

What is an OnCall Prayer Shield? By Sharon Hill, Founder & Prayer Coach ~ OnCall Prayer™

An OnCall Prayer Shield is a specific team of three (3) intercessors who pray for YOU. When you pray who these people should be, God will direct you to them. *They should be trustworthy people; men or women who will keep your prayer requests and information confidential; people of integrity who are mature in their walk with the Lord.* These warriors will be your prayer covering, especially during those times when you feel you cannot pray for yourself.

Although it may be difficult for you to ask people to pray about joining your Shield, you must take the first step and ASK them! If they cannot accept the Call at this time, pray about other people you should approach. Pray for discernment. You will learn that the "three" who accept this assignment will be chosen by God and honored to be asked.

Your Prayer Shield members are more than prayer partners. This is taking prayer to a much higher level. The results are amazing! It takes humility and being transparent on your part to ask them, but it is worth it. There's nothing like having this kind of prayer support and seeing the Hand of God move in your life.

What is in it for them? 1) Learning to pray *intentionally* and according to Scripture; 2) Growing in their relationship with God; and 3) Protecting a servant of God to enable them to make a difference in the Kingdom.

Key Scripture

Chough one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken. Ecclesiastes 4:12

Suggested Guidelines for Forming an OnCall Prayer Shield

- Prayer Shield members should confess Jesus Christ as Savior and accept the call of God to pray for you. They should be people who are intercessors, mature in their faith and growing in God's Word.
- Prayer Shield members should understand that you are a warrior and a warrior needs intentional prayer. They should pray regularly for you, your family, business, and/or ministry and any specific needs you may have.
- Your prayer requests MUST be kept confidential! The only person they should discuss these needs with, is God.
- Your Prayer Shield Trio should check their emails/texts on a *regular* basis if used to communicate prayer needs.
- They should respond to all your emails, texts and phone calls. Contact by phone is good; face to face personal contact, on occasion, is even better.
- You must be diligent to notify your Prayer Shield of your specific needs and prayer requests. *This is vital.* Conference Call prayer meetings are very effective. (FreeConferenceCall.com)
- When a special meeting/appointment/event is scheduled, your Prayer Shield should be asked to pray prior to and during the time of that meeting, if possible. If they attend that event, they can pray for you before or during that time.
- Your Prayer Shield may want to encourage you with phone calls, emails or cards as they feel led by God.
- You should notify your Prayer Shield of any progress, updates, and answers to prayers. This will encourage them.
- Ideally, men should choose men; women should choose women for a commitment of one year. They certainly should continue to serve as many years as God leads.
- You will want to pray for each one on your Prayer Shield Trio on a regular basis. You may want to honor them annually with a dinner or get-together and pray for each of them. You will want to thank your Prayer Shield for their commitment to serve you, your family and our Lord in this important capacity!
- After they have prayed and agreed to serve on your Prayer Shield, a Covenant should be signed. (Available at OnCallPrayer.org)

<u>AN ASSIGNMENT</u>: This "prayer covering" is an important assignment from God, i.e. taking prayer to a whole new level. You should welcome the opportunity to meet with your Prayer Shield, on occasion, to learn the passion of their hearts. It is especially meaningful when your Prayer Shield can come together to meet each other and have a time of prayer.

How exciting to know that the prayers of the saints are forever in the Throne Room. (See Rev. 5:8)

