



What It Means to Be a Prayer Partner at CMM

Christian Medical Ministries was founded in 2010 as an evangelistic health ministry dedicated to **holistic healing**—body, mind, and spirit. Our Volunteer Prayer Partners are essential in offering compassionate spiritual support to patients, many of whom are struggling emotionally, physically, and spiritually.

Prayer Partners naturally embody the **Spiritual gifts** of mercy, service, and intercession. You'll often walk with patients through long, layered journeys, gently helping them discover **hope and healing** at their own pace. Many patients carry spiritual wounds—some even connected to previous church experiences. That's why relational evangelism, grounded in trust, patience, and permission, is central to how we serve.

We use a **Social and Spiritual Assessment** to build rapport and understand a patient's spiritual background. It is designed to lead you through a natural relationship-building process by asking questions, much like taking a social history in a medical setting.

For our ministry, a social history is not complete without knowing their spiritual history.

Remember, **communication is 7% words and 93% nonverbal cues, including body language.** Your presence, body language, and listening ear matter deeply. A warm smile, a kind word, and an attentive posture often speak louder than anything else. When praying with a patient, **always ask permission.** Avoid gestures like full hugs or physical touch beyond a handshake or light touch on the shoulder, unless otherwise invited.

The questions about their spiritual beliefs on the assessment are from the **Share Jesus Without Fear** course. This training will equip you to share the gospel using **Scripture and Spirit-led conversation.** Through these questions, you will assess their spiritual journey, which will guide the **diagnosis and treatment.** You cannot treat someone properly until you make a correct diagnosis. If you follow the assessment as written, it will naturally lead you to a correct diagnosis of their spiritual condition. **Any answer for "Who is Jesus to you?" other than "Jesus is my Savior and Lord" requires pursuing further questions as listed.*

Allow the Holy Spirit to speak to them. You are there to guide them along and add insights. Always ask about their prayer needs. Asking questions helps! For example, "Can you tell me what that means to you?"

We don't know where our clinic is located on their **spiritual journey.** However, it is important not to rush the process. Always listen to the **Holy Spirit** as you interact with patients. We provide Bibles, literature, and prayer resources to support your ministry. Whether you're planting seeds or watering them, you are a valuable part of God's healing work! Thank you for volunteering your time and talents **to serve the Lord Jesus** in our ministry.