



EXTENDED PRAYER MINISTRY

One of the many gifts that Jesus has given to His church is the gift of healing prayer. Our Lady of the Ridge has Prayer Ministers who have completed a formation program for this ministry. They are available to you as the need arises in your life.

You may struggle with past hurt and pain, difficult experiences from childhood or teenage years, or failed adult commitments. When in pain, you cannot be your best self. Spending time in prayer ministry is one way to offer the pain to Jesus and allow Him to begin a healing process.

WHERE DOES PRAYER MINISTRY TAKE PLACE?

- Is time dedicated to you and your prayer needs - Is focused and more in-depth prayer - Takes place in a private and confidential setting

EXTENDED PRAYER MINISTRY.....

- DOES NOT take the place of counseling - DOES NOT take the place of the Sacraments (Reconciliation or Anointing of the Sick) - IS NOT spiritual direction - IS NOT the solving of a problem or giving of advice

WHO WILL PRAY WITH ME?

- Two or three members of the parish prayer ministry who have completed a formation program

WHAT NEEDS ARE TYPICALLY PRAYED FOR?

- Job loss - Financial difficulties - Physical illness - Strained or broken relationships - Difficult experiences from childhood

WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

- You will have an opportunity to share your particular needs and concerns - Prayer ministers will help you experience God meeting you in your need - Ministry can include prayers of praise, songs, scripture, or silence

WHAT WILL BE EXPECTED OF ME?

- An openness to explain the needs, hopes, and desires that bring you to prayer ministry - A willingness to participate in prayer - An openness to Jesus' healing presence

- At Our Lady of the Ridge Parish Center 10810 Oxford Avenue, Chicago Ridge, 60415

DO I NEED AN APPOINTMENT?

Yes. Extended Prayer Ministry may be arranged by calling the Rectory (708-425-3800) to request an appointment. The secretary at the Rectory will take your contact information and a Prayer Minister will call you to arrange an appointment.