

## Implementation Outline for Group or Congregational SPI™ Launches:

**DO THE 14-QUESTION SPI DIAGNOSTIC SURVEY** Tabulate Results and create a Survey Results Report. Go to the Diagnostic Surveys button at [www.SPIprayer.org](http://www.SPIprayer.org) and you can download copies of the Short 14-Question Survey, you can also download a Short Survey Tabulation Sheet, a Short Survey Results Report Template to be filled in with your results, and Instructions for how to administer the survey with a group or a congregation. Try hard to keep results unknown until all see them together, so their effect is not watered down.

**A FEW WEEKS AFTER THE SURVEY IS DONE, SHARE THE RESULTS** WITH THE GROUP THAT TOOK THE SURVEY. This is the time to use the survey results, and some key Scriptures, from the backside of the QuickCheck Card™, to make the very strong case for the use of the QuickCheck Card. Building a strong case for use of the QuickCheck Card is **imperative** (a convenient written-out listing of the verses on the card is available). The tool of “Measurement” is a *critical* component to most peoples’ actual progress!

**On the same day that the survey results are shared, have a practice run of the QuickCheck Card with the group. Furthermore, we do recommend that you also add to this presentation a solid explanation of the PrayerCords™ and SPI Small Group.** PowerPoint slides can be available to assist you, if so desired. A comprehensive presentation of the PrayerCords/SPI Small Groups can wait until the end of this implementation outline, but there are advantages to explaining it, in more detail, up-front, and giving out **New Participant Starter Packets** to all those who might want to get started right away with a PrayerCord or adding the PrayerCord tools to their already existing small group. Depending on circumstances, we may be able to provide you with the needed PrayerCord **New Participant Starter Packets** with no cost. If that is not possible, you can download whatever masters you need and print them up on your own church copier. When possible, we do recommend using the same colored papers and colored cardstocks we use, for easier identification of the various tools.

*Approximately a week later will be* **THE FORMAL START TO THE SPI PROCESS: COMPLETE THE FIRST OFFICIAL WEEKLY USE OF THE QUICKCHECK CARD.** Explain that this will be continued “weekly” for 12 months and that it is one of the keys to getting the growth people have told you that they desired. Let the people know that after the 12 months, the weekly measurement will be reevaluated and probably change to twice a month. [We have done 24 months before, but 12 months of weekly measurement is fine. Eventually, for tracking purposes, results will be able to be entered into a customized software program via a smart phone or a computer.]

APPROXIMATELY FOUR (4) WEEKS LATER INTRODUCE copies of the Strategic Prayer Data Sheet a.k.a. THE PINK SHEET™. Explain that a new Pink Sheet will be distributed each month, and that they can be used as a stand-alone tool, or as part of PrayerCords or SPI Small Groups. [Let the people know that 75% of the Pink Sheet prayer items change monthly, although the categories do not.]

APPROXIMATELY FOUR (4) WEEKS AFTER introducing the Pink Sheet, GIVE EACH MEMBER OF THE CONGREGATION, or group, A COPY OF THE 8½” x 11” GREEN CARD entitled What Does It Take To Have A “Good Prayer Life?” At minimum, talk the people briefly through this Good Prayer Life document. However, we do strongly suggest that you teach through this document over at least one or two Sundays. Depending on how much time your pastor, or you, spend teaching on each of the 35 scripture references and the other principles, teaching through this handout might even end up being a series of three Sundays.

APPROXIMATELY FOUR (4) WEEKS after introducing the What Does It Take To Have A “Good Prayer Life?” document we suggest you INTRODUCE **LOVE TO PRAY A 40-Day Devotional for Deepening Your Prayer Life** by Dr. Alvin VanderGriend. Other than purchasing your own colored paper and cardstock, this is the only tool SPI uses that has a cost. We know some of you will not be able to afford to use it, but if at all possible, use it. We cannot tell you enough how highly we believe in this tool. You can talk to us about how you might obtain these more inexpensively, or you can go to [www.PrayerShopPublishing.com](http://www.PrayerShopPublishing.com) (where they do have volume discounts). Please tell them you plan to use *Love to Pray* as part of a Strategic Prayer Initiative (SPI) launch, for a potentially better price. We believe people respect something less if it had no cost to them, so even if your church can afford to fully fund the necessary copies of *Love to Pray* for a group, or congregation, we still think it best if they pay something (even if it is only one dollar). One possible way to ask the people in the group, or congregation, to contribute is as follows - Ask everyone in the group, if they can, to pitch in \$4.95 for their copy of this small book, if needed they can pay \$2.95, or if that is a problem, they can pay \$1.00, but they must have a copy of the book, and they must pay something. Furthermore, give them a formal date (two or three weeks after getting copies of the book) when the group, together, formally start reading through the book. [Going through this small book needs people to read just 2 pages a day, 5 days a week, for 8 weeks -- it is very very manageable, even for those who don’t enjoy reading. As part of explaining to them about why we are using *Love to Pray*, you should **remind the group of the responses they gave to some of the of survey questions**, in this case use #2, #5, #9, and #10.]

APPROXIMATELY EIGHT WEEKS (8) after the group started going through *Love to Pray* together, INTRODUCE, OR REINTRODUCE **THE NEW PARTICIPANT STARTER PACKETS,** THIS TIME ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO GET INTO A PRAYERCORD, OR A SPI SMALL GROUP. Spend as much time as needed to fully explain the Startup Packets that are available. If everyone is being encouraged to be in a Cord or a SPI Group, you might want the STARTER PACKETS in their hands, before you explain them. Refresh the congregants, or group members, to some of their answers from the survey (in this case use **#7, #8, #12, and #14**) that indicated their desire to grow in prayer, and why joining a PrayerCord, or making their small group into a SPI Small Group, can help them to actually realize that growth!

SOMETIME IN THE THREE (3) MONTHS after giving out the New Participants Starter Packets, HAND OUT THE MATERIALS CONCERNING **YELLOW SHEET PRAYER TEAMS** and then work on creating either a General or a Team Yellow Sheet for the church, or field a team of 31 volunteers to be part of a very powerful one-year prayer experiment known as an **On-line Yellow Sheet Prayer Team.**