



## **INVENTORY 1: BEHAVIOR-BASED INVENTORY OF PASTORAL AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER** (to be completed by pastor)

### **Personal Inventory**

(to be completed by the pastor regarding his personal prayer life)

I have recently done the following as it relates to my personal prayer life (check all that apply).

- Spent daily time with God in prayer
- Experienced meaningful personal prayer times
- Prayed for the salvation of lost persons by name
- Thanked God for a specific blessing in my life and family
- Prayed for my church staff and church leaders
- Prayed for the Sunday services at our church
- Prayed in my heart as others led in congregational prayer in my church
- Recorded (in a notebook or journal) the things I need to pray for regularly
- Prayed for more than a half-hour
- Prayed reflecting on a Bible passage I had just read
- Spent time listening to God as a part of my prayer time
- Spent time meditating on the meaning of a Scripture passage asking God to clarify the meaning and application needed

## **Congregational Inventory**

(to be completed by the pastor regarding congregational prayer)

Our congregation has recently provided the following as it relates to congregational prayer (check all that apply).

- \_\_\_\_\_ Personal prayer opportunities with other believers
- \_\_\_\_\_ A congregational prayer time of more than 30 minutes in duration
- \_\_\_\_\_ Meaningful congregational prayer time in worship services
- \_\_\_\_\_ Encouragement to come forward to seek prayer at the close of a service
- \_\_\_\_\_ Prayer times devoted to praying for lost people
- \_\_\_\_\_ Intentional prayer times for gospel impact in our community, state, county, and world
- \_\_\_\_\_ Prayer times devoted to an unreached people group
- \_\_\_\_\_ Prayer times devoted to specific ministries in our church
- \_\_\_\_\_ Prayer for additional leaders and laborers to be raised up
- \_\_\_\_\_ Prayer for students by name
- \_\_\_\_\_ Prayer for children and students attending our church to be saved



## INVENTORY 2: HAVING A BALANCED APPROACH TO CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

**This inventory serves as a checklist to determine: “How balanced is our congregational prayer ministry?”**

Recently our church has prayed for the following in a congregational prayer time (check all that apply).

- For a fresh vision of God
- For brokenness and humility before God
- For broken and strained relationships to be restored through forgiveness
- For lost people to be saved
- For boldness to engage in spiritual conversations and sharing the gospel
- For cleansing of personal and congregational sins
- For the congregation to fulfill the Great Commission and make disciples
- For our pastor, staff, and leaders
- For local, state, and national government leaders
- Prayed through Scripture passages that relate to congregational health and vitality
- For receptivity and understanding of what the Holy Spirit is saying to our church
- For physical and spiritual healing for persons in the church and community
- For a fresh vision from God and His preferred future for the congregation
- For the ministries of the church to be effective in helping the church fulfill its God-given mission
- For the upcoming Sunday services
- For the gospel to be proclaimed to the ends of the earth through SBC missionaries and mission work
- For other Bible-believing churches and gospel-focused ministries in the community



### INVENTORY 3: EVALUATING THE HEALTH OF MEMBERS PERSONAL PRAYER LIVES

**This inventory could be administered to members of the congregation on a Sunday morning (during a Sunday school hour or as a take-home assignment to be returned to the church the next Sunday).**

How often do you engage in personal prayer?

- Once a day
- Three to five times a week
- Once a week
- I pray but not constantly
- More than once a day

When I have a personal prayer time, I ...

- pray first thing in the morning
- do so as a part of my devotional time
- pray in the evening
- keep a prayer journal
- meditate on Scripture

When I pray, I usually spend

- 5-10 minutes
- 10-15 minutes
- 15-25 minutes
- more than 30 minutes

During my normal time in personal prayer

- I do all the talking
- I spend most of the time talking

\_\_\_\_\_ I listen and talk equally

\_\_\_\_\_ I listen more than I talk

I have a prayer partner that I meet with

\_\_\_\_\_ once a week

\_\_\_\_\_ more than once a week

\_\_\_\_\_ once every couple of weeks

\_\_\_\_\_ as we find time

The church where I am a member provides \_\_\_\_\_ resources for personal prayer (fill in the blank with the word or phrase that best describes your church)

\_\_\_\_\_ weekly

\_\_\_\_\_ monthly

\_\_\_\_\_ seasonal

\_\_\_\_\_ no

\_\_\_\_\_ very few

\_\_\_\_\_ too many

Our church encourages congregational prayer

\_\_\_\_\_ through a weekly service

\_\_\_\_\_ through small groups

\_\_\_\_\_ through development of prayer partners

Our church has ... (complete the sentence with the statement that best describes your church)

\_\_\_\_\_ helped me in my prayer life over the past year

\_\_\_\_\_ given me confidence in my prayer life over the past year

\_\_\_\_\_ not contributed to my growth in prayer over the past year

My church has a \_\_\_\_\_ prayer ministry (fill in the blank with the word or phrase that best describes your church)

- \_\_\_\_\_ strong
- \_\_\_\_\_ weak
- \_\_\_\_\_ non-existent
- \_\_\_\_\_ exciting



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