

How to Host A 24 Hour Prayer:

A 24-hour prayer day is an event in which volunteers, community groups, or churches use a 24-hour period to pray for the ministry of foster care. Hosting an In-person or virtual prayer night is a great way to invest in the community around you, seek needs, and ask for solutions. These nights can seem daunting, but with the right strategy, it can be a blessed and non-strenuous event. This sheet is meant to act as a guide, as you and your fellowship prepare for the event, allow yourselves some flexibility. On this sheet you will find the information on hosting an in person and virtual event.

LOCATION: you may choose to host the entire 24-hour prayer in a building, please practice physical distancing and follow the CDC guidelines of your area. If your group chooses to meet in person be sure to pick a location that is accessible to all the participants – see more about a nap room under volunteers.

SIGN UP SHEETS: This kind of event thrives off of sign-up sheets. Be sure to have a well structured and easy to read sign up sheet. In the past, we have seen success in 30 minutes to 1 hour time slots. We recommend delegating earlier time slots to families as to not disrupt bedtimes. One volunteer will be an alarm of sorts. Their job will be to text, call, - inform the family/individual praying that their time slot is coming up. This is the most strenuous job and can be delegated to multiple volunteers. Be sure to give around 3-4 weeks of time for people to sign up for these time slots.

VOLUNTEERS: If working with children please ensure that background checks are filed as needed.

- For in person events, be sure to set aside a room for those who are taking naps in between their shifts – a volunteer or two can be in charge of setting up and tearing down this room before and after the event.
- A volunteer or volunteer group will be needed for collecting and distributing food as needed. Please be sure to make your volunteer prayer participants feel welcomed.
(if you chose to do a fast during this 24 hours prayer, please advise the participants before hand)
- If this event is online, a volunteer will be needed to ensure that each slot is being filled at the right time. Here are some options for maintaining consistency in the time slots provided:
 - o Have an open 24 hour zoom call. Your group can virtually pray together and keep time through the use of timers
 - o Have a check in text line. Delegate the task of “human timer” to a volunteer. Their position will be to text each prayer participant anywhere between 5-10 minutes before their chosen time slot. We have seen success with this if the person texts before (saying they are awake and ready to pray) and at their end of their shift, this creates a layer of accountability.
- Volunteers will be needed for setting up/ cleaning up if this is an in-person event.

Here is an example of what your Time slot Sign-up Sheet could look like:

Time Slot:	7am – 8am	8am - 9am	9am – 10am	10am – 11am	11am – 12pm	12pm – 1pm	1pm – 2pm	2pm – 3pm	Etc.
Name:	Michael	Dwight	Pam	Angela	Jim	Creed	Oscar	Phyllis	

Here is an example of what the volunteer Sign-up sheet could look like:

Volunteer Option:	Nap Room Set Up	Nap Room Clean up	Zoom Monitor	Human Timer(s)	Food Prep Team	Food Clean Up Team	Babysitters (Please Background Check)	Sanitation Team	Etc.
Name:	Meredith	Kevin	Andy	Kelly	Ryan	Roy	Bob Vance	Toby	

ADVERTISING: An easy way to advertise this event is through your group/church's social media pages or website. We recommend a virtual sign-up sheet (through your website or google docs) so individuals/families can sign up as desired.

PRAYER REQUESTS: We encourage your group/church to make a list of prayer topics around foster care. Here is a short list to get you started:

- Our placed children
- Kids aging out of foster care
- Endurance for foster care agency staff
- Guidance for birth parents
- Healing and restoration for our families
- Leaders to come beside our FSFA team
- Direction for how your group can be involved
- COVID 19 and its effect on the foster care industry
- Those learning via online school and those who are attending in person school
- Healing of trauma
- Birth families to be stronger and stable
- Olive Crest to grow and remain a light in our communities
- Financial situations within families
- A call for new foster families to be licensed.

As always, the Olive Crest team is ready and willing to assist your group as you plan and execute this event. Thank You 😊