

So where do you suggest I go from here?

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Sign on to the Grassroots Launch Approach of SPI™ and The 5y80™ Objective. Again, 5y80 is an abbreviated term that summarizes a huge goal of attempting to facilitate 80% of genuine Christians in the country to either develop and/or maintain, “A Good Prayer Life” (GPL™), and doing so for five (5) years.

Ok, so what does that mean for me?

It means that you will be one of the **millions of people working toward developing and/or maintaining a Good Prayer Life yourself and getting into either a PrayerCord™ or an SPI™ Small Group [There is also an even more streamlined approach known as a 5y80 Team, but that is not focused on in this letter.] You will need to be the PrayerCord (Cord for short) or SPI Small Group Administrator. As the administrator you can help yourself and a few others develop and/or maintain “A Good Prayer Life.” [The main duties for a PrayerCord or SPI Small Group Administrator are to help set the date for the monthly meeting, bring a Yellow Card to the meeting, and circle each person’s answers (including your own) on the Yellow Card. It is not very difficult.] The PrayerCords or SPI Small Groups are essentially a simple, yet sophisticated, tool designed to aid in the growth of prayer, for large numbers of sincere believers. If you are already in a small group at your church, we recommend that you help your already existing small group to become a SPI Small Group. Using the SPI tools with a small group means you will be helping three to 12 individuals of your gender, besides yourself, to grow more effective in prayer and spiritual warfare. You can also consider building a three-person Cord made up of yourself and two others from your small group.

On the other hand, if you are not already in a small group, then we recommend you form a PrayerCord. When forming a PrayerCord we always recommend that you prayerfully find the first member to be in a Cord with you, and once there are two of you, then *together* you prayerfully select a third. It is extremely important that both of the first two Cord members have equal input into who the third member will be. As a member of a PrayerCord, you will be helping two others (of your gender) to develop and/or maintain a “Good Prayer Life,” which is critically important at this time as Christians and churches are under assault on so many fronts. Whether you are trying to create a PrayerCord or a SPI Small Group, we always suggest you give prospective members the short one-page (two sided) SPI Diagnostic Survey. Their answers on this 14-question survey will give you a strong indication of whether or not they might be someone interested in becoming more effective in prayer (or if they are already doing well, they might be able to help some others to grow).

**See side two of the included Grassroots Launch Approach to the Strategic Prayer Initiative document for the math behind 5y80.

There are a number of other SPI Tools paper-clipped to this memo. Please look at the back side of this memo for a listing of the other items that are attached.

Below is a listing of the additional Strategic Prayer Initiative™ (SPI™) Information that is paper-clipped to this memo. Attached please find:

- An 8½" x 11" sheet of light blue cardstock that has a brief description of seven of the primary SPI tools. Additionally, on the backside of this piece of light blue cardstock is additional information concerning Pastor's Stay Strong Prayer Teams.
- **A piece of 8½" x 11" white cardstock, discussing The Grassroots Launch Approach of the Strategic Prayer Initiative, as well as a possible mathematical interpretation of **The 5y80™ Objective** and how it can generate five million more "Good Prayer Lives" (GPLs™).
- Samples of one or two actual Pink Sheets from previous months.
- Samples of the QuickCheck Card™, and a letter containing actual results from a very successful church launch. You might want to pass on this QuickCheck Card information to the senior pastor, or leadership, at your church, especially if they want your church to become a prayer devoted church (Col. 4:2) i.e. a House of Prayer!
- A Master for making additional copies of the one-page (two sided) shorter SPI Diagnostic Survey. If possible, but not essential, we suggest that when making copies of the survey for groups or congregations, consider printing the surveys on ivory or beige paper, and consider using 24 pound paper, instead of 20 pound.
- We have also given you six sheets of pink paper that you can use to print out the next Pink Sheets™ for your PrayerCord. You will be emailed free Strategic Prayer Data Sheet Masters on a monthly basis (i.e. Pink Sheets).

Now, if the thought creeps into your mind "this is too complicated", let me encourage you with an example. If your country was being invaded, and you were drafted into the military, you might be given a particular assignment and then trained for your assignment. For example, if you were given the assignment of operating a radar station near one of the coasts, you would have to learn all of the ins-and-outs of running your equipment. This of course would take some time to learn, but once trained you would become much more effective helping to keep the enemy at bay, and protecting your country. Similar to the radar system example, PrayerCords and SPI Small Groups are Biblically-based offensive and defensive weapon systems and require training too. Once you have been trained you become much more effective in fighting the spiritual battles that are coming against all of us, as well as our nation, on a daily basis (Ephesians 6:12, 2 Corinthians 10:3-5, and 2 Timothy 2:1-7).

In conclusion, we would like to say that any of you who are going to undertake to start a PrayerCord, or to facilitate a SPI Small Group, please be aware that in each **New Participant's Starter Packet** there is an 8½" x 11" one-page (white, two-sided) sheet of instructions called a Startup Guide. Although these instructions are very detailed, they are also enormously important. A very significant amount of research, theology, and prototyping have gone into these instructions. If you make changes to the procedures it is very possible that the changes will compromise the effectiveness of these tools; we have actually seen this take place. As a PrayerCord Administrator or a SPI Small Group Administrator, it is important for you to have a good understanding of these one-page (two sides) instructions. However, not everyone in your Cord or group needs to read these detailed instructions. The Blue Card and the "one-page brief summary of the basics involved in being in a PrayerCord" are enough, unless, of course, if they would like the extra detail.

- 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