

# Prayer Circle

## PURPOSE

This activity provides an opportunity to pray collectively to see God's glory (in the answered prayers).

## MATERIALS

- None

## PREPARATION

1. Decide places to pray on campus.
2. Think through various prayer topics:
  - Students' Health (mental, physical, spiritual, etc.)
  - Exams
  - Administration
  - Incidents on Campus
  - Unity

**Note:** If you will setup a display, some additional materials you may need include an InterVarsity tablecloth, information about InterVarsity, and a table. If you will do this activity as a group, pick a time where you can do the outreach together either in an open area or at an assigned table. If you will do this alone, make sure to pick a time when you can interact with the most people.

## ACTIVITY

1. Take time to pray over the outreach.
2. If you will complete this activity as an outreach with others, divide into various roles and rotate roles throughout the outreach.
  - Gatherer: Those who gather people to do the activity.
  - Executer: Those who complete the activity with others.
  - Closer: Those who collect contact information and share about InterVarsity.
3. Connect with people from your network (or release the gatherer(s)) to make invitations to do the activity with you. A sample invitation: "Hi my name is \_\_\_\_\_. Today we are doing a prayer circle. Do you have a moment to pray with us? We

will be praying for our campus in 5 minutes. Meet right over there to join the prayer circle.

4. For people willing to do the activity, gather them together (or release the executer(s) to gather them together) to circle up and invite people to volunteer to pray over various topics. For example: "May I have 3 people volunteer to pray? I need one person to pray about x, one person to pray about y, one person to pray about z, and then I will close the prayer."
5. Pray together in the circle and repeat the activity with another group of willing people. (**Note:** This might be a good activity to do in different areas on campus throughout your assigned outreach time.)

## CLOSING

1. Release the closer(s) to thank everyone for completing the activity.
2. Ask them for feedback about using the activity to pray.
3. Share how prayer has personally impacted your life.
4. If they are open, invite them to take a spiritual next step with you. For example, you can invite them to prayer together again, to connect over a spiritual conversation, or to join you for the next Bible Study.

## MAKING IT VIRTUAL

Any outreach can be made virtual by using applications like Zoom and reserving a time where students can come to this virtual space and bring friends. Because you will be virtual, to symbolize students circling up, use breakout rooms for the group activity time and have students group call at least 3 people for the individual activity time. Below is a sample 1 hour and 15 minute virtual outreach space for Black Students. For the purpose of this example, I am using the meeting time of 7:00pm - 8:15pm.

**7:00pm - 7:15pm** Welcome/Engaging Opening Question/Icebreaker/Prayer

**7:15pm - 7:20pm** Outreach Introduction

**7:20pm - 7:40pm** Engage in Outreach Activity with Students Present

*\*Utilize large space, breakout rooms, google docs, etc. as needed*

**7:40pm - 8:00pm** Release Students to Do Outreach Activity with a Friend(s)

*\*This portion have the students turn off video and go on mute while they call and/or text friends to do the outreach with them. Depending on where students are, they could also go do the activity during this time in-person if allowed.*

**8:00pm - 8:10pm** Debrief Outreach Time with Students Present

**8:10pm - 8:15pm** Closing Remarks/Prayer

