

Prayer Coordinator¹

Qualifications: A Christian who is . . .

- Devoted to prayer in his/her personal life and in the life of their local church or network (Acts 1:14; Eph. 6:18; Col. 4:2)
- Aware of the prayer needs in their local church or network
- Desires to be part of a broader prayer movement covering RI and Southeastern Mass. (RI/MA)
- Appointed and affirmed by their pastor or network leader

Expectations:

- Organizes and facilitates their local church's or network's one day of prayer each month
- Coordinates with their pastor or network leader to develop prayer points from within their local church or network each month
- Distributes local church/network and community (RI/MA) prayer requests to their prayer team each month (a prayer guide provided by TOGETHER)
- Stays in communication with *Together We Pray* by checking and responding to emails
- Participates in initial prayer coordinator training
- Participates in occasional follow-up gatherings of prayer coordinators for further training, encouragement and prayer
- With their pastor or network leader, facilitates prayer training in their local church or network

Recruiting the Prayer Team:

- Helps organize the local congregation or network to cover a 24-hour day each month with prayer (in some cases, two or more churches/networks may cooperate to take a particular day)
- Provides ways for people to sign up for prayer time commitments, e.g., 30 minutes, 60 minutes. Each church/network determines best format for their prayer team. For example, individuals, families, small groups, Sunday school classes, youth groups, ministry teams, etc. could sign up to cover a portion of time.

Encouragement and Follow-up. The Prayer Coordinator . . .

- Follows up and encourages the people who commit to their prayer assignment.
- Identifies resources and training that may be helpful
- Looks for and shares answers to our prayers with their church or network
- Note: A community (RI/MA) prayer report from *Together We Pray* will be sent out on a regular basis for the prayer coordinator to share with their church/network. The prayer coordinator could do the same with local church/network requests.

Communication: The prayer coordinator communicates back and forth with their pastor or network leader and with TOGETHER leadership team to share prayer requests and answers to prayer.

Resourcing the Prayer Coordinator and the Local Churches/Networks: Besides creating a canopy of united, strategic prayer in the community, part of the goal of *Together We Pray* is to help create a stronger "culture of prayer" within each church and network and across our region. To accomplish this, we will work to identify and make available a variety of prayer tactics and best practices for churches and networks to consider. We will also seek to learn from each other, as we journey in prayer together.

¹ Adapted from the website of Light of the World Prayer Center: <http://lowpc.org/prayer/resources/>