

How to Set Up a Prayer Space

Planning

1. First you pray.
Above all you want this to be a place where people connect with God.
So you ask for the Holy Spirit to be with you, to inspire and guide you.
2. Gather a planning team. Include artistic and creative people. Extras may be needed to set up and man it later.
3. Choose a space or a room, preferably not too large. Large tents / caravans can be possibilities. Decide when and how to make it available. Don't feel it has to be 24/7.
4. Create your prayer station ideas.
Aim to engage all five senses. Provide resources to inspire and stimulate people to pray as well as giving them an opportunity to express themselves creatively. Allocate specific stations to specific people.
5. Find visual aids both for the overall prayer space and for individual stations. Ask around for help with these. It's amazing what people have at home.
6. Dedicate a time for your team to set up the room. Allow plenty of time.
7. Finally, pray for the Holy Spirit to fill the room and that people will immediately know they are entering a holy space. Encourage people to take off their shoes etc.

Resources

Every prayer space is different. This is a general list. Some are very simple, others more elaborate. It is the presence of the Holy Spirit that make it a prayer space above all else.

Helpful props include:

- To divide the room into smaller areas: net curtains, old sheets, parachutes, small tents, gazebos - especially children's ones. Net curtain wire + hooks are very cheap (e.g. The Range) and can be used to hang nets and other thin fabrics if your ceiling is not too high.
- Cover the floor: old sheets, blankets, throw-overs
- Soft lighting: small lamps, fairy lights, lava lamps etc
Beware of fire hazard with candles and tea lights: supervision is essential if these are used
- Extension leads but don't overload the circuits!
- Seating e.g. Soft cushions, beanbags, chairs. Think about comfort but take into consideration older church members and the seating they may require.
- CD player or other music playing facilities
- A globe or a world map; local map; map of areas needing specific prayer
- Art materials: paper, pens, post it notes, felt-tip pens, pencils, paints, clay, oil pastels etc....
- Bibles and prayer books; Bible verses, Christian poems, newspaper articles
- Useful box e.g. blue tack, tape, cable ties, string, pegs, scissors, pins etc., things that will be helpful for set up and maintenance of the prayer room
- Small water feature?
- Flowers?
- Artwork?
- Props specific to particular stations

Set Up advice from 24-7prayer.com

[Prayer+Room+Resource](#)

24-7 Prayer Rooms

The first 24-7 prayer room was set up in Chichester, England in 1999.

For more help on how to set up a creative prayer space area:

<https://www.24-7prayer.com>

<http://www.24-7prayer.co.uk>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cunExf0LIUg&feature=related>

Prayer Spaces in Schools

The creative 24-7 prayer movement inspired the 'Prayer Spaces in Schools' initiative in the UK about 2009 and this has also grown quite fast. For details on the story and how to go about setting up a prayer space in a school, take a look at the dedicated web site www.prayerspacesinschools.com

Also useful <http://www.orisonschools.org.uk/home>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jWyWZE-Q1e4>