



Partners in Hope Facilitators Guide

1. SINGING: We continue to bring ourselves into the presence of our loving and healing God as we sing songs of worship and praise and prayer together.

2. WELCOME:

Welcome to "Partners In Hope." My name is _____ and I'm the facilitator for our meeting. Let's go around the circle and introduce ourselves by our first names.

I've asked _____ to read the Welcome

We are a Christian 12-Step Recovery Group. We practice the 12 Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous, while welcoming individuals seeking healing and recovery from a variety of destructive and addictive lifestyles. The only requirement for membership is a desire to love and be loved regardless of one's current condition in life. We choose to affirm God, the Creator as our higher power. We believe He has revealed Himself to us through His Son Jesus Christ, who said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." and "You shall know the truth and the truth will set you free."

We share through stories, discussion, singing, and prayer, the experience, strength and hope we have found in relationship with God and with each other. We seek to gain strength from one another in order to carry this message of hope to others who suffer. We gratefully acknowledge God's presence and pray for his guidance and direction in all we do and say.

3. LORD'S PRAYER: Let's invite God's help in our meeting as we say together the Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven, help us to honor your name. Come and set up your kingdom, so that everyone on earth will obey you, as you are obeyed in heaven. Give us our food for today. Forgive us for doing wrong, as we forgive others. Keep us from being tempted and protect us from evil. The kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours forever. Amen.

4. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ADDICTIONS:

We come for many reasons and from a variety of backgrounds. Let's take a moment to look at the "List of Addictions or Dependencies" and ask God to search our hearts and speak the truth to us about where we are owing and where we continue to struggle. After a moment of reflection we will pray for healing and guidance together using the words written below the list of addictions.

Loving God, We thank you for the gift of Jesus, the Highest Power, whose loving authority is above all other powers. As we look at our lives. Thank you for rescuing us from the dark power of Satan and bringing us into loving relationship with Your Son, Jesus. We need you to reveal to us the kind of life that honours You. We want to please You and get to know You better. We ask for the wisdom and understanding that only Your Spirit can give. Make

Yourself at home in our hearts. Show us everything You want us to do. We invite your amazing power to be alive in us so we can face and endure anything. Heal us. Make us new. Make us strong followers of Christ. Root us deeply in Your love so we can stand firm. Help us understand Your love more and more -- how long and wide and high and deep it is, and that as we come to know this amazing love - although it is too wonderful to be fully known - that we will be completely filled with You. We trust You to do this because Your power at work in us can do far more than we dare ask or imagine. Amen

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

We seek to share as a family. Thank you to those who've set up for the meeting. We encourage others to help with straightening up at the end of the meeting. Contributions towards the cost of materials and refreshments are encouraged. There are no dues or charges.

6. SHARING: The topic of our meeting is : _____ Our practice is to read the sheet, asking volunteers to read the light type and reading the bold faced type together. Please feel free to read or listen as you wish.

7. SUMMARY AND PRAYER: (One of the Leaders)
(Include moments for group members to pray for one another.)

8. READING OF THE 12 STEPS and BIBLE PRINCIPLES

(First week of the month only)

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. We know prayer changes things in our lives so, individual prayer is available for any kind of need following the Serenity Prayer.*
- 2. Thank you for sharing your experience, strength and hope with us tonight. Just a reminder. What you hear here, stays here.*
- 3. Please stay for a few moments to share friendship with someone. Coffee and snacks are available in the kitchen.*
- 4. If you can help to tear down the tables, stack chairs, or clean up in the kitchen it would be appreciated.*
- 5. If you would like more information on joining with us on Sunday to attend church, please see one of the leaders.*

10. LIFE AFFIRMATION and SERENITY PRAYER:

Let's stand and say the "Life Affirmations" and the "Serenity Prayer" together.