



As prayer volunteer you play a critical role in reaching people for Christ. Through the prayer those that are far from Christ seek his salvation, those that are struggling seek him for refuge and even those that are seeking to celebrate with someone what God has done in their life.

Listen and Pray

Keep in mind that you are expressing God's love through listening and praying with this person. It is our desire that they feel supported by us and loved and cared for by God. It is not a counseling session designed to give advice or 'fix' anything.

As you listen to them, listen to the Holy Spirit and what He may be telling you. Restate the basics of what they have said and ask questions needed for further clarification without being intrusive. If you do not understand their prayer needs, ask again "How can I pray for you today?" This same statement is always a great one to use to bring a rambling conversation to a close and redirect.

If it seems appropriate, you may ask if they are comfortable with you putting your hand on their shoulder or arm as you pray for them.

After praying for someone, you may want to suggest scripture for them to read, refer them to the scripture reference card or another ministry pamphlet.

For difficult or ongoing problems, encourage them to come again for prayer and let you know how they are doing.

Anointing Oil

This is used as a symbol of the Holy Spirit, an acknowledgment that it is God that heals and meets our needs. You can use it any time you feel it applies to the situation. Make sure you ask if they would like to be anointed in this way. Ask the person if they prefer anointing on the forehead or back of the hand. Use a finger to place a dab of oil. Place the oil in the sign of a cross, and then pray for the individual by name and make request for specific need for healing. If you have not done this before, you may want to observe first.

Resources – inside and outside of EBC

As a prayer volunteer we ask that you make yourself familiar with the many resources that we offer. In every worship center we have a prayer supply basket that includes the following contents:

- Scripture Cards: Feel free to give the person you have prayed for this card. This is a great resource for you as well as you are praying.
- Counseling Cards: Information regarding counseling agencies.
- Hopelink Brochure: This ministry is designed to partner those that need 1:1 care for a season of life. Hopelink volunteers are trained in walking aside those in need.
- Yes! Packet and Bible: You will get the opportunity to pray with people to commit their lives to Christ. See Yes! Training Materials for specifics on how to do this and follow up.
- Anointing Oil: Read more on how this is used in the anointing oil section.

Other resources to recommend to attenders:

- Care and Life events: eaglebrookchurch.com we list our care resources and life event resources. Make yourself familiar with these resources. You can also find this information on your campus at the literature rack.
- Prayer online: Encourage those coming forward for prayer on the weekend to post their prayer requests on our website at eaglebrookprayer.com.
- Needs Board: This is designed for the free exchange of items and services between Eagle Brook attenders.