

House of Prayer Indicator Assessment

Welcome to an assessment that has the potential to grow the spirituality of your church and change your life for the better.

Some church leaders and members have been duped into removing prayer from the center of their churches and have placed it on the periphery or semi-periphery. In these churches, prayer is not valued and prayerlessness is the norm. What about your church? Is prayer a priority in your church? Is your church a house of prayer?

This assessment is a tool you can use to help assess the status of prayer in your church. By completing the assessment you'll gain insight into whether your church is a house of prayer. Hold on to your seat; it'll confirm or challenge your beliefs about your church's prayer status.

The assessment is divided into two parts. **Part I** has four sections and **Part II** has four sections. The assessment will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You'll be presented with statements. Indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each statement by using the following options: **Strongly Agree**, **Agree**, **Disagree**, or **Strongly Disagree**. You'll also be presented with questions. Answer **Yes** or **No** to each question.

It is important that you respond truthfully and from your perspective and not try to provide answers that you think others would like to hear. The objective is to get a true status of prayer in your church, from your point of view.

The journey to spiritual change begins now! Ready to get started?

| Part I | | | | |
|--|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Section One | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
| Prayer is the fundamental biblical principle that should guide a church's activities (its ministries and programs). | | | | |
| The church's prayer life (its commitment to prayer) can positively impact the surrounding community. | | | | |
| The level of spiritual growth in a church can be strengthened through corporate prayer. | | | | |
| Prayerless Christians (church members) can impede the proper functioning of a church. | | | | |
| A prayer strategy should lead the spiritual, membership, and financial growth strategy for a church. | | | | |
| Section Two | | | | |
| | Yes | No | | |
| Is there a spiritual environment in your church that supports prayer and prayer related activities? | | | | |
| Does your church have a prayer champion(s), i.e., someone with a profound understanding of the importance of prayer in God's house (your church) and supports it? | | | | |
| Does your church view individuals, practices, and/or things that are hindering its spiritual growth and development as a threat? | | | | |
| Is your church recognized by the community as a place of prayer? | | | | |
| Is the attendance at prayer meeting worship service significantly lower, when compared with other worship services? | | | | |
| Section Three | | | | |
| | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Agree | Strongly Agree |
| Cultivating and maintaining an organizational culture and worship structure where consistent corporate and personal prayer is the norm, is practiced at my church. | | | | |
| In my church, prayer plays a prominent role in the lives of members and chiefly in the lives of church leaders. | | | | |
| My church is <u>not</u> simply going through the motions, and focuses on genuine prayer and worship, week after week. | | | | |
| My church does <u>not</u> need to change its assumptions, ways of thinking about, and approach to prayer. | | | | |
| My church's primary function, first and foremost, is to be a house of prayer. | | | | |
| Section Four | | | | |
| | Yes | No | | |
| Is prayer worship? | | | | |
| If your church were to schedule a prayer meeting service and a game night, would the attendance at game night be better? | | | | |
| Is prayer included in the mission and vision statements of your church? | | | | |
| Are the church's ministries adding spiritual value to the community? | | | | |
| Does your church spend quality time in prayer at committee and planning meetings? | | | | |

| Part II | | | | |
|--|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Section Five | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Agree | Strongly Agree |
| I think prayer, as a central worship practice, has been removed from the center of my church. | | | | |
| The legacy of prayerlessness in my church is negatively impacting our surrounding community. | | | | |
| I've witnessed that there is a correlation between my church's spiritual weakness and its lack of corporate prayer. | | | | |
| Prayerless Christians (church members) are impeding the proper functioning of my church. | | | | |
| A prayer strategy is <u>not</u> leading the spiritual, membership, and financial growth strategy for my church. | | | | |
| Section Six | Yes | No | | |
| Is the level of unity (oneness, one accord) great among members at your church? | | | | |
| In your church, is more time allocated for Bible study, singing and/or preaching, when compared to time spent praying? | | | | |
| In your church, are the youth and children excited about prayer? | | | | |
| Do all of the worship services in your church reflect prayer as a priority? | | | | |
| Are there individuals, practices, and/or things in your church preventing it from moving forward spiritually? | | | | |
| Section Seven | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
| Churches should cultivate and maintain an organizational culture and worship structure where consistent corporate and personal prayer is the norm. | | | | |
| Prayer must play a prominent role in the lives of church members and chiefly in the lives of church leaders. | | | | |
| Churches should avoid the pitfall of simply going through the motions, week after week, when it comes to genuine prayer and worship. | | | | |
| Churches that are serious about prayer, usually change their assumptions, ways of thinking about, and approach to prayer. | | | | |
| The church's primary function, first and foremost, is to be a house of prayer. | | | | |
| Section Eight | Yes | No | | |
| During the last 3 months, have you preached or heard your pastor preach a sermon on prayer? | | | | |
| Does your church have a weekly prayer worship service where prayer, and only prayer, is the focus? | | | | |
| Are your members and visitors excited about prayer? | | | | |
| Does your church have and use prayer request cards and/or a prayer box? | | | | |
| Does your church have a vision for prayer (i. e. a clear awareness of what can and will happen when you and other members pray)? | | | | |

You've completed our House of Prayer Indicator Assessment. Thank you for valuing your church and for investing your time in completing the assessment.

Please refer to the scoring grid (next two pages) to calculate your assessment summary score. For example, Part I, Section One, first statement: if you responded “Strongly Agree” give yourself 2.5 points, etc. Similarly, Part I, Section Two, first question: if you responded “Yes” give yourself 2.5 points, etc.

Total your score from each section and insert the value on each line below. Finally, add the totals from each section together for your assessment summary score. Summary scores for our House of Prayer Indicator Assessment can range between 20-100.

$$(1) \text{ ___ } + (2) \text{ ___ } + (3) \text{ ___ } + (4) \text{ ___ } + (5) \text{ ___ } + (6) \text{ ___ } + (7) \text{ ___ } + (8) \text{ ___ } = \boxed{}$$

This score indicates that you believe your church is at:

- **Level Five (90-100): *Steadfast and assertive***
—We can help the church sustain and innovate for greater influence.
- **Level Four (71-89): *Striving for quality***
—We can help the church advance to the next step.
- **Level Three (51-70): *Secure and faithful***
—We can help the church take the next step towards full commitment.
- **Level Two (31-50): *Scratching the surface***
—We can help the church overcome its challenges and move forward.
- **Level One (20-30): *Struggling to move forward***
—We can help the church organize and strengthen its efforts.

At Bridge Ministries, Inc. (BMI), our PrayerMatters services are designed to help churches and individuals improve and/or sustain their prayer lives. We can help your church get to the next level and beyond. Visit us (www.BridgeInnovators.com) to learn more about our 40 Days of Prayer Initiative (40-DPI), to schedule your free 30-minute discovery session with our Founder, Dr. Hugh Wesley Carrington, or to book him to launch your 40-DPI.

| Part I Scoring Grid | | | | |
|--|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Section One | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
| Prayer is the fundamental biblical principle that should guide a church's activities (its ministries and programs). | 2.5 | 2 | 1 | 0.5 |
| The church's prayer life (its commitment to prayer) can positively impact the surrounding community. | 2.5 | 2 | 1 | 0.5 |
| The level of spiritual growth in a church can be strengthened through corporate prayer. | 2.5 | 2 | 1 | 0.5 |
| Prayerless Christians (church members) can impede the proper functioning of a church. | 2.5 | 2 | 1 | 0.5 |
| A prayer strategy should lead the spiritual, membership, and financial growth strategy for a church. | 2.5 | 2 | 1 | 0.5 |
| Section Two | | | | |
| | Yes | No | | |
| Is there a spiritual environment in your church that supports prayer and prayer related activities? | 2.5 | 0.5 | | |
| Does your church have a prayer champion(s), i.e., someone with a profound understanding of the importance of prayer in God's house (your church) and supports it? | 2.5 | 0.5 | | |
| Does your church view individuals, practices, and/or things that are hindering its spiritual growth and development as a threat? | 2.5 | 0.5 | | |
| Is your church recognized by the community as a place of prayer? | 2.5 | 0.5 | | |
| Is the attendance at prayer meeting worship service significantly lower, when compared with other worship services? | 0.5 | 2.5 | | |
| Section Three | | | | |
| | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Agree | Strongly Agree |
| Cultivating and maintaining an organizational culture and worship structure where consistent corporate and personal prayer is the norm, is practiced at my church. | 0.5 | 1 | 2 | 2.5 |
| In my church, prayer plays a prominent role in the lives of members and chiefly in the lives of church leaders. | 0.5 | 1 | 2 | 2.5 |
| My church is <u>not</u> simply going through the motions, and focuses on genuine prayer and worship, week after week. | 0.5 | 1 | 2 | 2.5 |
| My church does <u>not</u> need to change its assumptions, ways of thinking about, and approach to prayer. | 0.5 | 1 | 2 | 2.5 |
| My church's primary function, first and foremost, is to be a house of prayer. | 0.5 | 1 | 2 | 2.5 |
| Section Four | | | | |
| | Yes | No | | |
| Is prayer worship? | 2.5 | 0.5 | | |
| If your church were to schedule a prayer meeting service and a game night, would the attendance at game night be better? | 0.5 | 2.5 | | |
| Is prayer included in the mission and vision statements of your church? | 2.5 | 0.5 | | |
| Are the church's ministries adding spiritual value to the community? | 2.5 | 0.5 | | |
| Does your church spend quality time in prayer at committee and planning meetings? | 2.5 | 0.5 | | |

| Part II Scoring Grid | | | | |
|--|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Section Five | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Agree | Strongly Agree |
| I think prayer, as a central worship practice, has been removed from the center of my church. | 2.5 | 2 | 1 | 0.5 |
| The legacy of prayerlessness in my church is negatively impacting our surrounding community. | 2.5 | 2 | 1 | 0.5 |
| I've witnessed that there is a correlation between my church's spiritual weakness and its lack of corporate prayer. | 2.5 | 2 | 1 | 0.5 |
| Prayerless Christians (church members) are impeding the proper functioning of my church. | 2.5 | 2 | 1 | 0.5 |
| A prayer strategy is <u>not</u> leading the spiritual, membership, and financial growth strategy for my church. | 2.5 | 2 | 1 | 0.5 |
| Section Six | | | | |
| | Yes | No | | |
| Is the level of unity (oneness, one accord) great among members at your church? | 2.5 | 0.5 | | |
| In your church, is more time allocated for Bible study, singing and/or preaching, when compared to time spent praying? | 0.5 | 2.5 | | |
| In your church, are the youth and children excited about prayer? | 2.5 | 0.5 | | |
| Do all of the worship services in your church reflect prayer as a priority? | 2.5 | 0.5 | | |
| Are there individuals, practices, and/or things in your church preventing it from moving forward spiritually? | 0.5 | 2.5 | | |
| Section Seven | | | | |
| | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
| Churches should cultivate and maintain an organizational culture and worship structure where consistent corporate and personal prayer is the norm. | 2.5 | 2 | 1 | 0.5 |
| Prayer must play a prominent role in the lives of church members and chiefly in the lives of church leaders. | 2.5 | 2 | 1 | 0.5 |
| Churches should avoid the pitfall of simply going through the motions, week after week, when it comes to genuine prayer and worship. | 2.5 | 2 | 1 | 0.5 |
| Churches that are serious about prayer, usually change their assumptions, ways of thinking about, and approach to prayer. | 2.5 | 2 | 1 | 0.5 |
| The church's primary function, first and foremost, is to be a house of prayer. | 2.5 | 2 | 1 | 0.5 |
| Section Eight | | | | |
| | Yes | No | | |
| During the last 3 months, have you preached or heard your pastor preach a sermon on prayer? | 2.5 | 0.5 | | |
| Does your church have a weekly prayer worship service where prayer, and only prayer, is the focus? | 2.5 | 0.5 | | |
| Are your members and visitors excited about prayer? | 2.5 | 0.5 | | |
| Does your church have and use prayer request cards and/or a prayer box? | 2.5 | 0.5 | | |
| Does your church have a vision for prayer (i. e. a clear awareness of what can and will happen when you and other members pray)? | 2.5 | 0.5 | | |