Tips for Praying for someone at the Altar

- Usually when we give an altar call, anyone belonging to the leadership team takes upon the responsibility to pray for those who have responded.
- Adopt an attitude of confident, aware, expectedness
- Don’t massage away the conviction of the Holy Spirit.
- Prepare yourself first. Respond to the altar call personally and pray for yourself before you go up to pray for someone else. If this is something that you need to respond to and need to be prayed for, do not hesitate to go up to the altar for yourself
- Wait to see who responds, if someone from your small group responds, go to that person to pray. Be sensitive to how many people need to be up there ministering.
- Be open/attentive to the Spirit. Let God do the work – we don’t have to work anything up or create anything.
- If you have a Word from God share it – and do not exceed your revelation.
- Lay on hands – but have some common sense
- Men praying for men and women for women is preferable.
- During your daily devotions and bible readings, start jotting down scriptures that are promises from God and begin to memorize them. This will be helpful when you pray over someone, because you can ask God according to the scriptures you have memorized to bless the person you are praying for.
- Don’t embarrass people – if at all possible. Try not to be physically abrasive. Don’t pound or slap on the back, arms, shoulders, or anywhere else. Don’t shake. Stay focused.
- Pop in a piece of gum or breath mint before you approach to pray for someone if possible.
- It is Ok to ask clarifying questions before praying. Like “What can I Pray with you about” or “What are you wanting to pray for.” But try not to ask questions like “why are you crying”
- Maintain confidentiality
- Encourage them to pray with you.
- Be receptive to the Holy Spirit and ask the Spirit of God to pray the right things over the person you are praying for
- Find a place without distraction. If your person shows up right next to the guitarist at the altar to be prayed for, gently guide them to follow you away from the noise to a quiet place
- Make sure you are not too loud or too quiet. It is important that they can hear everything you pray over them.
- HAVE FAITH! Believe that God is going to bless this person with whatever you are seeking Him for at this time. Believe and receive.
- If someone is wanting to pray the salvation prayer, don’t freak out. Explain to them the core ideas of the Romans road to salvation. (Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 10:9,10 If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.). After this ask if they believe in their heart and invite
them to confess with their own mouths what they believe. Once they have finished praying, pray a prayer of thanksgiving and blessing over them.

- Don’t ever tell anybody what Spiritual work you think has taken place... (You’re saved, you got the Holy Spirit). It is okay to explain what the Bible says about a given thing.

- If possible set up a follow up meeting with this person (After service concludes). Be praying for them every day up to the meeting. At this meeting be encouraging. Be prayed up and let them know you have been praying for them.

- Connect them to a small group for continued discipleship.