

Unity Church of San Antonio Prayer Chaplains

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Unity Church of San Antonio Question and Answers

What exactly does a prayer chaplain do?

Prayer Chaplains serve our church in prayer. By praying and upholding the true Divine Nature within those we pray for, we empower them to see their own Divine Identity and act accordingly in their lives. Prayer chaplains support people on their spiritual journey. We create and hold a sacred space with others. We listen and hold what is heard in the strictest confidence. Prayer Chaplains pray with others.

What is the Unity Church of San Antonio Prayer Chaplain Vision?

To see and hold the true Divine Nature of each person, in our community, and in the world. In doing so, we uplift those prayed with to see the Divine Truth of themselves.

How are prayer chaplains inspired?

We are inspired by Unity principles, The Twelve Powers, our prayer chaplain community, daily prayer and meditation, and other spiritual sources. We believe that spiritual inspiration is as unlimited as the Divine Source. Most of all, we are inspired by the individuals we pray with and by our church CommUNITY.

What if I've never done anything like this before?

The Unity Chaplain Program is a service opportunity for those congregants who are truly looking to take the next step in the development of their spiritual growth. No prior experience in prayer or praying with others is required. The only requirements are that you be an active member of Unity Church of San Antonio and are guided divinely to pray with others. We provide excellent training, and new prayer chaplains are paired with a mentor they can reach out to with questions or concerns. Attending studies offered at church will also help you in fulfilling your role as a prayer chaplain.

How does a Unity Prayer Chaplain differ from a Chaplain in a hospital or care facility?

Unlike hospital chaplains, Unity Prayer Chaplains are not ordained and are not trained to counsel people. Unity Chaplains are not trained to go out and “minister” to the community-at-large but are trained as a lay resource to help meet the pastoral care needs within our Unity CommUNITY.

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What is the time commitment for a Prayer Chaplain?

Unity Prayer Chaplains are required to make a one-year commitment to their responsibilities. Some prayer chaplains do all of the below, others serve by doing only one or two things. We talk with each person and tailor service to their desires and time constraints.

- ✚ A commitment to a daily personal prayer life.
- ✚ Serving at least monthly at Sunday morning services.
- ✚ Providing one to two hours of “wellness calling” by phone each month.
- ✚ Attending a meeting after church every other month.
- ✚ Annual intensive training.
- ✚ Other opportunities such as home and hospital visits and participation in special services as requested by the minister.

What special services may I need to attend?

Prayer chaplain presence is requested at our holiday/special services, or at times when we anticipate prayer need, or at times when we anticipate prayer need. You’ll be asked to hold space in one of the prayer corners throughout the service and be available in the prayer corners after the service, or participate by leading a prayer. Examples include:

- ✚ World Day of Prayer (Second Thursday of September annually.)
- ✚ Annual Memorial Service (Second Wednesday in November)
- ✚ Christmas Eve Candle Lighting
- ✚ New Year’s Eve Burning Bowl
- ✚ Maundy Thursday
- ✚ Good Friday Meditation
- ✚ Funerals or memorial services

When is training, how long will it be?

After all the candidates are identified to become prayer chaplain, a training schedule will be established, usually held on Saturdays. It may be held on or off campus. We work with the scheduling needs of the group, and communicate via email.

Who do I contact for more information?

To reach us with your questions, please send an email to: communications@unityofsa.org



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