

## What a Typical CWA Prayer/Action Chapter Meeting Looks Like



Once a month you will see thirty ladies (and sometimes men) gathering for prayer and action in a room at a community center or library. Or, perhaps there will only be three ladies sitting around a kitchen table in a home. That “typical” home might be brick with properly-trimmed shrubs or a two-story farmhouse with shrubs half-eaten from the livestock wandering in the front yard.

The “typical” leader is young and concerned about the world her new baby will one day inherit. Or, she might be “young at heart” with grandchildren or even great-grandchildren. The “typical” leader is prim, proper and a bit shy or she may be outgoing and full of more energy than a bag full of jumping beans. The “typical” leader is extremely knowledgeable about a variety of issues or she may be interested in a particular issue and willing to learn about others.

Once a month the Prayer/Action Chapter will gather for the most essential element of a CWA meeting – prayer for our country, our leaders and issues that concern us all. While every meeting has prayer, the method of prayer, the length of time and the subject of prayer will vary – not only from group to group but within the group as well.

The short devotion may be something from a devotion book, a life experience or the *CWA Prayer/Action Newsletter*. The action during a “typical” monthly meeting will also vary in order to answer the changing needs of each community or a state-wide “call to action.”

A “typical” group might plan a prayer vigil at a clinic or hospital to protest unborn babies being torn apart or the practice of aborting live babies only to give them no food, medical attention or love before their death. Another group might throw a baby shower for a crisis pregnancy center or a birthday party for Jesus.

A “typical” group might have a speaker come to educate the ladies on how pornography hurts the whole family. Or, instead of a speaker, a group might watch a videotaped message about the “not-so-gay” agenda. Yet another “typical” group might sit at a table and write letters to a legislator about the dangers of the Equal Rights Amendment or the implementation of mental health screening for children and young mothers.

All meetings have elements of fellowship where bonds of friendship are formed. A group might gather for conversation in the morning over coffee and doughnuts. Another group might meet in the afternoon or evening and want no food that will add calories to strict diets.

The suggested format for a “typical” meeting is a half-hour for fellowship, a half-hour for prayer and a half-hour for action. But what does a typical CWA meeting “really” look like?

It looks like a group of ladies or ladies and like-minded men gathered for prayer and whatever action the Lord directs. And these “typical” prayer/action meetings are taking place during mornings, afternoons and evenings all over America.

It is my privilege to be a part of Concerned Women for America!  
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