

**The 5Y80™ Objective and the work of the Strategic Prayer Initiative™, Inc. (SPI™)**

*Our mission is to help large numbers of believers to grow more effective in prayer and spiritual warfare.*

1) About how much time do you spend in focused prayer on a typical day? **Do not count time** while driving, or standing in a line, or doing other activities. Only count the time you are completely focused on prayer.

- none (Also, please do not count Bible reading time.)
- about 2 minutes
- about 5 minutes
- about 10 minutes
- about 30 minutes
- about 1 hour
- about 2 or more hours

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*This survey is meant to be **TOTALLY ANONYMOUS** Please do not identify yourself in any way.*

2) Would you say that you are satisfied, at the present time, with your prayer life?

- yes
- no

3) How would you self-rate your prayer life?

- mature
- good
- fair
- poor

4) Approximately how much of your life as a Christian can you honestly say that you have had at least a good prayer life?

- I have never had a good prayer life
- A small portion of my Christian life
- Less than half
- A majority of the time
- All of my Christian life I have had a good prayer life

5) If you are not satisfied with your prayer life, how motivated are you to improve?

- I am not particularly motivated to improve.
- I am not satisfied, but it seems like it would be too difficult to improve.
- It sounds good, but I am already overloaded with my day-to-day responsibilities.
- If it was doable without being overly burdensome, I would definitely like to improve.
- I am willing to do whatever it takes to develop a better prayer life.
- As previously stated, I am satisfied.

*For Questions 6, and 7 Write Answer In Box:*

6) How many Christian friends (of your gender) do you currently have that you feel you can be *completely* open with?

7) If you answered one or more to question #6, how many do you meet with regularly for help living out your faith?

8) How deep or intimate is your personal relationship with the Lord?

- I have never had a deep personal relationship with the Lord, but don't feel a need.
- I have never felt like I had a deep personal relationship with the Lord, but wish I could.
- I have felt close to the Lord from time to time, but have not been able to feel this way consistently.
- My personal relationship with the Lord is pretty deep.
- My personal relationship with the Lord is deep.
- My personal relationship with the Lord is extremely deep.

9) Acknowledging that it will look different for different people (different seasons of life, different personalities, different likes and dislikes), do you believe that God wants all of His true followers to have a good prayer life?

- yes
- possibly If no, or possibly, could you please explain \_\_\_\_\_
- no

Please turn to side two (2)

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We live in a world that is in the midst of  
a spiritual battle.  
Our fervent “righteous” prayers can affect many  
outcomes of the battle, as well as the depth of our  
relationship with the Lord.

**Instructions** - *first, please circle your answer to each of the following five (5) questions, then if you have extra time go back and fill in possible Scripture references for each quote, as well as any other comments you may have.*

10) “We serve a God who wants relationship with us.”  
**Agree or Disagree** and Why? *(Circle Agree or Disagree)*

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Scriptures That Support Your Position: \_\_\_\_\_

11) “We live in a world that is in the midst of a spiritual battle.”  
**Agree or Disagree & Why?** *(Circle Agree or Disagree)*

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12) “Our fervent righteous prayers can affect many outcomes of the battle.”  
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Scriptures That Support Your Position: \_\_\_\_\_

13) “Our fervent righteous prayers can affect...the depth of our relationship with the Lord.”  
**Agree or Disagree & Why?** *(Circle Agree or Disagree)*

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Scriptures That Support Your Position: \_\_\_\_\_

14) If you could truly be part of helping to change the nation through fervent righteous prayer, would you be willing to spend three (3) minutes a day and in addition to that having coffee, or lunch, with two friends (of your gender) once a month? Would you be willing to make that commitment? **Yes, No or Maybe** *(Circle one)*

## Strategic Prayer Initiative™, Inc.

**Instructions for****Surveying a Group or Congregation with the Short 14-Question SPI™ Diagnostic Survey**

Follow these bullet points to improve the effectiveness of your survey:

1. **Leading up to the day of the survey, and including the day itself, pray for the survey process and those taking part in the survey.** Also, pray that God would give wisdom to the leaders or decision-makers when they get the final results report.
2. **Expect spiritual opposition.** You should not be surprised if one or more people will oppose the survey by having some reason why it is not appropriate, or it is not needed. For example: if God is sovereign, He will do whatever He wants anyway, so prayer is not needed. Or, trying to help people to grow in prayer is a legalism and a guilt trip. (Another one we heard was measuring a group or congregation concerning these types of things is not in the Bible, so it should not be done.) Even if you do get opposition, press on. Your goal is to help people to pray more effectively and see prayer flourish at your church.
3. **Have sufficient pens or pencils available.** Purchase these ahead of time and place them throughout the room where the survey will take place.
4. **Print enough surveys** for the amount of people expected—and a few more!
5. You can print the surveys on standard 20 lb. white paper if you like. In our opinion printing the surveys on **24 lb. ivory or beige colored paper is better.** Heavier paper, and colored paper, make the surveys feel and look more professional to those taking them. The paper choice is yours, but at least try for colored paper.
6. **Plan to do the survey sometime mid-service or mid-meeting.** This timeframe is by far the sweet spot! Though it may sound harsh, do not give the surveys out before, or at the end of, the service/meeting. Please do not pre-place them in the pews or try to do the survey during communion or offering times. From experience, we know the only way to get the most surveys filled out and returned is by handing them out DURING the service/meeting. Allow approximately eight (8) minutes for individuals to complete the survey. They should be collected at the end of the eight minutes.
7. **Allow individuals to do the surveys on their own.** In other words, do not have one individual read the questions out loud, one at a time, while others in the group fill out their individual surveys. Our Ph.D-ed religious polling expert advised against doing the survey in a group format, as it can slant the results.
8. As you would expect, **different people fill out surveys differently, some are really fast and some like to spend more time thinking about the questions.** We address the different completion times by letting the participants know Questions 1-9 on the front of the survey are multiple choice, and that questions 10-14, on the back-side of the survey, can be answered by just circling Agree or Disagree. **Tell your people to just circle their answers to the questions on the back-side of the survey, then if they have more time available, they can write in some comments** or mention a verse or two. This allows the people who want, or need, more time to have more than enough time to fill in the basic answers to the questions on the back-side.  
  
On the other hand, those that are quicker are asked to fill in comments on the back-side questions, and to possibly fill in any Scripture references they feel may apply to the answers they have circled (*If they want to look up verses that's fine.*). These written-in parts of the answers give the quicker participants something important to do while they are waiting for the completion of the roughly eight (8) minutes that are given to the whole group. Having something to do for the quicker individuals, allows the people who prefer to take more time to not feel like others are waiting on them while they finish up.
9. **When the allotted time has been completed, have the individuals turn their survey over so that “Page One (1)” is facing down, and have them passed to the aisle to be collected.** If it is a smaller group, you can collect them yourself or pass around a large envelope and have the group slide their individual surveys inside.
10. **As the surveys are being collected, thank the individuals for their participation!** Let them know the results will be shared in the weeks ahead and that you are excited to grow with them in seeing prayer make some great advancements, and flourish at your church or group. [Note: Additional survey tools are available at [www.SPIprayer.org](http://www.SPIprayer.org) by searching the word Survey.]



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15) "We serve a God who wants relationship with us."  
Agree or Disagree and Why? (Circle Agree or Disagree)

**97.6% = Agree      0% = Disagree      2.4% = Blank**

Scriptures That Support Your Position: \_\_\_\_\_

16) "We live in a world that is in the midst of a spiritual battle."  
Agree or Disagree & Why? (Circle Agree or Disagree)

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17) "Our fervent righteous prayers can affect many outcomes of the battle."  
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18) "Our fervent righteous prayers can affect...the depth of our relationship with the Lord."  
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**73.2% = Yes      4.9% = No      19.5% = Maybe      2.4% = Blank**