

STORIES TO ENCOURAGE

An Irish businessman heard about prayer triplets and started meeting together with three colleagues where he worked. A year later he was rejoicing that the three he was praying for had been converted, and the business environment had changed.

As a result of applying prayer triplets, some churches have doubled in size, because of the answers to prayer. A church that had seen better days was left with six members, all over 60 years of age. When they heard about prayer triplets, they formed two groups (100% response), praying for a total of eighteen people. Within a matter of weeks a third of these had been converted and the church had doubled.

One international cell church encouraged people in their cells to form prayer triplets to pray for their friends. As a result hundreds became Christians, and that cell church grew to become the largest in its nation, with young people being the predominant group.

Three pupils at a Comprehensive school heard about God answering prayer, so decided to form a triplet group and to put at the top of the list the 'hardest nuts' from among their circle of friends. Within weeks these had been converted.

HOW TO GET STARTED

Ask God to guide you to two friends with whom you can pray. Decide together on the three friends each that you will pray for (or three couples). Ideally these friends should be in the place where you spend most time and whom you see fairly often (college, school,

work or in your locality). Share some brief information about these, and write their names on a prayer card.

Each time you meet, pray for each of them, and pray at other times during the week also – in your prayer time, as you travel, or when you are out walking. Agree how long to meet for and ensure that at least half the time is spent in prayer – use the rest of the time to update one another about your friends. Pray also for each other's needs.

If you would like to be involved in a prayer triplet and are unable to find two other people to pray with please fill out the form below and pass it to our minister who will find two other people to join with you.

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Please return to our minister via the church offering plate:

I have formed a prayer triplet. For your information the three of us are...

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- 2
- 3

I would like you to help me find two other people to pray with in a prayer triplet.

Name _____

Telephone contact No. _____

Introducing Prayer Triplets @ CPBC



The Original Prayer Triplet

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego had much more in common than unusual names. They were friends who prayed. They also had a friend and leader named Daniel, but these three lived as a prayer team. And this team trusted God with their very lives. They were the original Prayer Triplet. Their story is told in Daniel 3:1-30.

Taken from their homeland as young men, Daniel and his Prayer Triplet made an immediate impact on their new environment. They cooperated as long as they weren't asked to betray their allegiance to God. But they respectfully refused to compromise their convictions (Daniel 1: 8-20). At one point, when Daniel was under great pressure (Daniel 2:17-18), he turned to his friends for help. He didn't need their advice or encouragement. Rather, he asked them to pray. Praying together was a central part of their lives.

Later, their loyalty to God was directly challenged. A law was passed that required people to worship the king. Although Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were loyal subjects, they knew they could not worship him. That level of allegiance was reserved for God. Needless to say, the king was not pleased. Earthly kingdoms dislike even gentle reminders that their authority is limited.

Though faced with a furnace of punishment, this Prayer Triplet remained true. They made it clear to the king that obeying God was even more important than being rescued from the flames.

Their example teaches that God also wants us to obey.

What are Prayer Triplets?

A prayer triplet consists of a small group, usually three to five worshippers who meet together on a regular basis to pray together.

They provide an opportunity to enjoy fellowship, spend time with God and offer a chance to share the issues that concern their lives with close fellow Christians.

Meetings are held at the home of one of the members and are very informal.

There is no set format but usually each member talks about their week, the problems and issues they have encountered or those things that they wish to give thanks or prayer for.

After this the members pray together for each other and about the things discussed during the meeting.

For Whom and What to Pray

The prayers of each Prayer Triplet should focus on three areas: spiritual growth for themselves and their churches, salvation of their friends, and the worldwide work of God. Beginning in worship, prayer will flow naturally to your needs, your friends' needs and finally to the world's. Study each of them below.

Spiritual renewal for yourselves and your churches

The goal is to pray that each member of your Prayer Triplet will know Jesus better and become more like Him. Members will pray for needs that they are experiencing. The group should pray for the churches where they attend. They can pray for each church to grow in worship, prayer, evangelism, and service. They can also pray for the renewal of the whole church in their city and nation.

Salvation of their friends

Each Prayer Triplet member should pray for three non-Christian friends. This means that the team will be praying, by name, for the salvation of nine people. These prayers will focus on asking God what He wants to do in the lives of their friends. It will mean expressing the desire to see God work in bringing friends to the point of receiving Christ.

Worldwide work of God

The Prayer Triplet members will pray for the worldwide work of God through mission agencies like BMS and the church,