

The Strategic Prayer Initiative™, Inc.

Team-Yellow Sheet #14 Calvary Hill Homebuilders Ministry

All Yellow Sheets are active for either nine (9) or 12 months. An example could begin on 5-1-24 and ends on 4-30-25.
A Yellow sheet is *not* typically intended to be confidential, unless *all* participants choose it to be in advance.

Those creating a Yellow Sheet will need to fill in the five (5) underlined items above:

Type of Yellow Sheet (Team or General) a Sheet Number,
a Name, and the Beginning and Ending Dates.

The name of the Yellow Sheet can be anything you think would be helpful, it does not have to be the name of a church.

Although the needs concerning physical health issues are very, very important, we do ask that they not be included on Team-Yellow Sheets or General-Yellow Sheets. The reason we ask that they not be included is that prayers for physical healing needs almost always get listed in church bulletins and/or on church prayer lists, so they are usually already getting addressed. On the other hand, the purpose of the Yellow Sheets is to create large amounts of persistent prayer (see Luke 18:1-8) for other types of strategic requests, and then (when appropriate) to share the answers with others, as a way to encourage them to pray more. On a different note, physical healing needs can be included as part of a more powerful SPI (Strategic Prayer Initiative) tool known as a Silver Bullets Prayer Team.

Basic Features of an SPI Yellow Sheet:

- a. Yellow Sheets are typically printed on yellow paper due to yellow being one of the two easiest colors to recognize and locate. (Please try to print Yellow Sheets on yellow paper whenever possible.) There is also a Yellow Sheet phone app available.
- b. All Yellow Sheets are active for either nine (9) months or 12 months. This is decided up front.
- c. There are actually two (2) types of Yellow Sheets. There is a **Team-Yellow Sheet** and a **General-Yellow Sheet**. The General Yellow Sheet has 31 prayer requests on it, and the prayer requests are written or gathered by the person (or the team) that is creating and/or putting together the particular General-Yellow Sheet. See a Team-Yellow Sheet example at www.SPIprayer.org.
- d. A **Team-Yellow Sheet** is made up of a team of 31 individuals, and each team member has a one and a half sentence prayer request that they have created or requested and one Pre-saved individual i.e. someone not clearly living for Christ. Requests should be worded in such a way that if they are answered in a direct fashion that it is clear that they have been answered. Ideally, they should be prayer requests that appear to be in God's will (see 1st John 5:14-15). The Team Administrator is traditionally given day 31.
- e. Individuals using a Yellow Sheet pray daily for just the item(s) next to the date for that day in a given month, which takes about one minute. Additionally, (only) once a month, team members spend 20 to 30 minutes to pray through all 31 prayer requests, and 31 Pre-saved individuals. This way each prayer request on a nine (9) month Team-Yellow Sheet gets prayed over 500 times during the nine months. This is an amazing amount of persistent prayer considering how easy/manageable the commitment is for the 31 team members. For a Team-Yellow Sheet lasting 12-months (which we recommend) each of the prayer requests get prayed over 700 times. Regarding a Team-Yellow Sheet, the team member's day to pray for the whole list is the date shown next to their name.
- f. Yellow Sheets are **not** considered confidential, unless decided to be before the Yellow Sheet becomes active, and is clearly marked as CONFIDENTIAL somewhere near the top of the front side of the Yellow Sheet. However, even when a Team-Yellow Sheet is listed as confidential, there is still no guarantee that the contents of the sheet will not somehow leak out or be seen. Consequently, even with a Confidential Yellow Sheet, if it would be truly unhelpful if your request somehow got leaked or discovered, you might want to strongly consider picking a different prayer request up front (for the sake of prudence).
- g. Prayers are not allowed to come off of the Yellow Sheet unless they have been clearly answered. When a prayer has been clearly answered, the answer is usually shared with others as an encouragement to pray more, and then replaced with a new request. If one of the Pre-saved chooses to make Christ their Lord, we suggest they get into a structured discipleship process, and that the word Pre-saved in front of their name be replaced with New Disciple, so that the team shifts the focus of their prayers for this individual.
- h. There is a small adaptation that can be added up front to a yearlong Team-Yellow Sheet or a yearlong General-Yellow Sheet. This adaptation is called a **Mille**, and it only adds about one extra minute of daily prayer obligation, but it elevates the number of prayers prayed for each of the prayer requests to over one thousand (1,000) times. So, with a **Mille Yellow Sheet** this *huge level of persistent prayers* can be achieved with a relatively small amount of effort each day and each month. All that it entails to adapt-up to a Mille Yellow Sheet is that each person prays for two days a day, versus just one day. Here is how it works, each day those praying the Yellow Sheet pray for the items next to the number corresponding to the date of the month and the items just below it. So, on the 5th they pray for items on day five and items on day six. On the 6th of the month they pray for items for day six and day seven, on the 7th for day seven and day eight, and so on. Their one day a month of praying for the entire list is not affected.

[We would also like to point out that some teams will find it valuable to have quarterly luncheons with the members of their team, but this is only an option, not a necessity. At these luncheons team members can get to know each other better, pick up some nuances concerning various prayer requests, as well as hear live updates concerning the 31 prayer requests and the 31 Pre-saved individuals. These luncheons were pioneered by a church in Oak Park, IL. They catered in sandwiches and had the team meet right after their service ended (about lunch time). The pastor told us that many of the speakers were deeply moved as they went around the room and let each of the 31 individuals share anything they wanted to say, concerning their prayer request and the non-Christian friend or loved one, who the team were praying for. Again, the luncheons are not a necessity but can be very meaningful and encouraging events.]

Side one of this document explains the **Team-Yellow Sheets** fairly well. However, below we would like to give you some more detail on the **General-Yellow Sheets** as well as one more optional adaptation that can be made to either a Team or a General. **A General-Yellow Sheet is very similar to a Team-Yellow Sheet except that the General-Yellow Sheet is not made up of, nor used by, a team of 31 individuals.** Nevertheless, the **General** is made up of 31 desirable, necessary, or vital prayer requests that are pertinent to a group larger than 31, or much larger than 31 e.g. a church, etc.. One useful application for a **General** is when a church has some mix of large hurdles they want to leap, serious problems, or projects they want to accomplish etc.. These can make up the 31 requests. Then the whole congregation is asked to pray the General-Yellow Sheet, but since names are not listed for each day of the month, we use birthdays. Each person prays the request next to each date - each day - and then on the day that correlates to their birthday, they pray through the entire list (but just once each month).

The other adaptation concerns a change that allows items on a Yellow Sheet, not to be prayed more times in the nine or 12 months, but to be prayed twice as many times per day, for a Team-Yellow Sheet, and potentially more for a General-Yellow Sheet. Nine month or 12-month Team-Yellow Sheet items gets prayed 500+ or 700+ times respectively, but only guarantee each request gets prayed once a day (by the person praying the entire list that day), and then 31 times once a month. However, with a small change we can get every item prayed twice each day, not just once. This will seem a little confusing, but once you see it, it is actually very simple. Concerning the one prayer each day, each Yellow Sheet team member starts at a different spot on the list, on the first of the month. This way each team member prays for a different one of the 31 prayer requests each day. This allows the team, as-a-whole, to cover each of the 31 prayer requests each day. **On the first of each month** the Team-Yellow Sheet team members pray for their own requests (the requests next to their name), and then drops down to the next request the next day, and so on. **Similarly, on the first of each month** the General-Yellow Sheet user prays for the request(s) next to their birthday (for example if they were born on the 7th they pray for the request next to day number 7 **on the General-Yellow Sheet**), and then drops down to the next request the next day, and so on. To make it easier, when each person gets their copy of the Yellow Sheet they write the number one on the small line just before their name (if a Team-Yellow Sheet) or by the date of their birthday (if a General-Yellow Sheet), and then puts the number 2 in the line just below, the number 3 on the line below that, the number 4 below that, and so on. Having these numbers written-in shows the person which items they are to pray for, on the corresponding date of the month (the date corresponding to the number they have written-in). This is only an option, you don't need to use it. [The app does not allow for this option.]

Possibly pray one or two of these points on behalf of the Pre-saved on the Team Yellow, or on the General (if they have been included):

- #1. Remember the truth that if someone seeks the Lord with their whole heart that they will find Him. Ask the Lord to help the Pre-saved person to seek God with their whole heart (Jeremiah 29:13 and Acts 17:26-27).
- #2. Remind the Lord that He desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth (1 Timothy 2:4) and ask Him to draw this Pre-saved person to the Son (John 6:44).
- #3. Ask Jesus to open their minds so that they can understand the Scriptures (Luke 24:45, John 7:17, and Proverbs 9:7-10).
- #4. If they have not previously been a seeker of Truth, pray that they would be encouraged to begin thinking about, talking about, and researching the three (3) foundational questions raised in the movie Prometheus: Where did we come from? What is our purpose? What happens after we die? ***“Remember, if you are not ready to die today, you are not ready to live tomorrow.”***
- #5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bring the people, information, circumstances, and Scriptures of His choice into this person's life, so that they will have the best possible chance of coming to Christ, asking to be forgiven, and repenting of their sins. (Luke 24:45-47 -- Then he [Jesus] opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations...).
- #6. Pray that the blinders would be removed from their eyes so they can begin to see more spiritual Truth (2 Corinthians 4:3-5, and John 14:21).
- #7. Ask the Holy Spirit to bring the apologetical (material that defends) information and Scriptures of His choice into this person's life, so that they will have the best possible chance of coming to Christ, asking to be forgiven, and repenting of their sins (2 Peter 3:9 & all of chapter 3).

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- #8. Ask the Lord to help them to start reading the New Testament Scriptures daily or regularly (John 7:17) Recommended Versions: NKJV, NASB, NIV, ESV, NAB, Jerusalem Bible, and the New Living Translation (Hebrews 4:12, 2nd Timothy 3:16-17, 2nd Peter 1:18-21, 1st John 5:11-13, Matthew 7:13-14, and Matthew 7:21-23 and 24-29)