

## Prayer Circle Skit

**Host** Today we are going to demonstrate the Prayer Circle. Can we have 3 or 4 of you ladies to help us demonstrate the prayer circle

**Ladies** *(seated in the front row, 2 on the left and two on the right, raise their hands in unison)*

**Host** Yes, ah, you two over here. Come on up. And one or two more.... Yes, you two over there. Come on up and we'll get our demonstration started.....

Okay. All join hands and form a circle. Our first step in a prayer circle is to have a period of silence while each member of the circle relaxes and rids her mind of the concerns and worries of the day. We're here to pray for the needs of the church. Bow your heads and close your eyes. Take a deep breath. Put away all your hidden agendas and tune into the needs of the church.

Alright, with your heads still bowed and eyes closed

*(breaks the circle and forms a straight line)*

Let's open up the circle so the audience can watch what goes on inside a prayer circle. But, before we proceed lets use our MAGIC MICROPHONE to see if the cares of the day and the hidden agendas have been set aside. This microphone will actually pick up the thoughts of each member of this prayer circle.

*(Host stands behind each lady to speak and reaches the microphone around her right shoulder. Host signals lady to speak by resting her left hand on lady's shoulder)*

**Lady 1** The iron! I think I left the steam iron plugged in!

**Lady 2** Uuuuuuuu. I probably shouldn't have volunteered. I'm not dressed fro prayer.

**Lady 3** I hope they don't expect me to pray out loud. I don't like to pray out loud.

**Lady 4** They always expect me to start off the prayers. I wonder what I can say that would be profound.

**Lady 3** What if they go around the circle in order? Then I'll HAVE to pray out loud.

**Lady 2** I should have worn my grey slacks. Grey is a reverent color.

**Lady 1** I forgot to tell Jack to give the kids their vitamins. He's probably going to fee them ice cream and pizza all weekend.

**Lady 2** Oh, gee I didn't even pack my gray flats.... Maybe the while low heel pumps would be okay.

**Lady 3** Well, when it's my turn I just won't pray. Somebody HAS to pick up the slack.

**Lady 4** Sanctification. Yeah, that's it. Sanctification. If I work that into my prayer everyone knows I'm a mature Christian.

**Lady 3** *(raises up Lady 2's hand slightly)*  
Her hand is sweaty. What's SHE got to be nervous about?

**Lady 2** Her hand is sweaty. What' SHE got to nervous about?

**Lady 1** He's probably not going to water the geraniums either.

**Lady 2** Why didn't I pack my grey flats?

**Lady 3** My nose itches. Should I break the chain just to scratch my nose? If I do they'll maybe think I want to start praying?

**Lady 4** But, I'm not sure what sanctification means.... Ah, that's okay, neither do they.

**Lady 3** Lord, take away the itch from your nose so I don't have pray out loud.

**Lady 4** Well, what are we waiting for. I've got MY prayer all picked out.

**Host** Okay. It looks like we've finished with our moment of silence and were ready to begin praying for the needs f the church. We usually begin by thanking the Lord for what he's given in the past.

*(All prayers are without the microphone, interrupting Lady 4's attempt to pray all thought with mike.)*

**Lady 3** *(prayer)* thank you, Lord, for giving us this place to come and rest and recharge our sprtual batteries.

*(scratches her nose obviously)*

**Lady 4** *(thought)* show off.

**Lady 2** *(prayer)* And thank you, Lord, for giving us a place where we don't have to be concerned with appearances.

*(thought)* But I'm not wearing this T-shirt on the street.

**Lady 1** *(prayer)* And thank you, Lord, for giving us a few days away from the workaday world.

*(thought)* Then I'll go home to a skink full of dirty dishes.

**Host** Now ladies, let's go on to pray for the needs of those in our church body.

**Lady 1** *(prayer)* Father, I ask your blessing on the families of all the women here at the retreat.

*(thought)* Please help my husband to remember to water the geraniums.

**Lady 2** *(prayer)* We ask you to bless those less fortunate than ourselves.

*(thought)* Those who can't even afford mascara or eye shadow.

**Lady 3** *(opens her eyes)*

*(thought)* I'm not going to have to pray out loud again, am I?

**Host** Well, I guess that concludes our prayer circle demonstration for today. Thank you ladies for helping us with our demonstration.

*(all but Lady 4 walk off, lady 4 looks puzzled)*

**Lady 4** *(thought)* I had a perfect prayer with SANCTIFICATION right in the middle. It's not fair.

*(walks off scratching her head)*

**Host** Let's have a warm round of applause for our volunteers.

*(exits)*

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