

211 TECHNIQUE

Step by step guide for implementation

1. Show and/or download 211 video to show it to your staff. The video will be found at: oasisofhollywood.org, under “Resources”. There is **no charge**.
2. Introduce the 211 TECHNIQUE to your congregation. You can use our commercial to prime them that it’s coming or do your own.
3. Cast a vision of what the possibilities could be just by praying for people’s needs where they live, work or play.
4. Then help your congregation to remember all the wonderful things God has done for them and whittle them down to **2 minutes or less**. These stories will build faith that if God did this for you, He might do it for them.
5. Teach your congregation how to pray simple yet specific prayers that are **1 minute or less**, so when they come to pass, the recipient will know it wasn’t coincidental.
6. Instruct them that they don’t have to try and create these encounters, but as they hear co-workers, other parents at the kids soccer game, people at your bible study or the neighbor over the back fence talking about financial, health, relationship, vocational or any other problem, they pick the story that best meets this need, tell them the story and then “offer” to pray for them. It would be best to pray for this **1 person** by themselves, as many might feel uncomfortable praying in front of others.
7. Now you instruct your congregation when they have really good stories that come from 211, you “really” want to hear them. Then give them an email you would like them to use, and tell them to include a contact number, because you may have them share their story with the congregation. The story doesn’t have to have a conclusion, just the fact they got pray with someone. But, answered prayers will come. **Caution**, with time, you can expect a lot of stories. It might be good to have a designated email account early on for this purpose, like: 211@yourchurch.org. As the stories begin to come in, you select 2 people to share their stories. Two different people for each service.
8. Next, you need 2 clear plastic jugs in the entry of your church. One has a bunch of pennies in it and the other is empty, but labeled “People Prayed for Outside the Church”. If you have a large church, use more jugs so there’s no backlog at the entrance. If it’s too difficult or too long a wait, they may opt not to bother. These numbers are important! Leaders need to participate here as well.
9. As the congregation files in they are instructed to take a penny, for each person they prayed for this week, and throw them in the other jug. Once the congregation has arrived, a designated individual takes the jugs to the office and runs them through the coin counter and within seconds you have the total for this week. This person then writes this amount on a piece of paper and adds it to the “Year-to-Date Total” and slips it to the Pastor before the offering. These numbers can also be posted in the bulletin, on social media or the website so everyone can see what the congregation has done, not just the leadership team.
10. You take the offering like you always do, but instead of the special song (approximately 4 minutes) you share the total number of people prayed for this week and have 2

people ready to share their experiences. They are also instructed to rehearse it and have it down to 2 minutes or less. Pastor, you hold the mic, so you can control the time better. This **“story telling” segment is the most important part** of the whole concept. You choose different people types like; young, old, male, female, new believer, mature believers so that everyone in the congregation can identify with someone on stage. This creates an unspoken challenge, “If they can do it, so can I. I know how to pray, I can do this!” This is what builds the momentum. **Avoid using staff people**, (the average Christian may feel leaders have an unfair advantage due to their training) this needs to be for the laity. I heard it said “If Toyota wants to sell cars, the CEO doesn’t give the pitch, but the satisfied customers do a better job!”

11. We have a 9 second intro that can be used at every service to introduce the “story telling” time. It can be frozen on the screen during this segment to help build momentum.
12. Last, you will probably reach a time that you have more great stories than you have opportunity to share. Consider a service that the message is 20 stories, from your congregation. This could fan a flame into a wild fire.
13. **RESULTS**; Answered prayers, salvations, possible miracles, people invited to church, a congregation comes alive when they discover God can and will use them to touch and change the world.

Church of 100 – ½ half (constantly changing) pray for one person per week = 2,600 people prayed for outside the church in 1 year.

Church of 200 – ¼ pray for 2 per week, ¼ pray for 1 per week = 7,800 people prayed for outside the church in 1 year. **What are the possibilities?**

WARNING! Please avoid using the word “EVANGELISM”. Most Christians have a negative definition of this word, this is ONLY about prayer, don’t use the word!

If you need any other help, contact Ron or Judy Radachy at the Oasis of Hollywood at 323-469-3027