

CHRIST CHURCH VIENNA | Confidential Prayer Team

Confidentiality Policy

All prayer requests and any information concerning the issues related to a prayer request are considered a *sacred trust and are to be held in strictest confidence*. Therefore, the following policies need to be agreed upon when serving within this prayer ministry.

1. When knowledge of a need or situation is made known via a prayer request, Confidential Prayer Ministers are not to discuss or share that information with any other person within or outside of this prayer ministry.
2. If a Prayer wishes to consult with another Confidential Prayer Minister regarding accountability or prayer focus, no personal names related to the specific request are to be used.
3. A Prayer who receives a prayer request within this ministry may not personally approach the individual (or a member of his/her family) who has requested prayer to discuss anything about the prayer request, nor to offer emotional comfort. Even though words of comfort are well intentioned, they may do more harm if a person feels their confidentiality has been violated. The only time an Intercessor may speak with an individual about the concern is when that information has been received from a source outside of this ministry. For example, if someone asks for prayer about an illness, the Intercessor only may approach the individual about it if the issue comes to him or her from the person directly, or via a third party in a situation not at all connected with this ministry.
4. One's participation in this Confidential Prayer Ministry should not be acknowledged when prayer request information is being shared in a public forum by the person who originally made the request, or by others who may know of the prayer request need.
5. One's self identification as a Confidential Prayer Minister is to be limited to simple statements of participation without any discussion of or reference to issues or individuals being prayed for, even if pseudonyms were to be used.
6. If a prayer request is made by a person who is aware of an Prayers participation with this prayer ministry and asks that a request be given to one of the confidential prayer teams, first suggest he/she call in or e-mail the request directly. If that is not possible, pass on the request to the Intercessory Prayer Teams Coordinator so that it will be assigned to a team. As with all prayer requests, it will be passed on to a prayer team by first name only to insure confidentiality, and documented appropriately in case that request is extended.

For Confidential Prayer Team Members

I have read, agree with and commit to abide by Christ Church Vienna's Confidential Prayer Team's *Confidentiality Policy*,

Sign: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____ Email: _____

Email prayer requests to
prayer@christchurchvienna.com

On the web at
www.christchurchvienna.com/connect/prayer/