

A Praying Church creates heavenly Fireworks! LMB 2017

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I am sure many of you will have plans to see some fireworks this evening? Or maybe some of you will be drawing the curtains and enjoying a warm and peaceful evening?

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For those of us who venture out we might see something like this lighting up the night sky.

Today we are considering how we can be a praying church?

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I think that maybe we can liken this to setting off a firework! There are many careful steps to be taken when lighting fireworks, so let us look at some steps in prayer we might take as God's People.

Step 1.

We take the fire of God's Holy Spirit that is in each of us.

Step 2.

We get down on our knees

Step 3

We light some heavenly touch paper.

Step 4

We step back and continue to pray for the place or situation for which God has given us a heartfelt concern

Step 5

We watch, wait and pray for God's presence to transform and light up the lives and situations for whom we pray.

Step 1.

Hands Open to Receive

Father God help be to be in turn with you as I ask you to place a person or situation of my heart at this time.

Step 2

Place your hands upon your knees

Lord I come humble before you and lift in prayer the thing you have prompted me to pray for.

Step 3

Bring hands together to touch

Lord I ask that you would touch this situation with your peace, your love and your power.

Step 4.

Turn your hands over in an offering style position

Lord I offer this person or situation to you and ask that you would meet the needs of those whom you have laid on my heart.

Step 5

Grasp your hands together

As I grasp my hands together I am thankful for the hold that you have on my life and I ask that you help me to continue to reach out to others and continue to pray for those people and places that you have put on my heart. Help me to light heavenly fireworks that will bring your transforming grace to those in need.

In Jesus name we pray.

Amen