

# Prayer Chain

Whether you are forming a prayer chain for a specific event or a longer period of time, use the following suggestions.

1. **Plan a time when you can challenge others to join a prayer chain.** You might do this at a weekly prayer meeting, small group, or larger group weekly meeting.
2. **Clearly explain what is expected of anyone participating in the prayer chain.** What is it they are committing to?
3. **Determine how long the prayer times will be.** We would suggest 15 minute time slots. Then **determine how many of these time slots you would like people to sign up for.** Do you want them to sign up for 1 time slot, 3 time slots, etc.?

*It is not necessary that you have all 24 hours of the day covered.* Determine what hours of the days you want the prayer chain to be active. Certain times of the day may be harder for students to pray because they are in classes.

4. **Prepare cards for volunteers to fill out for their prayer commitment.** Have the cards correspond to the different prayer times that are available. This way they will be filling out a card for a specific prayer time and you will not have overlap. You might want to have them give their e-mail address so that you can remind them of their commitment and/or send them updated prayer requests to use during their prayer times.
5. **Prepare another set of cards to remind the volunteers of their commitment.**
6. **Record everyone's commitment on a master prayer chain chart.**
7. **Consider e-mailing prayer requests to everyone on the chain periodically.** It would also be good to update your chain on God's answers to their prayers.

