

## Watch Party Prayer Guide *{The most important step 🙏}*

*Welcome, Watch Party Hosts!*

At COMMUNITY, we use the B.L.E.S.S. Practices to guide us and allow God to show us how we can do our part to help people find their way back to him. We are certain God will use you to have divine appointments with people who are waiting to hear the good news of Jesus, but might not be willing to step into a traditional church. For this reason, it is important to “Begin with Prayer,” the first step in the B.L.E.S.S. Practices.

Prayer was a major part of Jesus’ life. If you read through the first four books of the New Testament that tell his story, you will see a consistent pattern of prayer:

- Jesus prayed at his baptism (Luke 3:21)
- He frequently withdrew and prayed to God (Luke 5:16)
- Jesus prayed before performing miracles (Luke 9:16a)
- Jesus prayed before his crucifixion (Luke 22:32)

If we really want to be part of helping people find their way back to God, we have to begin with prayer. Start by praying on a regular basis for your watch party.

As a suggestion, you could use the acronym ACTS when you pray:

- **Adoration** - Pray and acknowledge God’s grace and mercy. Recognize that God is a merciful God and he wants to reach out to those in your circle of influence. (Luke 15, Luke 19:10, Lam 3:22-23)
- **Confession** - Bring your own insecurities and fears to God. He knows how you might be feeling as you start a watch party. Rest in the assurance that God will never leave you or forsake you. (Mat 28:19-20, John 15:16, Acts 1:8)
- **Thanksgiving** - Give thanks in advance for the results you will see! God is already at work in your friend’s and relatives’ lives and you will be amazed at how he will show up in ways you might have not imagined. (Eph 3:20, Phil 4:6-7, Phil 1:3-4)
- **Supplication** - Come to God with the needs and requests that your friends and family have. Ask God specifically for each one of them by name. If you are not sure, that’s fine. Just ask God to reach out to them. (Math 6:10, James 5:16, 1 Peter 4:8)

We can no longer be a church that just *hopes* people find their way back to God, we need to ask God to show us *how* we can do our part to help people find their way back to him and it all *begins with prayer*.