Refuel Prayer Ministry Team Guidelines 2025

An important feature of Refuel is ministry in the power of the Holy Spirit. The Refuel 25 Prayer Ministry Team will be located at two places this year. The Main stage **and one prayer shelter near the main stage area where you will be based for the afternoon session**. All the Refuel Prayer Ministry Team is to be at the Main Stage area for the principal morning and evening session.

**The Refuel 25 Prayer Ministry Team** is authorised to undertake prayer ministry, together with authorised members from the Refuel Leadership Team and visiting speakers.  All those who engage in prayer ministry will be wearing a Refuel PM tabard.  Specialised ministry will also be offered by specialist teams, but by appointment, in their own ministry tents. Prayer Ministry may be offered by those Partner Ministries who have trained and approved teams.

Partner ministries may **only minister in their own areas** unless they are also part of the Refuel25 Ministry Team. This policy is to ensure accountability and the safety of all conference delegates.

Team Structure

At Refuel, the Prayer Ministry Team will usually be arranged in two sections responsible to two Team Leaders, who are in turn responsible to the Ministry Leaders and Refuel Ministry Overseers.  The Team Leaders are there to support and help you, inform you of practical arrangements and cover and facilitate Prayer Ministry in the relevant locations. Please honour them and happily follow their directions. Additionally, there are a number of experienced people forming the Refuel 25 Deeper Needs Team, who are on-call to deal with situations where deliverance may be required.   Involvement of these team members is to be requested directly by the Ministry Team Leaders.

Ministry Approach

Ministry may cover such things as physical healing, spiritual or emotional healing, filling with the Holy Spirit, imparting spiritual gifts, leading a person to Christ, prayer for general needs or specific spiritual needs.  At the main morning and evening sessions, the speaker may give direction and focus on the ministry time.  Ministry team should follow any specific directions the speaker may give (such as a short word of blessing or lay hands and quietly bless only, before moving on).

A first consideration in prayer ministry is honouring and showing value to the person we will be praying for:

* Greet people in a friendly manner, respect what they are asking for, pray with them in an honouring way and **do not take too long (5 minutes)** Note: we are not providing lengthy counselling.
* Never force a prayer focus, opinion or “word” on them
* Do not push or manoeuvre anyone or apply spit! (It has happened!)

**Refuel policy requires Prayer Ministry teams to work in pairs**. A woman and a man, when praying in a pair, may pray for either a man or woman; either gender may pray for a married couple.  As a rule, please keep prayer for **same gender, women to women, men to men** (to provide protection). This year we may ask people to pray in one's if there are large numbers.

Should the speaker or leader on the platform ask for prayer ministry to be offered, the Prayer Team Leaders will direct your Team Leaders to a location, and you should join them. Please listen for any specific instructions from the front and find a suitable location for prayer in the area allocated to your Team

* Pay attention to hazards on the floor in case the person falls as a result of a touch from the Holy Spirit.  Please remain with the person and do not leave them unattended. If it seems as though someone may fall (one person should then stand behind them), please ask them to kneel, sit or lie down.

**Refuel Prayer Model – 5 Step Healing Model**

**Unless specific directions are given from the platform by guest speakers, please follow the five-step model:**

Introduction – “**What is the need?”**

* Smile when you meet the person, introduce yourself pleasantly by name and ask the person their name and “**what would they like Jesus to do for them?**”
* Listen to their answer and take a moment to listen to what the Holy Spirit may say. **Please** pray for what they asked, when you minister.

Is there anything we need to understand?  **“Why does the person have this condition?”**

* For healing needs (spiritual or emotional) listen to the person and to the Holy Spirit for any insight or wisdom.  People do not always know the root cause of the condition.  Avoid unduly lengthy discussion at this point. If no insight is given by the Holy Spirit, move on.

How shall I Pray?

* What type of prayer: Speaking to the condition, Forgiveness, Blessing, Healing, Agreeing etc
* For a physical healing need, the scriptural approach is to stand in Christ’s authority and speakhealing to the condition in Jesus’ name and we ask you to use this approach initially.

Praying for the Person

* Invite the person to stand in an attitude of receiving.
* Ask the Holy Spirit to come and to keep moving; there may be an outward manifestation of what the Lord is doing e.g. shaking, weeping, falling etc. and let your words be few; respond to insight from the Holy Spirit.
* For physical healing, address the condition and command healing in Jesus’ name.
* Pray with your eyes open and watch what is happening – ask questions – pray in response to their answers and the Holy Spirit’s leading.
* Wait! It is God’s leading work, not yours.
* See or ask if there is an observable improvement in the condition (if physical healing); if there is some improvement, give thanks and continue addressing the condition. (If it is not possible to determine whether there is a change without medical investigation, be sensitive to what else the Holy Spirit would lead you to pray in the way of encouragement and strengthening of the person).
* If there is only a limited or no change, ask the Lord if there is anything else that should be prayed (go back to step 2)
* If you have a prophetic picture or word – pray along those lines or offer the word sensitively and in such a way that it gives the person freedom to weigh it up. Never insist that it is a word from God, remember that you could be wrong – “we see and prophesy in part”.
* Don’t be shocked by anyone’s disclosure – remember our values – Respect, Compassion, Care, Confidentiality. Never show a reaction to what is being shared, always respond with Love, Care and Understanding.  Just gently say “I will ask for someone with more experience to come and pray also”. If you need to call a Team Leader for assistance, NEVER say you cannot cope with what the person is sharing.
* Remember that the expression of their feelings can be a form of healing
* Remember the place of confession, repentance, renunciation, forgiving and being forgiven and blessing.
* If you feel led to pray in tongues, ask the person if they feel comfortable with receiving prayer in this way. With their agreement, do so quietly, turning away from the person so as not to distract them.

Bringing Session to an End

* Stop when you/they know it is done or all has been prayed, five minutes maximum.
* Do not minister for too long, **be sensitive to the Holy Spirit and others waiting for prayer.**
* Say to person “I am going to pray for someone else now, but you please stay in a place of receiving”.

Post-prayer Directions - **“What wisdom can we bring?”**

* Give any wisdom from the Holy Spirit, scriptural promise or truth to meditate and hold on to.
* If praying for healing, the person may obviously and completely be healed – if so, encourage them to stand in their healing with thanksgiving.  If not, encourage them to continue to pray themselves or to soak in the presence of God, to Worship, to come forward again for ministry at next opportunity, or find prayer ministry with their church, not accepting back what God took away.
* Remind them of other ministries on site where they can receive further prayer ministry.

**After you have finished praying, check with your Ministry Team Leader whether you are needed elsewhere, if not pray with the nearest waiting person. Please raise your hand to let us know you are free to minister to someone else. This helps us locate you in amongst many people.**

General Points

* We are there to Make things Safe – be watchful and aware of your surroundings, if you think a person may fall, stand at the side of them so you can support them.  Never push or manoeuvre anyone, but watch for their safety, whether they are standing or lying down.  Alert the Team Leader of anyone lying on the floor and someone should remain with them until they arise. Cover a lady’s legs with a jacket or blanket to protect her decency. Encourage them to stay in the Lord’s presence and continue receiving.  Be very careful as you move around.
* We are there to help people meet with God – smile and be encouraging, respect people’s personal space; you should look and smell clean.
* Laying on Hands is Biblical – For blessings (Matthew 18:15), healing (Mark 16:8 & Matthew 8:3), but please be sensitive about where you place your hands and be gentle at all times, not leaning too hard.
* Help allay fears – by saying “Don’t be afraid, or “it’s okay to receive”, or “it’s ok to express your feelings”, or “you can stop at any time but try to go with it”, or “God loves you”.
* The Individual has a responsibility for his/her own life – Jesus asked, “What do you want me to do?” (Mark 10:51) or “Do you want to be healed?” It is often important for the individual to pray out loud to the Lord.  Avoid projecting onto someone else what God is doing with you. Let them find out what God is doing in them.
* Do not let people become dependent on you – please do not make appointments to pray with people outside the meeting, nor allow people to ask for ministry from certain people only.

Guidelines for Offering Words

* Always be sensitive and remember our values of Respect, Compassion, Care and Confidentiality.
* Fear/Anxiety – Ask God to show the cause, Speak Healing in Jesus name, Ask God to come in and comfort and fill the person with the Love of Jesus, Pray for peace in the person.
* Coming out of Sin (e.g drugs, drink, sexual) – ask God to come and help, ask God to strengthen the will of the person you are praying for, speak release in the name of Jesus, give the person permission to express their feelings.
* Specialised ministry may be offered by teams from Partner Ministries, when requested by Refuel Prayer Ministry Leaders or Coordinators.

Deliverance Ministry Policy and Deeper Needs Team

Never tell a person they have an evil spirit! Assume initially that strong reactions are the manifestation of a person’s hurt.  If an evil spirit begins to manifest, follow the procedure below:

* Call your Team Leader who will discern what is needed.
* He/she will consult with the Refuel Prayer Ministry Leaders who will invite the Deeper Needs team to help.
* They will continue the ministry with your involvement also.
* In all of this, please be very sensitive to the person being ministered to, explaining gently that you are asking for some mature and wise people to help in prayer ministry.
* Please do not offer an opinion about a manifestation happening to someone being ministered to by another member of the Refuel Prayer Ministry Team.

**Reporting Abuse**

Anyone sharing about abuse of any kind, needs sensitive support – if you find yourself working on your own, ask your Team Leader to minister with you. A person’s past experiences often need safe expression, and recognition of where the true responsibility lies (with the abuser).  This will hopefully lead on to forgiveness and asking God to heal.  Remember this is a process and make time for it.  Conversely, some may disclose that they have abused others, or are at risk of doing so. In all cases of abuse, or potential abuse, please find out if this is a victim or the abuser. Please report all instances of abuse to your Team Leader/Prayer Ministry Team Leaders.

You are working under Authority

Recognise your limits and be open to guidance.  Don’t intrude when others are ministering - unless invited.  If you are in any doubt, report to your Team Leader/Ministry Leaders anyone who you feel is mentally sick, needs deliverance, is suffering any current physical or sexual abuse, or any accident where someone has been hurt.

Ministering to children or vulnerable persons during Adult Ministry Times

If a child (under 16) asks for prayer when they have re-joined their parents during ministry times, ask the child to fetch one of their parents to give their consent and to stay with you as you pray for the child.  Never pray for a child without their parent/guardian being present.  Similarly, with vulnerable persons, make sure their carer is present.  Make sure that you use language that the child can understand at their age.  Otherwise use all the guidelines above.

**Finally**

Remember, there is always someone on hand to consult with, if you need help.  Your Team Leader or Prayer Ministry Leader is the most appropriate person to turn to and will be keeping an eye open for anyone needing help.

**Remember too, it is Jesus who does the work, not us!  Please prepare for ministry times by spending a short time each day, alone, stilling your heart and mind and listening to God.**

Thank you for reading these guidelines. If you have any questions concerning these guidelines, please speak to Lynda Charleston or Denise Mackay (Refuel Ministry Overseers)

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