

# Leading Prayers in Church

## BEFOREHAND

In individual or small group prayer we can be very informal, and it doesn't really matter if we stumble over our words, etc.

But in church, when we are leading the whole of God's people in prayer, the congregation can be easily distracted by ill-prepared stumbling prayers. Our aim is to draw everyone into prayer with us.

**So, prepare!!** Few people can lead prayers in church without any preparation at all and do it well. **It is not un-spiritual to prepare beforehand.**

Try not to be too narrow in your prayer topics. Try to cover the following three broad areas.

- **The World** - Governments, countries, international needs, etc.
- **The Church** - Your group's Worldwide Mission Focus, The Church, International, National & Local. Our own church's mission and other church needs.
- **Individual needs** - Those sick, bereaved, etc. (check the notice sheet)

Use the prayer resources in the bookshelves at the back of church if you wish.

## IN CHURCH

- Know how far to stand from the microphone – your mouth should be about 12" away from it.
- Speak slowly and clearly.

Remember you are talking to God, not to the congregation!