

PITCREW

Hand Book

“uniting the **BODY OF CHRIST**
through **PASSIONATE PRAYER**
until **HIS KINGDOM** comes”



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Personal Intercessory Team

A PIT Crew is a team of Intercessors that are providing prayer on your behalf on a regular, committed basis.

Why a PIT Crew?

As Christians we experience all types of spiritual warfare and physical challenges. As a leader, you are particularly vulnerable unless supported and protected through a PIT Crew prayer shield. A PIT Crew's mission is to pray the purposes, promises and plans of God into, over and through the life of the person they serve. They follow the PIT Crew leader's guidance, which can be you or one of the team members designated to lead. The PIT Crew follows the Holy Spirit's lead on how and when to pray.

Who needs a PIT Crew?

1. Ideally, every Christian that is active in ministry, particularly those in a position of leadership, that means YOU!
2. Those who feel led to be an influencer or leader but have not yet stepped into their calling. The PIT Crew can be an effective tool to help "birth a new destiny."
3. Those with a critical need who are going through a difficult season (i.e. an illness, a job loss, a financial struggle, etc). A PIT Crew can be a great source of comfort and support during trying times. The PIT Crew can also be used to facilitate break through and usher in the miraculous for the believer and their family.

Pray and ask the Father who should be on your PIT Crew. As you pray, write down the names that come to mind. There should be a minimum of 3 members and a maximum of 12.

As you pray, consider these important characteristics of PIT Crew members:

- Trustworthy
- Able to keep strict confidentiality
- Have a heart for you and your ministry
- Strong Christian character
- Reputation as a prayer warrior
- Aspiring prayer warrior
- Faithful involvement in a Christian community
- Comfortable with the gifts of the Holy Spirit
- Available and enthusiastic about the opportunity to intercede for you

Potential PIT Crew Members:

Names:	Response:	Names:	Response:
1. _____		2. _____	
3. _____		4. _____	
5. _____		6. _____	
7. _____		8. _____	
9. _____		10. _____	
11. _____		12. _____	

PIT Crew invitation letter:

Write an invitation e-mail to your potential PIT Crew members. Include the following:

- Definition of a PIT Crew
- What you are doing that requires you to have a PIT Crew (details about ministry)
- Duration of commitment you are seeking (generally 3-6 months)
- Ways in which you will communicate with them and how frequently
- Ask them to pray and seek confirmation as to whether God has called them to be on your team
- Give them a time frame by which you would like them to respond. If they do not reply within the designated time frame, send them a reminder.

Hi Jenna,

I was recently asked to lead a campus ministry at USC and I want to be sure that my ministry and myself be adequately covered in prayer so I have decided to start a P.I.T. Crew (Personal Intercessory Team). The purpose of the team will be to pray on my behalf on a regular, committed basis.

In praying about whom I should ask to be a part of my team, God put your name on my heart. I know that you are a prayer warrior and I would greatly value you as a team member.

I am asking for a 3 month commitment of praying for me and my ministry with USC. I will be sending out prayer requests and updates once a week.

Please pray about whether you would like to commit to be a part of this and let me know within the next week.

Thank you and God bless you,

Grace

Once your team is solidified, host a PIT Crew gathering to launch it.

- Invite your team to share a meal, preferably in your home or the home of one of your Crew members. It can be as simple as a potluck.
- Have the members get to know each other by sharing a little bit about themselves and about how they know you.
- After the meal, take time to share your heart and your needs.
- Have a time of prayer.
- Be sure to have a scribe record words from the Lord.
- People may receive pictures, scriptures, prophetic words, etc
- If there are team members who are not local, they can join this part of the evening via conference call or Skype. This is highly effective.

PIT Crew gatherings are a huge blessing to you and everyone involved. You should hold them frequently- a good rule of thumb is quarterly.

Communicating with your Crew

Communication Tips:

- The easiest way to communicate is through e-mail.
- If you have a critical time-sensitive need you can text requests to your team.
- Try to send out prayer request updates to your PIT Crew consistently (i.e. every Saturday, or every other Wednesday). Choosing a consistent time will help your team pray more effectively.
- You can also hold prayer conference calls on a less frequent basis.
- Request that your team responds to your e-mails so that you know they have received them. Encourage them to share anything that God is revealing to them regarding you or your requests.
- Two-way communication is essential.
- Make sure your requests reflect the fullness of whom you are. They do not have to be strictly related to your ministry but should also touch on other aspects of your life and relationship with God.
- Periodically ask your team members to send in their requests so that you can be praying for them as well.
- Be as specific as possible with your requests.
- Be sure to let your team know any answers and updates on a regular basis.

Assessment of Experience and Moving Forward

- After the initial commitment has ended, evaluate your experience and your team.
- You may have a fairly good idea of how committed people were by the responses you received to your e-mails.
- Email each team member individually to thank them for their service.
- If possible, take them out for a meal or coffee either collectively or individually.
- Decide if you want to continue having a PIT Crew, and for how long.

Pray about the following:

- Ask the Father who He would have continue to stay on your team.
- Invite these people to pray about continuing and let them know the time frame of commitment.
- Pray and ask the Father if there are any new people He would like you to invite to join your team.
- If so, send them your PIT Crew invitation email.
- If a team member steps down, don't worry. God will provide someone to replace them!