

Sample Prayer & Benediction



Below is a sample opening prayer and a closing benediction that can be used during the workshop.

Opening Prayer

Lord God, thank you for gathering us here to learn to care for hurting people. You have gifted all of us for service; use this workshop to equip us and to give us a vision for equipping others. Give us sensitivity and compassion for those who are suffering. Use us to bring the light of your hope into their pain. Show us your will for our congregations as we consider ways to equip members for lay caring ministry. Make us into more distinctively Christian caregivers. Empower, encourage, and enlighten us as we gather in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Closing Benediction

May God bless your ministry as you care for others and give you wisdom as you consider how Stephen Ministry might deepen and expand your congregation's ability to bring Christ's healing love to hurting people.