

Hospital Visitation Follow Up Data Sheet

Minister Name: _____

Date of Visit: _____

Hospital / Facility Name: _____

Patient Full Name: _____

Room Number / Unit: _____

Primary Diagnosis / Reason for Hospitalization: _____

Patient Emotional Condition Observed: _____

Patient Spiritual Condition Observed: _____

Scripture Shared: _____

Key Prayer Requests from Patient:

Family Members Present (Names / Relationship): _____

Family Spiritual / Emotional Needs Observed: _____

Salvation / Gospel Conversation Occurred? Yes / No

Communion Requested or Administered? Yes / No

Anointing or Special Pastoral Act Requested? _____

Immediate Practical Needs Identified (Meals, Transport, Childcare, etc.):

Follow Up Action Required:

Phone Call

Return Visit

Coordinate Church Care Team

Discharge Home Visit

Funeral / End of Life Planning

Other:

Next Scheduled Contact Date: _____

Confidential Pastoral Notes:

Was Congregational Notification Requested? Yes / No

Prayer Chain Notification Completed? Yes / No

Minister's Personal Prayer Commitment Notes:

Outline: Steps for Hospital Visitation

I. Prepare Before the Visit

- 1. Pray for discernment, humility, and pastoral sensitivity.
- 2. Gather accurate information about the patient's condition.
- 3. Confirm visitation policies, restrictions, and timing.
- 4. Consider family dynamics and the likely tone of the visit.
- 5. Select a brief and fitting Scripture passage in advance.
- 6. Enter the visit with a clear spiritual purpose.

II. Enter the Hospital with Awareness

- 1. Respect hospital procedures and staff instructions.
- 2. Check in properly and follow sanitation requirements.
- 3. Treat the hospital as both a care environment and a ministry setting.
- 4. Pause briefly before entering the room and pray silently.
- 5. Observe the room carefully, including the patient's condition and the presence of family members.

III. Open the Conversation Wisely

- 1. Greet the patient warmly and identify yourself clearly.
- 2. Ask permission to sit, stand nearby, or remain for a few moments.
- 3. Begin with simple and open ended questions.
- 4. Listen carefully before speaking at length.
- 5. Discern the emotional and spiritual state of the patient.

IV. Minister the Word with Clarity

- 1. Read a short Scripture passage suited to the situation.
- 2. Explain the passage briefly and clearly.
- 3. Connect the text to the patient's present experience.

- 4. Avoid turning the visit into a sermon or theological lecture.
- 5. Use Scripture to point the patient to God's character, promises, and faithfulness.

V. Pray with Purpose

- 1. Ask permission before praying.
- 2. Pray specifically for healing, peace, endurance, and wisdom.
- 3. Include medical staff and family concerns when appropriate.
- 4. Avoid making promises God has not made.
- 5. Pray calmly, clearly, and with biblical hope.

VI. Include Family Members and Caregivers

- 1. Acknowledge family members and caregivers present in the room.
- 2. Offer brief encouragement suited to their burden.
- 3. Include them in prayer when appropriate.
- 4. Discern whether more conversation or a shorter interaction is best.
- 5. Identify practical needs that the church may help meet.

VII. Conclude the Visit at the Right Time

- 1. Watch for signs of fatigue, pain, or interruption.
- 2. Keep the visit concise unless the situation clearly calls for more time.
- 3. Offer reassurance of continued prayer and support.
- 4. State any next step clearly, such as a return visit or follow up contact.
- 5. Leave with quiet confidence and pastoral warmth.

VIII. Follow Up After the Visit

- 1. Record important details, updates, and prayer requests.
- 2. Continue praying for the patient and family.
- 3. Arrange follow up calls, visits, or church support as needed.
- 4. Help the church respond with practical care.
- 5. Continue pastoral care after discharge so the ministry is not limited to the hospital stay.