Title: Pray With Me: Adding Prayer Requests to Your Site

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Summary: One of the first features you will want to consider carefully fo
is the ability to accept prayer requests. People everywhere have joys an
prayer and your web site can be part of their prayer lives. The web offer
a day, 7 days a week. But, it will be up to you to connect with those peo

Seekers, members and visitors all share the same basic needs - they all
cry, things that make them pound the table in anger and things they long
As a Christian web master, we have the opportunity to connect with all o
and give them a place to voice their prayers.

As we begin to plan this feature for our sites, there are some general co
have:

Anonymity - some people would like to remain anonymous, and we need res
Accessibility - it should be available to everyone, just as it is in our servic
Privacy - not all details need to be disclosed (specifics about a surgical p
and not all subjects of the prayers know the request is being made on th
also able to select the type of prayer for their request - private (ministe
(limited number of trained lay people), and public (offered during a chur
Discretion and Security - while most visitors and submitters will be discrete, th
the web that spam every form and deface web sites. Others miss the poin
seek attention. If we allow anonymous submission, we need to decide ho
Notifications and Responding to Requests - once we receive a request, what do we d
(besides pray)? Who sees it, how is it shared and what follow-up will the
organizations have prayer teams, prayer warriors or prayer partners. If t
pastors are another group that may receive requests for private prayers.
The submitted prayer request, is also not a prayer. Perhaps there is a need
teaching prayer, too. Even Jesus' disciples asked him to teach them to p
extend the prayers back to the originator

There have been different approaches to adding a prayer module to a XO
I find works the best at filling all the general requirements and is flexibl
situation, is the use of the Formulize module.