

We serve a God who wants relationship with us. We live in a world that is in the midst of a spiritual battle.

Our fervent “righteous” prayers

can affect many outcomes of the battle, as well as the depth of our relationship with the Lord.

The Strategic Prayer Initiative™ (SPI™)

Support in the battle -- because we were never meant to fight it alone!

Following are seven basic tools that make up most of the fundamentals of the Strategic Prayer Initiative:

1. Diagnostic Surveys -- There are two current types of SPI surveys/questionnaires. A third one, the longest, is not typically used anymore, but was integral in doing the research that was used in creating and testing the main SPI tools. Regarding the two current surveys/questionnaires, we always suggest using one of the two with people you are trying to help grow spiritually. Our recommendation is that you use the one page (two sided) version. The ease of use and tabulation make this our go-to main option. Nevertheless, the second option (which has two pages stapled together) will give you some *excellent* additional information concerning your friends', group members', or congregations' views of prayer and spiritual warfare.
2. Strategic Prayer Data Sheets – This is a monthly prayer guide made up of different data fields for each day of the month (75% of this guide changes each month). This tool allows the majority of your people to have a much greater prayer reach on behalf of the USA and the world. Due to SPI doing most of the work to create and/or gather these 31 prayer points, and then consolidating them (to a single sheet of paper, or electronic file), people can pray much more strategically, yet with only about one minute a day of demand placed on their lives. This prayer guide is sometimes known as the “Pink Sheet™” due to typically being printed on pink paper. This color is one of the two easiest colors to recognize or locate.
3. The PrayerCords™ System (See Ecclesiastes 4:12) -- This tool facilitates average Christians becoming more effective in the spiritual battle, yet with only a 2-3 minute a day time commitment, and getting together, for coffee, or lunch, etc. at least once a month (with two new, or old, friends of your gender). The PrayerCord tools have also been adapted to be used with small groups. When used with mixed gender small groups it is necessary to have the two genders meet separately once a month, for at least 15 to 30 minutes. With the exception of breaking out the two genders once a month, PrayerCord tools can very easily be incorporated into already existing small groups. However, if people are not already in a small group, “PrayerCords” of three (3) have some significant advantages versus SPI Small Groups. PrayerCords can be used formally, or informally, and have web-tracking available if desired. Once a basic PrayerCord has been established, over time, members of Cords can voluntarily move through progressive levels of advancement. See www.PrayerCords.org to download various SPI, PrayerCords, and SPI Small Groups materials.
4. Pastors' Stay Strong Teams (SSTs) -- This tool creates, what is for many pastors, a much stronger pastoral prayer shield (see reverse side of this card). Having additional and known prayer teams praying every single day on their behalf is usually a breath of fresh air for pastors, in light of the demanding job/calling God has given them. If so desired, SST data can be entered into the SPI Tracking Website. Tracking creates simple to interpret progress graphs that can easily be shared with the pastor for their encouragement. Typically, monthly progress tracking comes from the SST Team Facilitator very briefly checking in with each SST member each month and then entering the data into the website.
5. The QuickCheck Card™ – A powerful yet simple tool for understanding where the people in your church are at regarding critical aspects of fighting the spiritual battle (a battle all true Christians are currently engaged in). “Central Realities” Workshop Materials, and “Good Prayer Life” materials are available to help strengthen your peoples' understanding of the Biblical/theological reason for using the QuickCheck Card for measuring progress. [The three (3) main questions from the QuickCheck Card are the driving elements behind the 5Y80™ Objective, which is a plan for greatly expanded prayer lives.]
6. Silver Bullets Prayer Teams (SBTs) -- A very helpful tool designed to tap all key Scriptural truths about prayer, to help a set list of prayer requests have a better possibility of a positive answer from the Lord, and to document the answers for the purpose of encouraging other believers to pray more. Silver Bullets Teams are made up of 31 individuals, and stay in effect for either nine (9) or 12 months. Prayer evangelism is also a central feature of this tool; each team member gets to list (one prayer request), and two unsaved family, friends, or acquaintances to receive major prayer on behalf of their salvation.
7. Yellow Sheet Prayer Tools -- Yellow Sheets derive their name from the easy to identify color of paper they are typically printed on, when not used with electronic devices. **Team Yellow Sheets** give the 31 team members the opportunity to have one key prayer request for any non-health subject prayed daily for either nine (9) or 12 months. The effort involved by each team member is only one minute a day and 20-30 minutes *once each month*, on their designated day. In return for that modest monthly effort, they get their prayer request prayed over 500 times in a nine month period.