



Corporate Prayer Leading Role Description

1. DPC Vision Statement

Darebin Presbyterian Church (DPC) exists *"to see the City of Darebin find deep satisfaction in knowing and serving Christ."* The role of those leading corporate prayers is crucial in helping us to realise this vision because you help God's people to respond to Christ, as we encounter him in God's Word, and you also pray for the extension of Christ's Kingdom in the lives of God's people at DPC, and in the community and world around us.

2. Key Outcomes

The goals of DPC's times of corporate prayer are three-fold:

- To lead God's people in expressing their satisfaction and delight in knowing God through prayer
- To lead God's people in responding to the preaching of God's Word in prayer
- To lead God's people in praying for particular needs – both within and outside our church community.

With that in mind, the sort of things we should pray for regularly – although not necessarily every week – include:

- Responding to the main ideas in the sermon (including confession, encouragement, strength to apply the passage etc.)
- Government Leaders and the country
- People who are physically or emotionally unwell
- That DPC people would be maturing as Christians
- That people in our local community and beyond would be becoming Christians
- The DPC's leadership (Elders, board, Gospel Community leaders) would have wisdom, integrity etc.
- Upcoming events (e.g. Easter Services and Christmas Carols)
- Church Planting around Melbourne and beyond
- Persecuted Christians around the world
- DPC's mission partners – see a current list at www.darebinpc.com.au/mission-partners or check the Elvanto service plan for any partners that are being highlighted that day.

3. Specifics of Role

- You will be reminded during the week via email that you are rostered on to lead corporate prayers for the following Sunday.
- You can check the "Corporate Prayer" item in the Elvanto service plan for ideas on how you might be able to pray in response to the sermon and other matters that you can pray for
- Look up what the bible passage is for that Sunday in Elvanto so that you can read the bible passage several times during the week and reflect on it for yourself. Ask yourself: "how can I lead God's people in responding this passage in prayer?"

- Read the preacher's sermon big idea and outline in the online Welcome Card early in the week, and then read the preacher's sermon notes later in the week when you are emailed them
- You should develop a list of things that we need to pray about - in response to God's Word, in light of upcoming events, and in light of what things on above list haven't been prayed about recently.
- You should write out some prayers - or at least some extended notes - to help you pray clearly, faithfully and genuinely. You can always make additions or alterations to these prayers during the service.
- You may choose to frame your prayer around a related passage of Scripture (i.e. a Psalm) or even around key verses from the passage that the sermon was on - this can be a very helpful way of helping people to further reflect on, and respond to, God's Word.

It is worth noting that there is currently a monthly cycle with regard to Corporate Prayers. There will be a reminder of this cycle in the Elvanto service plan for any given Sunday:

1. 1st Sunday of the Month - All Age Inclusive Prayer as children returning for Lord's Supper
2. 2nd Sunday of the Month - Open Mic Congregational Prayers
3. 3rd Sunday of the Month - Standard Corporate Prayers
4. 4th Sunday of the Month - Standard Corporate Prayers

Finally, when praying you might find it helpful to note the following characteristics of helpful prayers:

- Clearly - so that we can all understand and say "Amen!"
- Concisely - so that your prayers are thoughtful and responsive to God's word
- Corporately - so that we are praying for corporate concerns not private concerns
- Carefully - so that we are praying in line with God's will revealed in the Bible

4. Support and Accountability

If you have any questions or concerns about your role in leading corporate prayers, please contact Andy Wilson at and.wilson@gmail.com who is the Corporate Prayer Department Leader.