

Divide the group by gender for separate prayer.

If someone mentions a need throughout the meeting stop then and pray.

Give everyone a 3x5 card, have them write down requests, and pass them around the circle, so others can pray for you all week.

Have someone take each request and pray for it.

Have everyone say short one-sentence prayers.

Use guided prayer. One at a time, the leader suggests areas for the members to pray about silently. This works particularly well when dealing with difficult subjects in prayer such as confession.

Paraphrase Jesus' model prayer (Matthew 6:9-13). Divide it into natural sections: praise and thanksgiving, petitions, confession and seeking forgiveness, deliverance from evil, and praise. You can use the model prayer in other ways as well. For example, group members can write their own prayers based on it, or you can use it in a guided prayer session.

If someone in the group needs special prayer, gather around them and have everyone place their hands on their shoulders and pray.

Use conversational prayer or "popcorn" prayer. Choose someone to begin and someone to end after a period of silence. Encourage everyone to pray whenever they like.

Take the request of the person to your right or left.

Hold hands.

Get on your knees.

Partner up everyone - male with male, female with female, and pray in pairs, or if all are couples have couples pray together.

Begin with several moments of silent prayer.

Focus your group on praying for their lost friends.

Spend your time praying for WCC leadership, staff, growth, and progress.

Pray for new leaders to be raised up in your group.

Pray for the leadership of our country.

Go together to a hospital or home of someone in need and pray for them "on location".

Encourage everyone in the group to share a personal prayer need. As the leader, go first and be truly transparent.