



# On Your Mark!

Connecting in prayer at the AVC

“Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us” (Hebrews 12:1)

May 2004

## Connect

Every Sunday, 9:30am & 5:30pm – Pre-service prayer (Wedge Room)

Every Tuesday, 7:00am – Father’s Heart men’s prayer (Café)

Every Thursday, 9:00pm – Frank & Sandra’s weekly prayer (Duluth)

Sundays (once a month) – Mary Hower’s prayer for Central Asia with Adam & Mary Hoyt (Norcross); call for next date / time—770-265-1597

Wed, May 12th, 7:00pm— Patrick & Angel’s prayer evangelism (Wedge Room)

Fri, May 21st, 7:30pm – Unveiled (Auditorium)

Fri, June 4th, 7:30pm – Unveiled (Auditorium)

## Wait and trust

“We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name.” (Psalm 33:20–21)

## Website

Visit us on the web at  
[www.atlantavineyard.com/prayer](http://www.atlantavineyard.com/prayer)

## Different Strokes for Different Folks

*Alice Smith, May / June 2004 edition of “Pray!” magazine*

Good news! There isn’t just one “right way” to pray! We all have different prayer styles. That’s because God gives each of us different kinds of gifts. 1 Corinthians 12 says that some of us have gifts such as mercy or teaching. We each have our own personality and interests as well. When you put those things together, it makes us pray in a different way from the person next to us.

Just as we need all the parts of our physical body, we need all the different prayer styles in the body of Christ. We need each body part so that things work like they are supposed to. We need all the different prayer styles to pray everything that is on God’s heart. God will be blessed, the enemy will be defeated, and you will pray powerful prayers!

**Crisis intercessors** . . . are always “on call” to pray for emergencies of any kind.

**Issues intercessors** . . . get upset by the news. They may not be able to do much physically about disasters, scandals, or government decisions, but they pray!

**List intercessors** . . . love to pray from a list. Missionaries, sick people, unsaved friends, whatever. Ask them to pray for you, and they’ll add you to their list!

**Mercy intercessors** . . . feel what other people are feeling. Sometimes they feel the heart of God. This helps them pray in a way that brings God’s mercy to situations.

**Nations intercessors** . . . enjoy praying over a map. The way God moves in other cultures fascinates them. This motivates them to pray for countries around the world.

**Prophetic intercessors** . . . listen to God as much as they speak to Him. God gives them information that helps them (and others) to pray “on-target.”

**Evangelism intercessors** . . . care deeply about people who haven’t accepted Jesus. They pray and pray until unsaved people give their hearts to Him.

**Special-Assignment intercessors** . . . are like spiritual “bodyguards.” They pray for individuals God puts on their hearts. It may be a president or a pastor. Or someone at work or school. It might even be someone they don’t know, like someone in the news.

**Warfare intercessors** . . . understand that the devil is out to kill, steal, and destroy. They like to uncover his evil plans. Then, through prayer, they stop him in his tracks!

**Worship intercessors** . . . bring God’s joy, comfort, and hope to situations when they sing their prayers instead of saying them.

**Administrative intercessors** . . . organize others to pray. They inform others of prayer needs, set up prayer meetings, organize prayer chains, and so on. They work to help others pray more effectively.

**Flexible intercessors** . . . engage in a variety of prayer styles. They move from one to another, depending on where God needs them at the moment.

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*[I hope these descriptions will encourage you to pursue a life of prayer, wherever you’re at, and not be intimidated by someone else’s prayer style! If we live in a way that is right with God, and pray according to God’s truth, our prayers are powerful and effective (James 5:16). Life is certainly an adventure with God!]*

## Adopt-a-youth

Adopt-a-youth is about praying for the youth in our midst. If you feel a burden for youth, why not adopt a youth in prayer? You will be assigned a youth to pray for regularly for 1 month. This will be done anonymously, though you will be given their first names. You will be praying for, but not with, the youth you adopt (no personal contact).

You can begin any time. This is a simple way you can connect in prayer wherever you are. Our youth need our prayers!

Contact: Karen Sculley, 770-279-9379,  
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## Prayer groups

You're welcome to join in any of our regular prayer groups. Call for times and locations!

Sundays – Prayer for Central Asia; Mary Hower with Adam & Mary Hoyt (770-265-1597)

Tuesdays – Father's Heart men's prayer group; Johnny Crist (770-274-1010)

Wednesdays – Prayer Evangelism; Patrick & Angel D'Auria (678-366-9481)

Thursdays – Prayer; Frank & Sandra Teixeira (678-957-1519)

## And the survey says . . .

Thank you to those of you who participated in our April prayer ministry survey! 23% of you responded (that's 78 people out of the 334 in our prayer community). 80% of you read our prayer newsletters; 83% of you like email reminders for prayer meetings; 15 are interested in forming prayer groups; 10 are interested in attending a prayer class (both to be announced soon!) Most importantly, we received many helpful and encouraging comments:

*"Even when I'm not physically there to pray, I often 'join' the people who are gathered by praying where I am. It's exciting to know groups are gathered together and seeking God."*

*"Stay faithful to this ministry. It is the differentiator between failure and success for the AVC."*

*"Without the prayers of the saints our work here is like trying to work an unplowed field! I just want you to know how much I appreciate what you are doing and I want to encourage you to keep it up." (from one of our AVC-supported missionaries)*

We welcome your feedback at any time! We're here to serve you, so let us know any time you have a comment, idea, suggestion, etc.

## Unveiled

1st & 3rd Fridays, 7:30pm, Auditorium

Unveiled is the centerpiece of prayer ministry at the AVC. It's a time when we gather to worship and pray together. We desire to touch the heart of the Father, seek the face of Jesus, and hear the voice of the Spirit.

The name "Unveiled" comes from 2 Corinthians 3:18—"And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit." The "Message" translation puts it this way—"nothing between us and God"!

Everyone is welcome! Childcare is provided.

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## PLOW team

If God has called you to pray for the AVC for at least one hour per week, please join the PLOW team! You can commit to pray throughout the week or on one day—your choice. PLOW: Pray, Listen, Overcome, Watch. The acronym speaks for itself—praying, overcoming in prayer, & listening to & watching what the Father is saying & doing. To plow is to prepare soil for seeds to be sown.

PLOW team members receive a special weekly email newsletter, Set!, covering prayer requests from AVC pastors & general prayer requests. Just as Aaron and Hur held up Moses' arms in Exodus 17, the PLOW team will "hold up the arms" of our pastors in prayer. PLOW team members will be invited to special prayer ministry events (e.g. prayer breakfasts).

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**CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW? ... GOOD!**