

Five Good Reasons to Build a Prayer Shield

1. It's biblical.

The apostle Paul built a prayer team as did countless other Christian Leaders through church history.



2. It's efficient.

All God's works are done by prevailing prayer. All Christian leaders involved in Kingdom ministry, would benefit from an effective team of personal intercessors.

3. It's humbling.

To ask for prayer is not egotistical. On the contrary, it is a way of humbling ourselves.

4. It builds teamwork.

God loves to draw his people into tighter relationship with each other. Rather than people randomly praying on their own, it is more helpful to build them into a group with a common purpose to pray in the same direction.

5. It's a blessing.

Calling people to prayer is calling them to spend time before the Father and nothing is a greater blessing than that. When people pray for our ministry, they share in the reward of the fruit Christ will produce through us.

"We require every COP President to have a Prayer Shield, and we strongly urge every Servant Leadership Team member at every campus to also have a prayer shield. When you're involved in a nation-discipling, kingdom-advancing ministry, we need protection and empowerment.

I am most grateful for over 200 intercessors who faithfully pray for me."

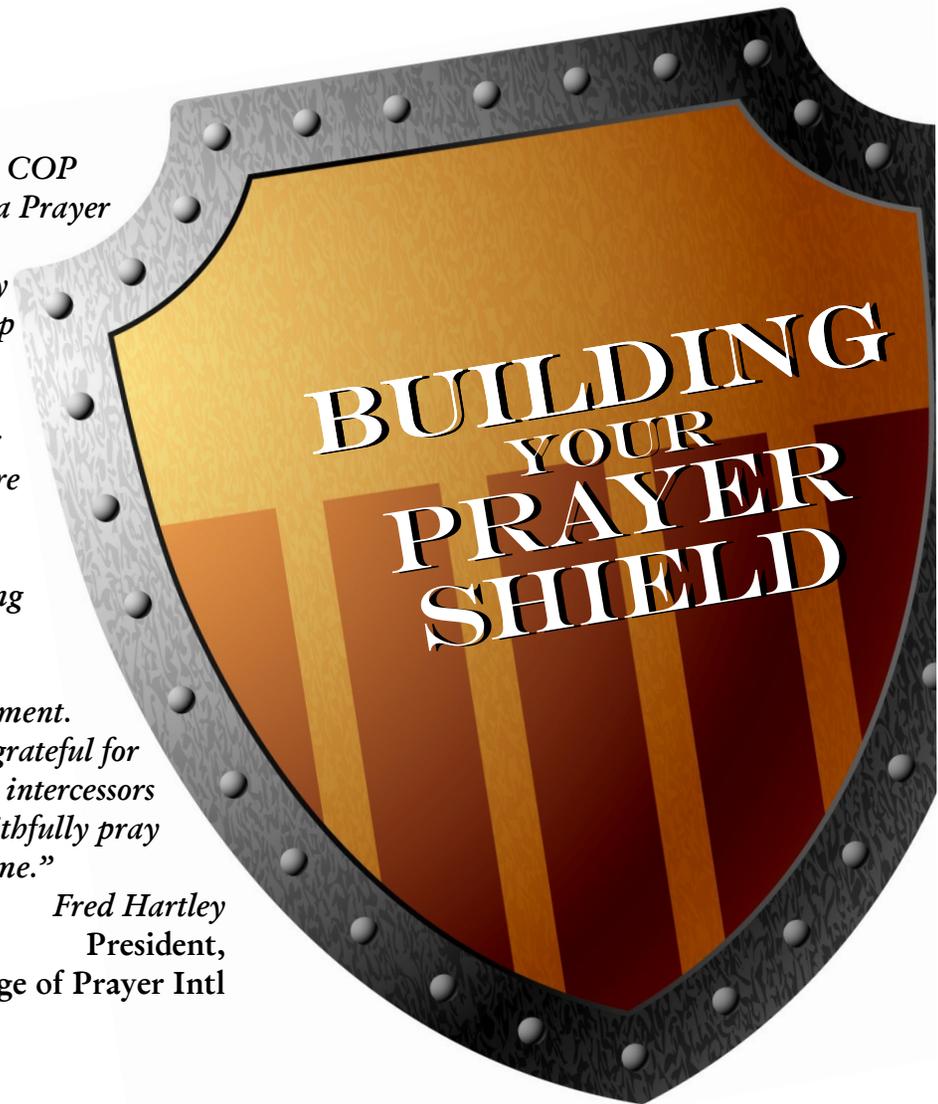
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A prayer shield is a team of intercessors who consistently and intelligently pray for the well-being of a Christian leader's spirit, soul, and body; to protect a leader from the plots of the evil one; and to call down the advancing of Christ's Kingdom through this leader.

The Apostle Paul understood the significance of having a personal team of intercessors. Five times the Bible records that he solicited prayer partners.

"Brothers, pray for us." 1 Thess. 5:25

"I beg you brothers through the Lord Jesus Christ and through the love of the Spirit that you strive together with me in your prayers to God for me." Rom. 15:30

*"You also help together in prayer for us..."
2 Cor. 1:11*

"I know that this will turn out for my salvation through your prayers." Phil. 1:19

"I trust that through your prayers, I shall be granted to you." Philem 22



"I am personally convinced the following statement is true: The most underutilized source of spiritual power in our churches today is intercession for Christian leaders. I purposely did not say 'one of the most underutilized sources of power' because I do not believe anything else this important is actually so neglected. We do not do it, and we usually do not even talk about it."

- C. Peter Wagner, Prayer Shield (Ventura Books)

How to Build Your Team

1. Humble yourself before the Lord.

Admit to God that you desperately need intercessors; ask Him to help you build your team.

2. Listen to God.

Let God shape your vision. God will speak to you about whom to recruit for your prayer team. He will give you a clear vision and key Scriptures that will guide your prayer team. He may give you a word picture that will describe the mission of your prayer team.

- List the names of specific people you can invite to join your team.
- Let them know how you expect them to pray consistently.
- Clearly define the specific commitment you expect.
- Identify your commitment to them. (Write to them once a week; once a month.)
- List specific requests you will pass on to your intercessors and ask them to continually cry out to God on your behalf. These requests should be specific, measurable, challenging, and biblical.

3. Begin recruitment.

It is always good to make certain personal invitations by phone to build a core of intercessors and then cast your net to a larger group. Once your team is recruited, no matter how small it is, begin affirming them, communicating with them, sharing your struggles as well as your victories.

4. Honor your intercessors.

Periodically give your core intercessors a gift, treat them to dinner, express your deep personal appreciation.

5. Select a leader for your Prayer

Shield Team who will assist in overseeing communication.

6. Pray for your intercessors each

week by name. Just as you need their prayers, they need your prayers. There are few people in ministry with whom you will share a more intimate partnership!

