

Prayer Suggestions

Keep this in your Bible as a bookmark for your daily reading, and let it remind you to pray for at least one person each day. Some good suggestions of what to pray *for* are listed in the bottom section. (Try to remember #9 **every** day!)

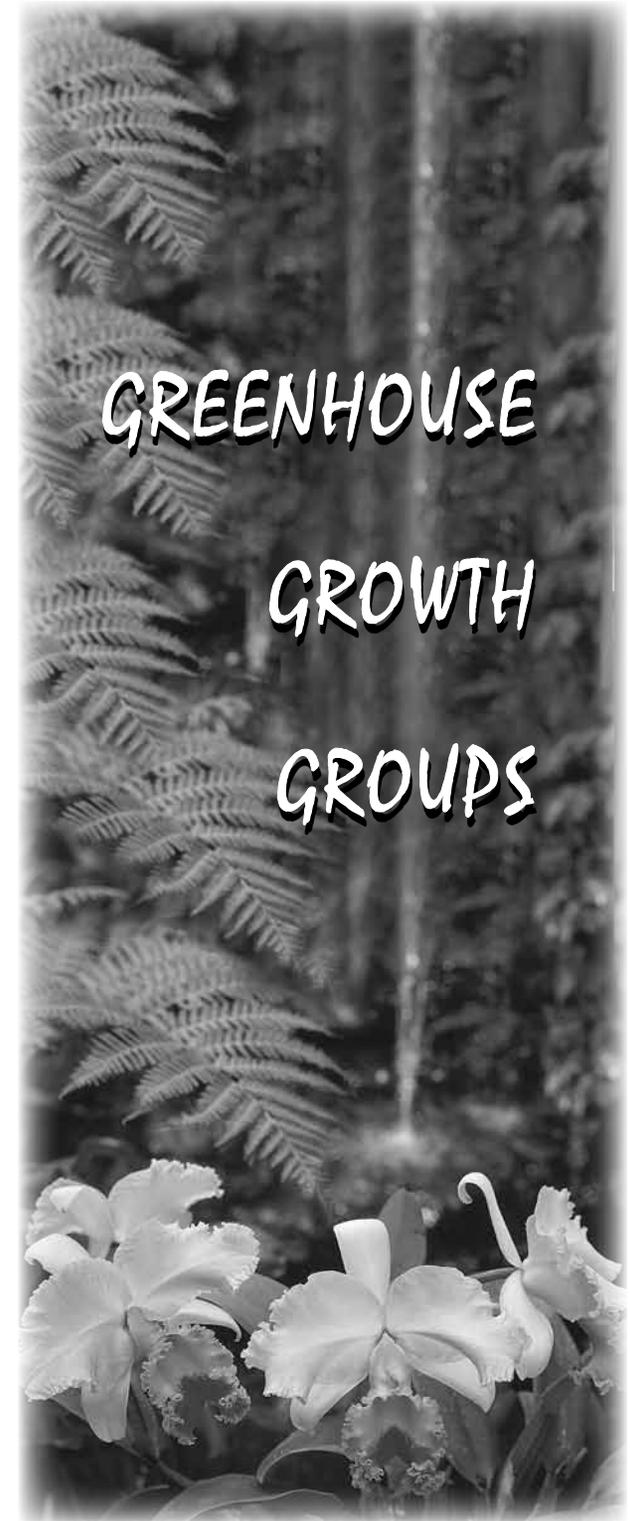
IN THE SPACES BELOW:

1. Write the names of two or three people who need you to pray that they will become wholehearted followers of Jesus.
2. In the following spaces, write the names of people chosen by **others** in your group.

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PRAY THAT GOD WILL:

1. Draw this person to Christ. (*John 6:44*)
2. Enable them to hear, understand and believe what God says. (*1Thessalonians 2:13*)
3. Prevent the devil from blinding them to God's truth. (*2Corinthians 4:4; 2Timothy 2:25-26*)
4. Encourage them to search for God with all of their heart. (*Jeremiah 29:13; Acts 17:27*)
5. Grant them the desire to repent and turn to God. (*Acts 26:20; 1Thessalonians 1:9*)
6. Convince them of their need for forgiveness and cleansing. (*John 16:7-11; 1John 1:9*)
7. Persuade them to sincerely trust and follow Jesus. (*John 1:19; Revelation 3:20*)
8. Give you good opportunities, confidence and clarity to discuss God's good news with them. (*Ephesians 6:19-20; Colossians 4:3-4*)
9. Motivate many Christians to start actively sharing their faith. (*Luke 10:2b*)



GREENHOUSE GROWTH GROUPS

A "G.G.G." (G³) is made up of two or three people, all of the same gender, who meet weekly for about an hour to help each other grow and stay on track, spiritually. It's best not to let your group expand beyond three, but rather multiply into two groups of two as soon as you find a 4th participant who is faithful to the following agenda. *There are only three things you need for a great G³:*

1. SHARED ACCOUNTABILITY for Mutual Support –

Strength and healing are best found in relationships that are built around openness, acceptance and mutual support. The first thing to do when you meet with your G³ is to ask each other the Support Questions in the column to the right. (You can tear it off and use it as a Bible bookmark). Coming clean with each other is a great way to set the tone for the rest of your meeting and the coming week. Each person takes turns answering the same question. After you're done sharing, pray for each other.

2. SCRIPTURE READING for Spiritual Nourishment –

- *"Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."* (Matthew 4:4)
- *"Like a newborn baby, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your relationship with God."* (1 Peter 2:2)

Decide together which book of the Bible your group is going to read. Strive to reach a goal of about 10-12 chapters every week. (A good place to start is with one of the four Gospels.) This will help you become familiar with whole sections of scripture in their context. If you agree to read a shorter book like Ephesians (with six chapters), read it twice during the week. A longer book like Matthew (with 28 chapters) can be read through in two or three weeks.

When your G³ meets, check to see if everyone completed that week's reading goal. (See question #10). If even one person *didn't* finish, then *everyone* in the group should agree to read the same assignment over again. That isn't a bad thing. Repeatedly reading extended portions of God's word will help you understand and remember it even better, and you'll see lots of things you would otherwise miss. It usually takes a group several tries to complete their reading goal at the same time. Once you do, decide what your next book will be and repeat the above procedure.

3. SPECIFIC PRAYER for Other People –

On the back of your Bible bookmark, each member of your G³ should write the names of two or three people they know and care about who need more of what Jesus came to give. These people's names should then be written on *every* group member's bookmark as a reminder to pray specifically for each of them as you read the Bible during the week. It works well to choose one or two names from the list to pray for each day. Some "Prayer Suggestions" are included at the bottom to assist you in doing this. (People who show interest in Christ as a result of your prayers are perfect candidates to join your G³ or to begin a new one with one of your group members. The possibilities for multiplication are endless!)

Support Questions

*"Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other, so that you may be healed."
(James 5:16)*

*"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."
(Galatians 6:2)*

This past week:

1. Did you follow through with what you said you were going to do last time (in your answer to #10)?
2. Were you prayerful and grateful to God, even when things were difficult?
3. Did you dwell on inappropriate sexual thoughts or desires? If so, did you act on any of them?
4. Were you completely honest in your dealings with others?
5. Were you loving (patient, respectful, positive, kind, generous, understanding, humble, etc.) in your relationships?
6. Did you harm anyone by your words, either behind their back or in person?
7. Did you surrender to an addictive behavior?
8. Did you stay hurt, angry or resentful toward someone instead of fully forgiving them?
9. Did you stumble or struggle in any other way?
10. Did you complete this week's reading goal and hear from God? What did you hear, and what is one thing you're going to do about it?