



*“From the Neighborhoods to the Nations –  
Advancing Christ’s Kingdom United in Prayer”*

Dear Potential LPI Prayer Leader,

Re: Starting a Neighborhood Lighthouse of Prayer

Praise God for you and your interest to serve Him in LPI as a Prayer Guide and/or Prayer Hostess in your neighborhood; and most especially we praise Him for your heart to see Jesus’ prayer in John 17:20-23 fulfilled before He comes again - *that we may be one, so that the world will know Him*. The Lighthouse prayer groups come together once a month in neighborhoods for “kingdom praying” across denominations, cultures and generations - Protestant and Catholic, charismatic and non-charismatic. God has used our guidelines to keep women focused on the prayer topics, praying in one accord, and thus developing sisterhood relationships - **to Him be the glory!**

After you prayerfully review this Leadership Package (5 documents), please complete the leadership application and return it to us. We are requesting a suggested donation of \$10.00 for the Prayer Kit, which will be mailed to you upon approval of your application. If you are local, you may pick it up at our office at no cost. We believe that the material in this application package along with the material in the Lighthouses of Prayer Handbook will guide you in your responsibilities as a Prayer Guide or Prayer Hostess. If you do not have someone to partner with now, you may choose to guide and hostess a group yourself, while we “pray her in.”

We pray you will be inviting women in your neighborhood from various Christian churches with diverse prayer styles. If you readily embrace and apply the information you will be receiving, your group will be viable, ongoing and will remain committed to pray for the transformation of your city and nation for Christ. The LPI website will help to further familiarize you with the ministry. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us. *Our prayers are with you for God to use you as His ambassador to unite His body through united prayer - unto His glory!* Our hope is that you will soon be led to complete, sign, and return the application!

Your sister in Christ,

*Joan*

Joan Courtney  
Founder & President

Enclosures: Statement of Faith, Mission Statement, Vision Statement, Prayer Meeting Abiding Principles  
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Hostess Neighborhood Leadership Application

# *Lighthouses of Prayer International*

## **Statement of Faith**

As women united in Christ, we believe that:

- There is one Eternal God existing in the Trinity of three persons as shown from Genesis to Revelation – “God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.”
- The Bible is God's infallible, irrefutable Word.
- The sacred union of marriage is between one man and one woman.
- Life begins at conception.
- God created the heavens and the earth by the power of His spoken Word.
- Jesus Christ is God who became flesh through a Holy Spirit conception and virgin birth.
- Man is sinful and cannot save himself from eternal separation from God.
- Jesus Christ's death on the cross is the only provision for man's sin.
- Salvation is through faith in Jesus Christ by individually repenting of sin and receiving Him into one's life as Savior and Lord.
- Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church, His Body, which is composed of all men and women, living and dead who have been joined to Him through saving faith.
- Jesus died, was buried, arose from the grave, walked among men, ascended into heaven, and indwells every Believer.
- Jesus is one day returning for His Bride, the Church, to consummate God's eternal plan for mankind.

## **Mission Statement**

*Our prayer is that every Christian in their city will experience the love and power of Christ as they unite in prayer.*

## **Vision Statement**

*A Lighthouse of Prayer in every neighborhood in every nation –  
Advancing Christ's Kingdom United in Prayer*

*“I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they may also be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one:*

*I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one,*

*and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me. **John 17:20-23***

## **Prayer Meeting Abiding Principles**

**THOSE WHO ATTEND OUR MEETINGS COME FROM MANY CHRISTIAN DENOMINATIONS. FOR THIS REASON, WE ASK ALL WHO PARTICIPATE WITH US TO ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES:**

- Profess the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to 1 Corinthians 15.
- Avoid all controversial subjects regarding Christian doctrine.
- Avoid discussion of various non-Christian religious beliefs.
- Maintain a Spirit of love and harmony as we live up the name of Jesus and pray.

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## LPI LEADERSHIP GUIDELINES

### The LPI Leader:

- has a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and can communicate her salvation experience and her walk with Christ to others
- is an active member of a local church that professes the Gospel of Jesus Christ
- understands that her everyday lifestyle and demeanor represent Christ, her church and LPI
- commits to pray regularly for her city and nation, the ministry of LPI, and the ladies in her group
- agrees with the LPI **Statement of Faith, Mission and Vision, and Abiding Principles**. (*See pg. 2*)
- follows her leadership responsibilities specific to her position when praying with the Lighthouse prayer group
- maintains regular communication with LPI leadership and those she leads
- is loyal and supportive of LPI leaders and seeks counsel from them when necessary
- commits to serving in LPI leadership for a minimum of one year. Prayer meetings are one hour in length, held monthly or weekly, as determined by the Prayer Guide and Prayer Hostess
- understands she is to make her family and church commitments a priority, but will honor her time commitment as a leader of LPI when scheduling other activities
- follows LPI and prayer meeting guidelines and will inspire others in LPI to do so
- is faithful to assure that those under her leadership receive LPI material or announcements in a timely manner
- reads and regularly reviews the LPI material specific to her position
- understands that the unauthorized use of the name, Lighthouses of Prayer International, or logo is prohibited
- makes a priority to attend when possible, the LPI events held in San Antonio, Texas: Women's Call to Prayer, Celebration Dinner (*annual fundraising event*) in the fall, and the Leadership Conference designed for all current and potential leadership in the San Antonio area and beyond. When offered, the Women's Praise and Prayer Brunch.

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## **Qualities of an LPI Neighborhood Prayer Guide**

### **A woman who:**

- lives a life of purity, humility and integrity before God and man.
- is a sweet-spirited person who will gently keep the prayer meeting within LPI guidelines.
- has a servant's heart for prayer and is dependent on the Holy Spirit as she guides the women in prayer.
- understands and embraces the need to maintain communication with her Prayer Hostess, the Prayer Members in her group, and those at the LPI headquarters.

## **Responsibilities of an LPI Neighborhood Prayer Guide**

- Pray! Pray! Pray! Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you.
- Be punctual so the meeting may start and end on time.
- Familiarize yourself periodically with the Prayer Handbook.
- Begin the prayer time 10 minutes after the scheduled meeting time with reading a short praise Bible scripture passage focusing on God's goodness and glory.
- Utilizing the A.C.T.S. Pattern of Prayer - **A**doration, **C**onfession, **T**hanksgiving, **S**upplication (requests), pray for the first topic and proceed with the eight Prayer Focus topics on the Prayer Focus sheets as the Holy Spirit leads you. A current Prayer Focus will be emailed to you quarterly.
- Before the end of the hour, conclude the Prayer Focus topics by saying a brief prayer on the remaining topics for which you have not prayed.
- Allow the last 10 minutes for personal prayer at the end of focused prayer topics. Simply pray for a personal need for yourself, a family member or a friend.
- Be timely in closing the meeting with a prayer praising God for this time and thanking Him for the women. Remind the women about the next meeting date and encourage them to invite others.
- Collect any love gifts and thank them for giving. Please mail the offering to Lighthouses of Prayer International the first week of each month. Envelopes are included in your Prayer Kit. A yearend tax receipt will be given for checks made out to LPI.

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## **Qualities of an LPI Neighborhood Prayer Hostess**

**An LPI Prayer Hostess is a woman who:**

- lives a life of purity, humility and integrity before God and man.
- is a gentle and tactful person who will help the Guide to keep the prayer meeting within LPI guidelines.
- understands and embraces the need to maintain communication with her Prayer Guide, the Prayer Members in her group, and the LPI headquarters.

## **Responsibilities of an LPI Neighborhood Prayer Hostess**

- Pray! Pray! Pray! To set the atmosphere for your prayer members
- Familiarize yourself periodically with the Prayer Handbook
- Use the Prayer Member Roster to keep track of the women who attend each meeting
- Ensure your prayer gathering is free of distractions and noises (i.e. pets, radios, telephones, answering machines and cell phones)
- Place a basket on a table for women to have the opportunity to give to financially support us
- Lovingly encourage prayer members to sow into the ministry each month
- Have water available and/or coffee. Keep refreshments light if you desire to have them available.
- Make reminder calls to the women.
- Maintain additional copies of the Prayer Handbooks and the current Prayer Focus to have on hand for each meeting.

***Thank you for partnering with the Guide to greet the women, start the meeting on time, and help keep the meeting focused on praying in one accord.***



**Neighborhood Leadership Application**

[Please Print]

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Apt.# City NW, NC, NE, SW, SC, SE State Zip Country  
(Circle one)

E-Mail address \_\_\_\_\_ Fax No. \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (W) \_\_\_\_\_ ext. \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_ (H) \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Part Time \_\_\_ Full Time \_\_\_

Marital Status: Single \_\_\_ Married \_\_\_ Years of Marriage \_\_\_ Divorced \_\_\_ Widowed \_\_\_

Birth date \_\_\_\_\_ If married, spouse's name \_\_\_\_\_  
Month, day

Briefly describe when you received Jesus as your Savior (Use back if more room is needed)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name and denomination of church you attend \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member \_\_\_\_\_ How long? \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Church email address \_\_\_\_\_

In what areas of leadership are you currently serving or have served in your church or community?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Organizations you are currently or have previously been involved with. (volunteer groups, community organizations, Bible studies, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in (circle one): guiding a group hosting a group both?

**I, the undersigned, give my authorization to LPI to verify the information on this form. I have read the information and will uphold Lighthouses of Prayer International's Leadership Guidelines.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_