

CCF Prayer Groups Info Page



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The emphasis of this group is less on the fellowship and more on the prayer time. The list is endless of what women can pray for. We hope they would pray for Coffee Cup Friends, this ministry, our teams and families, the CCF prayer requests and CCF Fellowships, but also for their own needs, families, churches, communities, our nation, and the world. One very important element to prayer groups is to exalt the name of Jesus and give praise for all God has and is doing in women's lives around the world. Our homes, families, communities and beyond are healthy only in direct proportion to the spiritual vigor and growing maturity of praying women, by the power of the Holy Spirit. This group should also schedule in some fellowship, too. It's important in all groups to build relationships that will last for an eternity.

Every home should have a sign that reads:

**"If you've come to see me, come on in.
If you've come to see my house, please make an appointment!"**

"Rule" #1: Don't Sweat the Small Stuff!

Move the pile of laundry to the bedroom, get the kids to pick up their toys, do a quick dusting, etc, but don't feel everything has to be perfect to have your Coffee Cup Friends over. They're coming for the fellowship!

"Rule" #2: Keep it Simple!

Plan on simple refreshments and food... something cool or warm to drink (avoid alcohol, if possible), light appetizers or desserts, etc. YOU get to decide what you're going to have. As time goes on, others in the group can bring things, too.

"Rule" #3 – Keep a Regular Schedule!

It's important to set up regular dates and times when you can come together. (For example: every first and third Mondays of the month from 7- 8:30 p.m..) Your friends can then plan ahead and make arrangements for hobbies or babysitters to take care of the kids. (These are women only get-togethers, except for nursing moms or an occasional emergency.) Most importantly, it gives women something to look forward to and better schedule other activities. Set dates that work for most.

"Rule" #4 – Start Out Slow!

"Unchurched" women should feel comfortable in your home; in a non-confrontational, non-threatening environment. Unless you know the spiritual maturity, begin with a simple fellowship so the women can get to know each other and begin trusting one another. Do, however, allow for a short prayer time (where no one is made to feel uncomfortable) and plan some topics for discussion or do an ice-breaker that you know everyone will enjoy. Or, plan an event or social right away that all will enjoy.

Your first meeting is so important.

**It will determine whether your women want to return or not. Make it special!
Then, try to carve out some time to call your gals between meeting times. It shows you care!**

We suggest you pre-determine a set period of time to have your CCF Prayer Group. During the last couple times you meet, discuss the future of your group and if there needs to be any changes if you do continue (hostess, direction, etc.) Encourage responses & keep positive!

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:

Even though this CCF Fellowship is a Prayer Group, don't forget some social interaction. The fun that can come from a girl's night out or just meet at a fast food restaurant for an inexpensive get away is so important. Be CREATIVE! Come up with ideas that don't cost much but are great fun! Such activities can include: coffee at the airport, a picnic in the park where everyone brings a dish to share, an evening on someone's back porch sipping specialty coffees (see our Recipe Archives in our Kitchen for ideas), etc. The list is endless, but it's in these times that you and your friends will create wonderful memories!

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU PLAN TO START A CCF FELLOWSHIP.

**We have extra helps to get you started.
Also, we're available to answer all your questions.
You can contact us at <http://www.coffeecupfriends.com/contactus.htm>**