



### **Purpose of Role**

We desire our Sunday congregations to be gatherings around God's Word, so that people both Christian and not yet Christian leave loving Jesus more. Those serving 'Upfront' contribute to this goal by leading the congregation through key components of the gathering. The Upfront Prayer leader prays deeply on behalf of the congregation so our requests and thanksgiving may be given over to God. This must be done with both the regular member and the newcomer in mind.

### **Character Expectations**

- Prayer Leaders represent our church to insiders and outsiders. They lead the congregation therefore they are people who exhibit the qualities of a leader as outlined in passages such as 1 Timothy 3:2-7, Titus 1:7-9, and 1 Peter 5:1-4.
- Prayer Leaders will be men and women, youth, adults, and children with their parents, who are active members of their respective OEC congregation.
- Prayer Leaders will have a humble and servant heart. Not looking for the praise of others rather praying for the benefit of others and serving for the audience of one: God.
- Prayer Leaders look to excel in faithfulness. Not having a 'bare minimum will do' attitude but a desire to excel in faithfulness through preparation and clear communication with others so that our Sunday Gatherings can be as engaging and encouraging as possible.

### **Competency Expectations**

- Genuine love for people, both regulars and newcomers at church.
- The ability to understand the importance of praying in church and appreciate the responsibility.
- The ability to prepare prayers that are rich in Biblical truth, reflect a breadth of needs and are earnest in heart.
- The ability to communicate in such a way that is clear and understandable with warmth and graciousness.

### **Prayer Leader – the role in practice.**

- Check the Prayer roster through Elvanto to know when you are on.
- Check prayer points (either through Elvanto or News to Notice.)



## Sunday Upfront: Prayer Leader (2025)

- Prepare a 4-5 minute prayer prior to Sunday.
- Ask the office to add slides for any prayers / images you need shown.
- Arrive 15 minutes before the service begins to notify the Meeting Leader you are at church and check if there are any last-minute changes.
- Check the order of service on the front of the handout so you know when you are serving.
- Lead the congregation in prayer.

### **Appointment and Commitment**

- Commitment: Prayer Leaders commit to serve on the roster for the calendar year.
- Training: All Prayer Leaders are encouraged to utilize the self paced training course.
- Code of Conduct: All those serving up front must adhere to the code of conduct for people volunteering in ministry at OEC.

### **What will happen next?**

You will receive an email from your congregational minister.