

PRAYER CHALLENGE

PURPOSE:

To promote the habit of praying. It encourages the constant need for prayer as a part of our relationship with God. It promotes the use of prayer journals to keep track of our conversations with the Father, and promotes a scheduled or ongoing “quiet time” with God, which is so often consumed by other activities.

PROCESS:

Each participant will:

- Maintain a prayer journal for four, eight, or ten weeks during the 12 months preceding the pre-convention deadline.
- Document a prayer journal at least five days for every week during this period.
- Mail the verified certification form on page 55 to the Event Coordinator on or before the pre-convention event deadline. Do not send prayer journals in with the confirmation form. These are to be kept by the participant.

The Church coordinator or coach will:

- Mail a self-addressed postcard to the Event Coordinator if confirmation of receipt of the event entries is desired. Please submit one postcard **per event** per congregation.
- By the Pre-Convention deadline, the coach or church coordinator will submit Prayer Challenge entries on the Pre-Convention certification form to the event coordinator. Please mark what medal the participant should receive.

The Event Coordinator will:

- Confirm receipt of event entries to the church coordinator if a self-addressed postcard is included with the congregation entries
- Report results to the Awards Committee

RULES:

1. The participant must maintain a prayer journal documenting the prayer, as well as a list of answered prayers. This event will take place during the 12 months preceding the pre-convention deadline.
2. The quality of the documentation will be representative of the age of the participant.
3. Journals will be maintained at least five days per week, and will include praise, petition, and a listing of answered prayers.
4. The Church Coordinator will specify one or more individuals to verify the use of a prayer journal at least one time during every month of the activity. The adult may not be related to the participant. They must certify that the participant has completed the prayer journal for the four, eight, or ten week period.

Note:

The purpose of the adult verification is both to determine whether the journal is being maintained, as well as encouraging the child to continue using this leadership quality. The adult should also offer encouragement to the participant on potential changes they might wish to make in their journaling process and how to praise God.

AWARDS:

Awards will be given to participants in each of the following categories.

Gold Medal

10 Week Prayer Journal
5 days per week
List of Answered Prayers

Silver Medal

8 Week Prayer Journal
5 days per week
List of Answered Prayers

Bronze

4 Week Prayer Journal
5 days per week
List of Answered Prayers