

The Origin of Royal Prayer Guards

A Calling to Stand Together in Prayer

The Royal Prayer Guards (R.P.G.) grew out of a deepening walk with God and a growing conviction about the importance of prayer in the life of every believer.

Pastor Vince Marino has been an active believer for more than 40 years. Throughout his journey of spiritual growth and ministry, God developed in him a burden to see believers become more committed to prayer—not simply praying occasionally, but developing a lifestyle of continual communication with God.

Two verses from Jesus' prayer in John 17 became significant motivational Scriptures:

John 17:9 — “I am praying for them.”

John 17:12 — “While I was with them, I kept them in thy name, which thou hast given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost.”

These words reveal something important about Jesus: **He prayed for His people and cared for their spiritual well-being.**

Prayer Was Central to Jesus' Life

Jesus demonstrated a life of prayer. His words, His actions, and His relationship with the Father were in harmony with the Father's will.

Pastor Marino believes that effective ministry must be built upon prayer. Prayer is not merely an activity added to ministry—it is foundational to living and serving effectively for God.

Prayer has become more than something to do once a day. It is a continual relationship and communication with God Almighty.

As believers pray, they draw near to God, seek His will, listen for His direction, and allow His Spirit to lead them.

Prayer Brings Us Near to God

Prayer is not simply presenting requests to God. It is fellowship with our Father and Creator.

Through prayer, believers can seek God, learn His ways, recognize His truth, and become increasingly attentive to the leading of His Spirit.

The closer we walk with God, the more important it becomes to listen to Him and respond obediently to what He reveals through His Word and by His Spirit.

This understanding became part of the foundation from which the Royal Prayer Guards developed.

The Birth of Royal Prayer Guards

With this foundation, Pastor Marino developed **Royal Prayer Guards as an extension of Surefooted Ministries**, a ministry established around personalized, one-on-one mentoring and helping believers become effective in their walk with Christ.

The Royal Prayer Guards are intended to be another expression of ministry within the larger Body of Christ—a group of believers committed to standing together in prayer and making themselves available for God's purposes.

The picture is not one of individuals operating independently, but of believers recognizing that prayer is a powerful way to serve, encourage, protect, and strengthen one another while seeking God's kingdom and His will.

What Are Royal Prayer Guards?

Royal Prayer Guards are not a church.

They are not intended to replace a local church or compete with the ministry of a local congregation.

Rather, Royal Prayer Guards are people from the Body of Christ who are committed to becoming faithful prayer warriors and servants of God.

They seek to:

- Stand together in prayer.
- Pray for others with compassion and perseverance.
- Remain sensitive to God's direction.
- Encourage believers in their walk with Christ.
- Make themselves available as instruments in God's hands.
- Demonstrate the love and mercy of Christ.
- Advance God's purposes through prayer and obedient action.
- Represent Christ faithfully wherever God places them.

The word **“Royal”** points to our relationship with Christ the King, while **“Prayer Guards”** communicates the responsibility to stand watchfully and faithfully in prayer.

A People Who Stand

Royal Prayer Guards are people who desire to stand—not in their own strength, but in dependence upon God.

They recognize that prayer is not passive. Prayer positions believers before God so that they can hear, respond, intercede, encourage, and act according to His will.

The goal is not simply to have more people praying.

The goal is to develop **believers whose lives are increasingly characterized by prayer, obedience, compassion, mercy, and faithfulness to Jesus Christ.**

Royal Prayer Guards is therefore a call to believers who are willing to say:

**“I will stand in prayer.
I will seek God's will.
I will pray for others.
I will remain available to God.
I will faithfully represent Jesus Christ.”**

This is the heart behind the origin of the **Royal Prayer Guards.**

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THE ORIGIN OF ROYAL PRAYER GUARDS

PRAY • STAND • INTERCEDE • ADVANCE • SERVE

"I am praying for them."
John 17:9

"While I was with them, I kept them in thy name, which thou hast given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost."
John 17:12

1 A CALLING FROM GOD

Pastor Vince Marino has been an active believer for more than 40 years. Somewhere along his path of spiritual maturing, God planted in him the seed for the Royal Prayer Guards (R.P.G.'s). John 17:9 and 12 became two of several motivational verses for him to facilitate believers joining together in prayer to advance God's kingdom.



2 JESUS MODELED A LIFE OF PRAYER

Jesus' life was a life of effective and fervent prayer. He spoke and acted in harmony with the will of His Father. From Jesus' example, Pastor Marino knows that a successful ministry requires fervent prayer, and the power of prayer cannot be overemphasized.



3 PRAYER BRINGS US NEAR TO GOD

Prayer is a two-way path between our Father the Creator and us, His children. Through our prayers, God can reveal truths about Himself. Prayer keeps us close to God and manifests His presence. And when we are close to God we are able to hear His promptings and allow His Spirit to lead us.



4 AN EXTENSION OF SUREFOOTED MINISTRIES

With this basis of belief, Pastor Marino fashioned Royal Prayer Guards to be an extension of Surefooted Ministries, which he developed to be a one-on-one ministry where personalized mentor-ship is provided. God has many veins in the body of Christ and Royal Prayer Guards is another such vein where the Spirit of God can flow.



5 WHAT ARE ROYAL PRAYER GUARDS?

R.P.G. is unique, as it is not a church nor does it come from a church as a ministry. Royal Prayer Guards are people in the body of Christ worldwide, committed to being weapons and instruments in God's hand; people living in compassion and mercy toward others, who reveal God's love and do the works of the Lion of Judah, Christ Jesus our King.

R.P.G. ARE NOT A CHURCH



Royal Prayer Guards do not replace a local church. We are a group of believers from the Body of Christ who are committed to standing together in prayer and making ourselves available for God's purposes.

ROYAL PRAYER GUARDS ARE...

- ✓ People committed to prayer
- ✓ Intercessors for others
- ✓ Compassionate and merciful
- ✓ Faithful instruments in God's hand
- ✓ A worldwide fellowship of believers
- ✓ A vein in the Body of Christ
- ✓ Revealing God's love
- ✓ Doing the works of the Lion of Judah
- ✓ Advancing God's kingdom

ROYAL PRAYER GUARDS

A PEOPLE WHO STAND | A PEOPLE WHO PRAY | A PEOPLE WHO ADVANCE GOD'S KINGDOM