

# [ AN INTRODUCTION TO: SERVICE PRAYER TEAMS ]

[excerpt from **SEASONS OF INTERCESSION** by **FRANK DAMAZIO**]

## The Purpose of Service Prayer Teams

“But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, ‘The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest’.”

**Matthew 9:36-38**

Certainly those who are lost need prayer more than those who know the Lord. But Jesus said, “The workers are few.” Where do the workers come from? It has been my observation (and I believe confirmed by scriptures like **Ephesians 4:11-12** and **Hebrews 10:24-25**) that most of the workers come as a result of God moving in a corporate service.

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Consider your own life. Have not most of the inspiration, instruction and opportunity for productive kingdom activity come as a result of the corporate meeting? I suspect that without corporate meetings, there would be virtually no

laborers. Even though that is the case, do we really need “intercessory prayer” for our services, especially when the Holy Spirit is already moving in an awesome way?

## Lord, Please Do More

The research of **C. Peter Wagner**, a respected scholar on prayer, reveals that we are in the midst of the greatest prayer movement in world history. Most Christian leaders

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credit the present outpouring of the Spirit to prayer. Marvelous things are happening as a result. But I am not satisfied, are you? Let us go to the next level but it’s going to take prayer. That is why the church leadership is so excited about the Service Prayer Teams. It WILL make a difference. Here are just some of the tremendous things God is doing in our services. Lord, please do more.

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Personal renewal	Relationships established and restored
Marriages strengthened	Commitments to holy living
Calling of God	Repentance
Teaching	Response of the heart
Impartation	Counseling and guidance
Ministry to the youth	Financial giving