John Wimber’s Five Step Prayer Model

This prayer model is based on a series of simple questions to follow while you pray to help you determine what to do next and how effective the ministry is going. We encourage you to use this model as you pray and to help instruct your group in praying for one another.

STEP 1: Interview: What do you need Jesus to do for you? (Matt 20:32)
Ask the person’s name. Ask what they want Jesus to do
• Listen to the Holy Spirit

STEP 2: Cause: Why is the person in this condition?
• Discern between Emotional, Spiritual, Demonic or Physical cause.
• Where appropriate, invite confession and repentance.

STEP 3: Prayer: How should I pray? (Mark 7:32)
• Invite and bless the ministry of the Holy Spirit.
• Petition on behalf of the person.
• Speak to the pain and condition.
• Lay on hands (Mark 16:18)

STEP 4: Assessment: What's happening? (Mark 8:22)
• Observe the person (pray with your eyes open)
• Ask the person "What's happening?"
• Continue to listen to the Holy Spirit.
• Go back to steps two and three if necessary.

STEP 5: Follow-up: How do I finish ministering? (John 5:14)
• Has the Holy Spirit apparently finished ministering?
• Has the person indicated ministry is over?
• Have you run out?
• Affirm the person and encourage them to follow Christ.
• Encourage further ministry where necessary.
• Pass on information to Pastor, if appropriate.