:5; Romans 16:25-26).

TRINITY: The Godhead eternally exists in three persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. These three are one God, having precisely the same nature, attributes and perfections, and are worthy of precisely the same homage, confidence and obedience. (Mark 12:29; John 1:1-4; Matthew. 29:19-20; Acts 4:3-4).

JESUS CHRIST: Jesus Christ is God the Son, the Second Person of the Trinity. Jesus Christ is 100% man and 100% God. He is the only man ever to have lived a sinless life (John 1:1 & 14, 20:28; I Timothy 3:16; Isaiah 9:6; Philippians 2:5-6; I Timothy 2:5).

VIRGIN BIRTH: Jesus Christ is the only-begotten Son of the Father, conceived by the Holy Spirit in the Virgin Mary. Therefore, Jesus is the Son of God (Matthew 1:18, 20, 23; Luke 1:27-35; Isaiah 7:14).



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REDEMPTION: Man was created good and upright, but by voluntary transgression he fell; his only hope of redemption is in Jesus Christ, the Son of God (Genesis 1:26-31, 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-21).

SALVATION: Christians are saved by grace (which is undeserved and unearned) through faith in Jesus Christ, His death, burial, and resurrection. Salvation is a gift from God, not a result of our good works or of any human efforts (Ephesians 2:8-9; Galatians 2:16, 3:8; Titus 3:5; Romans 10:9-10; Acts 16:31; Hebrews 9:22).

CHRIST'S BLOOD: Because Jesus Christ lived a sinless life, His blood shed on the cross of Calvary is 100% sufficient to cleanse us of all sins when appropriated individually through repentance and faith. Jesus allowed Himself to be punished for the sins we have committed, enabling all who believe to be freed from the penalty of sin (which is death) (I John 1:7; Revelation 1:5, 5:9; Colossians 1:20; Romans 3:10-12 & 23; 5:9; John 1:29).

REPENTANCE: Repentance is a commitment to turn away from sin in every area of our lives and to follow Christ. Through repentance we individually receive forgiveness of sins and appropriate salvation (Acts 2:38, 3:19).

CHRIST INDWELLS ALL BELIEVERS: A Christian is a person who has invited the Lord Jesus Christ to come and live inside him by the Holy Spirit. He is putting his trust in what Christ accomplished for him when He died, was buried, and rose again from the dead (John 1:12, 14:17, 23, 15:4; Romans 8:11; Revelation 3:20).

WATER BAPTISM: After receiving the Lord Jesus Christ, the new convert is commanded by the Word of God to be baptized in water in the Name of the Lord (Matthew 28:19; Acts 2:38).

THE CHURCH: The church is the Body of Christ, the habitation of God through the Spirit, with divine appointments for the fulfillment of Christ's great commission. Every person who is born of the spirit is an integral part of the church as member of the body of believers (Ephesians 1:22, 2:19-22; Hebrews 12:23).

THE LORD'S SUPPER: The Lord's Supper is a unique time of communion in the presence of God when the elements of bread and wine (or grape juice), expressing in some spiritual way the body and blood the Lord Jesus Christ, are taken by believers in remembrance of Christ's sacrifice on the cross (I Corinthians 10:16, 11:23-25; Mark 16:16; Acts 8:12, 8:36-38, 10:47-48; Matthew 26:26-28).

BAPTISIM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT or SECOND IN-FILLING: Initiated at Pentecost, Holy Spirit baptism or Second In-filling is the promise of the Father, given by Jesus after His ascension, to empower the Church to supernaturally communicate the gospel throughout the whole earth (Acts 1:8; Acts 14:3; Mark.16:20; 8:15-16; 19:2). When a believer receives the baptism in the Holy Spirit; scriptural precedent demonstrates that he has both the potential & probability of experiencing various manifestations such as scripture based prophetic experiences, unknown tongues, and other visible outward signs (Acts 10:46: 19:6; 8:18; 2:4-6, 17-18).

SANCTIFICATION: Sanctification is the ongoing process of being set apart for God, characterized by our yielding to God to complete the development of Christ's character in us. A lifestyle of developing righteousness and holiness is the evidence to all men that Christ's Spirit lives within us (I Thessalonians 4:3, 5:23; II Corinthians 3:18, 6:14-18; II Thessalonians 2:1-3; Romans 8:29, 12:1-2; Hebrews 21:11).

HEALTH AND PROVISION: As part of Christ's work of salvation; it is the Father's ultimate will for believers to become whole, healthy, and successful in all areas of life.

Spiritual (John 3:3, 11; II Corinthians 5:17-21; Romans 10:9-10).

Mental and Emotional (II Timothy 1:7; Romans 12:2; Isaiah 26:3).



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Physical (Isaiah 53:4, 5; Matthew 8:17; I Peter 2:24; Romans 8:11).

Financial (Joshua 1:8; III John 1:2; Malachi 3:10-11; Luke 6:38; II Corinthians 9:6- 10; Deuteronomy 28:1-14; Psalm 34:10, 84:11; Philippians 4:19).

These promises do not negate the experience of trials (John 16:33). And the presences of trials do not necessitate any sort of spiritual inferiority. These promises are merely a plan by which God receives Glory and man receives wholeness - whether received in this life or the next.

HEALING OF THE SICK: Healing of the sick is illustrated in the life and ministry of Jesus and is included in the commission of Jesus to His disciples. Healing is a provision of Christ's atonement on the cross and is given as a sign which is to follow believers (Matthew 8:16-17; Acts 8:6-7; James 5:14-16; III John 2; Psalm 103:2-3; Isaiah 53:5; Mark 16:17-18).

SECOND COMING: Jesus Christ will physically and visibly return to earth for the second time to establish His kingdom. This will occur at a time undisclosed by Scriptures (Revelation 1:7; Acts 1:9-11; Mathew 24:30, 26:63-64; I Thessalonians 4:15, 17; II Thessalonians 1:7-8).

RESURRECTION: Jesus Christ was physically resurrected from the dead in a glorified body three days after His death on the cross. One day all believers in Christ will also be physically resurrected in glorified bodies to their reward in heaven with God (Luke 24:16, 36, 39; Philippians 1:21-23, 3:21; I Corinthians 15:42, 44; John 2:19-21, 20:26-28, 21:4; Acts 24:15).

HEAVEN: Heaven is the eternal dwelling place of all who believe in Jesus Christ (II Corinthians 5: 1; I Peter 1:4; Hebrews 11:16; John 17:24; Matthew 5:3, 12, 20, 6:20, 19:21, 25:34).

HELL: After living one life on earth, those who have rejected Christ will be judged justly by God and sent to Hell, where they will be eternally tormented together with the devil and the fallen angels (Hebrews 9:27; Matthew 25:41-46; Daniel 12:2; Revelation 14:9-11, 20:12-15, 21:8; Mark 9:43-48).

MARRIAGE / SEXUALITY: God has created sexual parameters through His word for all mankind. (1 Thess 4:3-7; 1 Cor. 5:11; 1 Cor. 6:9-10; Col.3:5); that sexuality is to be shared between a man and a woman in the context of holy matrimony (Heb. 13:4; 1 Cor. 6:15; ; Rom. 1:26-27); that God empowers all believers with the power to transform their desires to His standards (1 Cor. 6:11; Col. 3:7) for the ultimate purpose of joy.

Please indicate your agreement and acceptance by initialing below:

Initials

Date

2. Conduct & Procedures

Listed below are the Bridging the Gap prayer team guidelines for ministry at conferences and retreats. The goal of these guidelines is to ensure effective ministry to the women we serve. Please read them carefully.



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- A. Prayer Team Member will refrain from engaging in any kind of speech or distribution of material that, endorses or promotes any political candidate, attacks or criticizes any political candidate, is libelous or unlawful, infringes on any copyright or other proprietary, personal, or contractual rights of any other party.
- B. Prayer Team Member will not endorse, promote or sell any materials for the duration of the event without prior written consent from Bridging the Gap.
- C. The purpose of Bridging the Gap prayer ministry is to lead women to Jesus, regardless of their prayer need. Our purpose is NOT to provide advice or counsel (with the exception of trained counsel in the prayer counseling room who have been appointed and arranged in advance by leadership).
- D. All Prayer Team Members should expect to pray for individuals in pairs to ensure accountability and support.
- E. Before making physical contact with an individual (ie. hugging, laying hand on shoulder, holding hand during prayer, etc.), Prayer Team Members should gently ask permission to do so, thus ensuring the comfort of the individual.
- F. Words from the Lord, suspected demonic issues, suspected mental illness issues:
 - a. Any Prayer Team Member who feels she has received a word of encouragement from God for an individual should ensure it meets the biblical requirements of encouragement listed in 1 Cor 14:3 & Eph 4:29, share it discreetly through prayer as a word of encouragement. If the word received is anything other than encouragement, she should seek the counsel of a prayer team leader **before sharing.**
 - b. Under no circumstances should the Prayer Team Member indicate to the woman coming for prayer that they believe the source of any issue she may be having is demonic or that they suspect she is suffering from any form of mental illness. Even if you suspect these issues may be present, it doesn't impact the ability to pray sincerely for the Lord's intervention and comfort in their life.
 - c. Functioning as a Prayer Team Member, we are not licensed counselors nor in a position to counsel. Refrain from using professional or legal terms that are diagnostic medically or emotionally, i.e. vulnerable adult, narcissism, personality disorders, etc.
- G. Prayer team members should use prayer time as an opportunity to model prayer. Keep prayers simple and use words and illustrations that are easily understood.
- H. Prayer team members should avoid praying aloud in tongues during ministry times to avoid distracting or confusing individuals who do not understand the baptism of the Holy Spirit.
- I. All prayer team members should wear their badges at all times to ensure easy identification
- J. Prayer teams should always follow the directions given by the speaker. Our goal is to support the ministry the Lord is doing through their service.
- K. Prayer team members should always follow direction of Prayer Team Leads or Advisors.

I hereby verify that I understand the above stated requirements and guidelines and agree to abide by them during the time I minister with Bridging the Gap prayer teams.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

Prayer/Women's Ministry Leader (or student leader for NCU students) Reference:

After reviewing the requirements and guidelines listed above, I recommend this applicant for the Bridging the Gap prayer team:



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Pastor (or faculty for NCU students) Reference:

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Please send this form or email the information to: Minnesota District Council, 1315 Portland Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55404 C/O BTG Prayer Team OR E-Mail: _____

(If emailing, please include names/contact info of references rather than their signatures)

Note: Prayer team members register for respective events on their own. This form is not the event registration.