

Short Summary of Silver Bullets Prayer Teams™

(An ongoing experiment in the discipline of persistent prayer, enhanced by righteousness & fasting.)

The Primary Purposes of a Silver Bullets Prayer Team (SBT™) are:

To tap all key Scriptural truths about prayer, in order to help a particular list of prayer requests have a better possibility of a positive answer from the Lord, and, when appropriate, to communicate these answers to many other believers as a way to encourage them to want to pray more.

- A. The 31 member team is in effect for either nine (9) months or 12 months. We recommend the teams always be 12 months, but nine is an option. However, whether the team will be together for 12 months or nine months, we know from experience that the duration needs to be fully decided on before any members sign onto the team.
- B. Each of the 31 team members gets to choose two (2) unsaved individuals and one longer-term prayer request. These three (3) prayer targets are then put into a one page (two sides) Master Prayer List a.k.a. a MPL. These three (3) requests cannot be changed unless they have been answered, or the team finishes their nine or 12 month term.
- C. Prior to the Start Date of the SB Team, each team member follows the directions they will be given and enters their three (3) requests into an online file, as well as some contact information on themselves. Furthermore, members will fill out some additional background information about their unsaved individuals. Some of this information will be automatically coded into the Master Prayer List to aid in effective prayer.
- D. Following are examples of a day #1, a day #2 and a day #3 on a Master Prayer List (a.k.a. MPL)

#1) John Smithe - That God would use me to help people at my AA meetings to find salvation in Christ &/or to mature spiritually, & that I would see undeniable answers to these prayers.

Mike Smithe, Brother (23) C3-,Oa,EDb,Bp,Elk,SCn,WRtwi,Sdk Joe Hamptin, F-I-Law (68) Cmw,Owc,EDhs,Bn,Ebn,SC6-,WRdk,Sdk

#2) Rebecca Stevenson - Please pray that the Lord will provide a godly husband for our daughter.

Michael Faye Neighbor, (18) Cw,Owc,EDdf,Bw,Esk,SC3-,WRdt,Sha Barb Rush, Co-Worker, (52) C13,Oa,EDb,Bp,Elk,SCn,WRtwi,Sdk

#3) Dana McElyea - I am currently in fulltime ministry work & have been living on raised support for the last 3½ years. We are asking the Lord to raise up 10 more donors at \$100 / month (or the equivalent) to cover living expenses, ministry expenses, & administrative expenses.

Tim Charmen Other (61) C6-,Olo,EDd,Bs,Ebn,SCn,WRm,Sna Joan Lozares Neighbor (38) Cmw,Occ,EDb,Bs,Edk,SC1-,WRm,Slot

- E. Getting the information into a SPI™ (Strategic Prayer Initiative™) website for your two unsaved individuals and your one longer-term prayer request takes a little effort. Your SB Team Coordinator will walk you through it if that is helpful. Once this information is into the website, you will have completed your toughest administrative task by far. Your future monthly interaction with the website will be easy, but the SBT Coordinator can help, if needed.
- F. Following is a quick basic summary of what takes place during the teams' time together:
 1. **Each day** you will pray (doable in 2-3 minutes) for the three requests for that day, for the Lord to help the person whose Designated Day it is (e.g. John Smithe see day #1 above) and for the Lord to help the next two people about to have their Designated Days e.g. Rebecca Stevenson and Dana McElyea above.
 2. On your Designated Day *you* fast and pray through the entire 93 items Master Prayer List (MPL). **It is only on your Designated Day (Once a month)** that you pray through the entire list and fast for part of the day.
 3. **After each month ends** you go online and fill out a private Progress/Accountability Report (5-8 minutes).
 4. **During the first three (3) months**, the team reads the "tiny" booklet on prayer and fasting, listens to a 29 minute CD on praying for unsaved people, and reads the 71-page study guide on evangelism praying.
 5. The Coordinator will help you acquire one of five books or booklets on fasting for your personal library. You have the option whether or not to read this resource, but it is very important that we do give you one.
 6. Some teams will agree upfront to add one or more additional activities. If one or more of these extra activities are agreed to upfront, and are listed as "Not Optional," you will need to participate in them. If they are listed as "Optional," then it is your choice if you would like to participate or not.
 7. Lastly, as a team member **you must seriously resist sin, deal with your sin on a daily basis and submit a 5 to 8 minute monthly accountability report** (this information then goes into an anonymous monthly SB Team Aggregate Report, which all team members get emailed to them. The option also exists for you to spend some extra time updating the team on any new developments on one or more of your three requests.

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FOR THE BACKGROUND INFORMATION LISTED IN AN ABBREVIATED FORM ON THE MASTER PRAYER LIST:

- C** = Contact (How often you are in contact with this unsaved individual?)
- O** = Openness (How open do you think they are to becoming a Christian?)
- ED** = Education Level (What is the highest level of education they have achieved?)
- B** = Bible Knowledge (How much knowledge of the Bible do you think they have?)
- E** = Evidence Knowledge (How much evidence for the Christian faith do you think they are aware of?)
- SC** = Solid Christian Contacts (How many solid Christians are they in touch with at least monthly?)
- WR** = Willingness to Repent (How likely do you think they are to turning away from their sin?)
- S** = Sin in Their Life (How much sin do they typically practice on a regular basis?)

1. **CONTACT:** In a 12 month period how often are you in contact with them personally? [Meaning face to face, by phone, text or email, etc.. Group social media are not usually considered personal.]

- ns** = Never or Seldom
- 1-** = 1-2
- 3-** = 3-5
- 6-** = 6-12
- 13-** = 13-51
- w** = Weekly
- mw** = More than weekly

2. **OPENNESS:** How close do you think they are to becoming a Christian?

- cc** = Claims to be Christian, but doesn't live it
- h** = Hostile
- a** = Apathetic
- lo** = A Little Open
- wc** = Willing to Consider it
- ac** = They are considering it
- vc** = Very close to embracing it

3. **EDUCATION:** What is the highest level of education they have completed?

- df** = Did not finish high school
- hs** = High school graduate
- sc** = Attended some college
- a** = Have an Associates Degree
- b** = Have a Baccalaureate's degree
- m** = Have a Master's Degree
- d** = Have a Doctorate Degree

4. **BIBLE KNOWLEDGE:** How well do you think they know the Bible?

- n** = Not at all - They know nothing or virtually nothing about the Bible
- p** = Poorly - They know very little about the Bible
- s** = Somewhat - They have a basic familiarity with some of the Bible
- pw** = Pretty well - They have a reasonable amount of Bible knowledge
- w** = Well - They have good Bible knowledge
- ew** = Extremely well - They have a large amount of Biblical knowledge

5. **EVIDENCE FOR THE FAITH:** How much knowledge do they have of the evidences for the validity of the Christian faith?

- bn** = Basically none
- lk** = A little knowledge
- sk** = Some relevant knowledge
- qk** = Quite a bit of relevant knowledge
- gk** = They know a great deal:
They know a great deal about manuscript evidence, fulfilled prophecy, archeological, confirmations, philosophical presuppositions, and the Trilemma, etc.

6. **Solid Christian Contacts Monthly:** About how many informed, loving, balanced, and non-hypocritical Christians do you think they are in contact with at least monthly?

- n** = None that I know of
- 1-** = 1 or 2
- 3-** = 3 to 5
- 6-** = 6 or more

7. **WILLING TO REPENT?:** Do you think they would be open to stopping sinning if they knew for sure God wanted them to? ("for the forgiveness of sin" Lk. 24)

- nw** = No way
- dt** = I don't think so
- m** = Maybe
- gc** = Good chance of it
- twi** = Think willing if: *I think they would be open to stopping sinning, i.e. repenting, if they knew for sure God wanted them to?*

Matthew 4:17, 11:20,12:41; **Mark** 1:14-15, 6:12; **Luke** 3:8, 5:32, 11:32, 13:3, 13:5, 15:7, 16:30-31, 24:46-47; **Acts** 2:38, 8:22, 11:18, 20:21, 26:20, **Rom.** 2:5; **2 Cor.** 7:8-10

8. **SIN LEVEL:**

- dk** = I don't know
- na** = Nothing that I'm aware of
- ls** = A little
- pm** = Pretty much
- lot** = A lot
- ha** = A huge amount