

Dear Women and Men of God,

In this package, you will find four main categories of tools (listed below). After the list, we have provided a brief but descriptive breakdown of each of the categories. If needed, please feel free to call or email for assistance, and someone will answer your questions and/or walk you through any of the various information or tools. Additionally, at the end of this letter, information is given concerning a weekly conference call that takes place (on Thursday evenings, 8:30pm Central Time) so that anyone with questions concerning **The 5y80™ Objective**, PrayerCords™, or other features and benefits of the Strategic Prayer Initiative™, can get their questions answered.

The four main categories of tools are as follows:

1. Snapshot Materials (to help you know how prospective PrayerCord members view their actions and beliefs)
2. "Good Prayer Life" Materials (to help individuals in developing a good prayer life)
3. New Participant Materials (the nuts and bolts of PrayerCords™ and SPI™ Small Groups)
4. Accountability and Tracking Materials

1. Snapshot Materials (to help you know how prospective PrayerCord members or prospective SPI Small Group members view their actions and beliefs concerning prayer and other areas of spiritual warfare)

There are two questionnaire/survey options that make up the Snapshot Materials:

- A. The first is a one-page questionnaire/survey (one page, two sides). This tool is quick, about five (5) minutes, and easy to use since it is limited to just one piece of paper and only has 14 basic questions. This short survey is the one we would recommend most of you use. Seven (7) of these have been included. We suggest you try one out on yourself first (so you can get a feel for it), and then give a copy to one or more people that you know.
- B. The second questionnaire/survey has almost 30 questions and is made up of two pages stapled together. The additional questions will give you greater insights into prayer as well as information concerning a number of other aspects pertinent to spiritual warfare (*relative to your people, group, or church*). Master copies of the longer questionnaire/survey are available at www.PrayerCords.org.

Use of one of the SPI Diagnostic surveys is always strongly recommended. Results from these surveys will typically show a solid majority of individuals filling them out are not satisfied with their present prayer lives, and want to improve. Furthermore, using either of these tools (A or B above) will give you much greater credibility as you try to help others grow in prayer and spiritual warfare. The credibility comes from knowing what your people believe about prayer, how they are actually doing, and how sincere they are in their desire to improve.

2. "Good Prayer Life" Materials (to help individuals in developing a good prayer life)

- A. The 8½" x 11" Green Card entitled *What Does It Take To Have "A Good Prayer Life?"* [Three (3) included]
- B. The 40 day prayer devotional entitled Love to Pray by Dr. Alvin VanderGriend. [One copy is included]

Roughly 70% of average American Bible Believing Christians report they do not have a "good" or "mature" prayer life, but they do believe God wants them to have one. There are abundant resources available regarding having an effective and quality prayer life. However, the tools we make available are the two listed above. These tools have proven to be very beneficial in helping people have a better understanding of what makes up the different components of a "Good Prayer Life." The vast majority of those using the 40-day prayer devotional, Love to Pray, have found it *truly excellent*. After reading it, an assistant pastor at an Illinois church asked for 20 copies to give to people in his small group. An elder at that same church (after reading Love to Pray) asked to purchase 100 copies to give to people he knew. Additionally, the pastor of a Michigan church (where we used Love to Pray with his entire congregation) told us that he showed it to a group of other pastors who he met with regularly and told them "this booklet contains everything you want your people to know about prayer." [Talk to us about getting additional copies.]

3. New Participant Materials (the nuts and bolts of PrayerCords™ and SPI™ Small Groups)

- A. **Shorter Version of the New Participant's Starter Packet** [three (3) included]. These are for PrayerCords, but by substituting the larger Promise of Confidentially Card, they can also be used with SPI Small Groups. These Include:

- a. A Blue Card (This card summarizes some core basics about PrayerCords and SPI Small Groups.)
- b. A generic first month's Pink Sheet (new ones will be emailed to you each month – we ask, if possible, that each month's copies be printed on easily identifiable pink paper)
- c. A one-page brief summary of the basics involved in being in a PrayerCord (color of paper is Goldenrod)
- d. A one-page (white, two-sided) fuller summary of all the main aspects involved in PrayerCords
- e. An optional Chapter-A-Day Reading Chart
- f. A small (green) Promise of Confidentiality Card used with the PrayerCords
- g. A sample Yellow Card (used to summarize the progress of a Cord on a monthly or weekly basis)
- h. A Beige Card (This card is not usually needed unless it is used in conjunction with a church-wide launch. Still, the Beige Card, at times, can be helpful in a SPI Grassroots Launch.)

- B. **There is a Longer Version of the New Participant's Starter Packet.** This longer version has everything the Shorter Version has with some important additions. We have not included a copy of this in this envelope. One important difference is that the detailed Startup Guide instructions are four pages long versus two pages long. These four-page instructions have a limited glossary as well some prayer aids related to using the Pink Sheet™. A copy of the four-page Startup Guide can be downloaded at www.PrayerCords.org.

4. Accountability Tracking Materials

These materials are made up of Yellow Cards used for monthly (bi-monthly, or weekly) reporting. We have included a dozen copies of the small **Yellow Card** and a half dozen of the **Long-Yellow Card**. The small Yellow Cards are used for tracking PrayerCords, and the Long-Yellow Cards are multifunctional. The Long-Yellows can be used for tracking gender specific members of a SPI Small Group, for tracking multiple PrayerCords, or for tracking concerning **The 5y80™ Objective**. When filling out either of the Yellow Cards, please do not have individuals' names listed anywhere on the card, except the name of the PrayerCord or Group Administrator. [Briefly, 5y80 is an abbreviation representing the God-sized goal of having 80% of the genuine Christians in the United States developing and/or maintaining a "Good Prayer Life" for five years, and expectantly waiting to **see what our Lord will do** in response to His peoples' greatly ramped-up fervent, righteous, and strategic prayers.]

The Yellow Cards are very important, because without their ongoing use, over time, many of the PrayerCords, SPI Small Groups, or **5y80 Teams** will slip away from continuing to ask the three to five most critical SPI questions on a regular basis. [A 5y80 Team is a way you can help others to grow in prayer without having a Cord or group.] We know that Lack of Accountability is one of believers' top three problems that they identify as seriously interfering with their effectiveness in prayer. This accountability is essential in aiding the almost 70% of US believers, who do not currently have a good prayer life, to becoming more consistent and effective in developing one. Please note: when you use one the SPI Diagnostic Surveys, the people filling them out will typically tell you that they are sincerely motivated to improve. However, without the basic SPI accountability, most will never develop a good prayer life, and maintain it over time, and The 5y80 Objective will be much less likely to reach its nation changing potential.

In His service,

The SPI Team

"Teach your people to become goal setters and to make and keep specific commitments. No matter how much knowledge a person has attained, all growth takes place at the point of commitment to action or change." [The Time is Now](#) by Dee Duke

After over a decade of frustration as a Senior Pastor, Dee Duke accepted a scholarship to a Pastors' Prayer Summit being held near the magnificent Pacific Northwest Coast. His plan was to walk the coast and write his resignation letter, that he would deliver after he got back for this 3 ½ day spiritual focus opportunity. While on this no agenda, except to pursue the Lord, retreat he came to the realization that he had tried everything except prayer. Armed with this new revelation, Duke decided to not resign, but rather to go back to his Oregon church and make prayer the highest agenda item for himself and his congregation. The amazing results were that his church flourished like never before, they experienced dramatically greater unity within their body, and they went from 250 to over 1,200. In addition, they saw tremendous growth in their effectiveness for the kingdom (both stateside and internationally). The introvert Duke was so impressed by the results of the ratcheted-up prayer, that he has been willing to travel and speak about his church's successes, so that their victories might inspire others to climb on board.

We also make a **weekly conference call** available on Thursday nights at / 9:30 pm Eastern Time / 8:30 pm Central / 7:30 pm Mountain / 6:30 pm Pacific. Someone will be available on these calls for at least 10 minutes. If no one has called in by then, the call will end at that time (until the following week). These calls are available to anyone. The purpose of these calls is so that individuals, or prayer teams, can ask general and/or specific questions concerning getting into a PrayerCord, or launching a PrayerCords Ministry, or SPI Small Group's Ministry, or becoming part of The 5Y80 Objective. **To participate in the weekly conference call, use the following phone number 712.770.5505 and access code 478951.** [T-Mobile customers are charged a penny a minute, none of this goes to SPI.]