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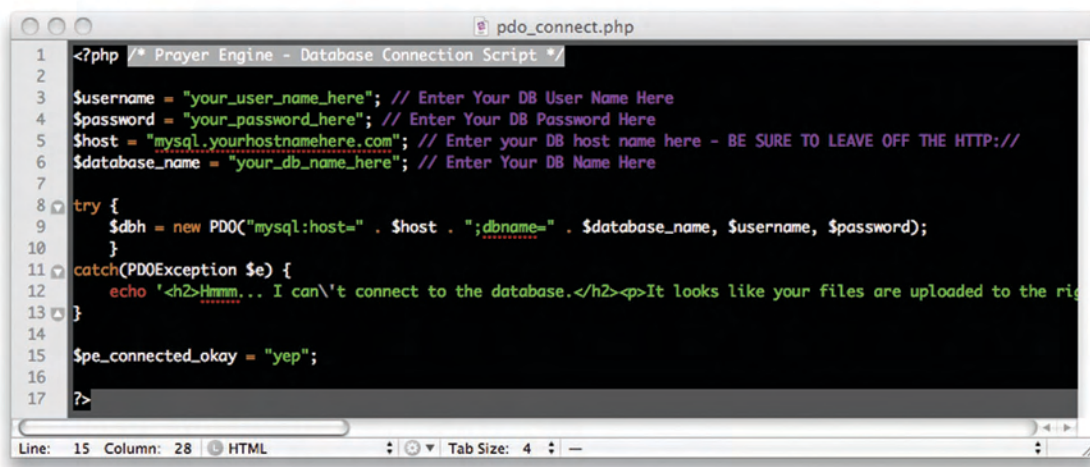
REQUIREMENTS:

- Web server running PHP 5+ (using the MySQL extension for PDO, "pdo_mysql") and MySQL. You can view the PHP configuration details on your server by running `phpinfo()`; in your public web directory.
- Basic knowledge of web hosting, configuring a domain name, and creating a MySQL database. We recommend using PHPMyAdmin if you're new to MySQL, which is normally installed by default with most well-known hosting providers.

Not a fan of MySQL? Due to the flexibility of the PHP Data Object foundational to The Prayer Engine, replacing the officially supported MySQL database with another database technology should be trivial. Experiment at your own risk.

INSTALLATION:

- 1. Create a Fresh MySQL Database.** Create a new MySQL database with your hosting provider and write down the host name, database name, database username and database password. Open 'php/config/pdo_connect.php' in your favorite text editor and update the fields for the user name, password, database name and database host (be sure to omit the 'http://').
Save your changes.



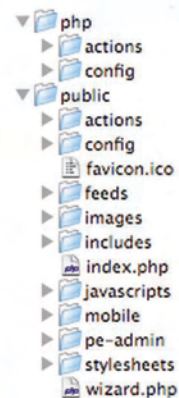
```
1 <?php /* Prayer Engine - Database Connection Script */
2
3 $username = "your_user_name_here"; // Enter Your DB User Name Here
4 $password = "your_password_here"; // Enter Your DB Password Here
5 $host = "mysql.yourhostnamehere.com"; // Enter your DB host name here - BE SURE TO LEAVE OFF THE HTTP://
6 $database_name = "your_db_name_here"; // Enter Your DB Name Here
7
8 try {
9     $dbh = new PDO("mysql:host=" . $host . ";dbname=" . $database_name, $username, $password);
10 }
11 catch(PDOException $e) {
12     echo '<h2>Hmmm... I can\'t connect to the database.</h2><p>It looks like your files are uploaded to the rig
13 }
14
15 $pe_connected_okay = "yep";
16
17 ?>
```

- 2. Upload The Prayer Engine's Files to Your Server.** For security purposes, the 'php' folder (which contains sensitive configuration files and passwords) needs to be uploaded just outside of your website's public web directory on your FTP server.

INSTALLATION: (CONTINUED)

➤ Installing to the Root of Your Web Site?

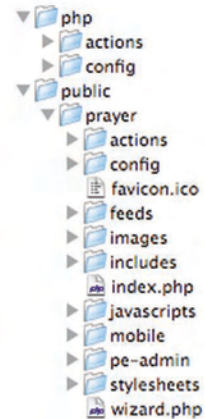
Log in to your FTP and upload the contents of 'public' into your public web directory (the name of this directory does not matter to The Prayer Engine). Finally, upload the contents of 'php' into the parent directory where your public web directory resides. The files on your FTP should resemble this screen shot:



➤ Installing to a Sub-Directory Within Your Web Site?

You may wish to install your copy of The Prayer Engine at `www.yoursite.com/yourdirectory/` rather than to the root of your website. Before you upload The Prayer Engine files to your web site, edit 'public/config/subdirectories.php' in a text editor to configure The Prayer Engine to operate within a sub-directory. Save your changes.

Log in to your FTP and upload the contents of 'public' into the appropriate sub-directory. Finally, upload the contents of 'php' into the parent directory where your public web directory resides. The files on your FTP should resemble this screen shot:



3. Run the Installation Wizard. In your web browser, visit 'yourprayerenginesite.com/wizard.php' and follow the instructions to enter the base URL of your Prayer Engine Prayer Wall and your time zone. Click "Complete Installation" to save your changes. Your Prayer Engine installation is now complete!

Installation is almost complete!

Please enter the full URL where you're installing your Prayer Engine prayer wall. DON'T FORGET THE FORWARD SLASH AT THE END!

URL:

Time Zone: Find your time zone here

COMPLETE INSTALLATION



Not seeing the screen above? The installation wizard includes a robust troubleshooting system that will alert you if your server or file structure is not properly configured to support The Prayer Engine. Please follow these instructions and reload the installation wizard to continue the installation process.

4. Log In and Configure Settings. Click "administrative portal" from the installation wizard's success screen and take a few minutes to update the main administrator account and configure a few settings for your copy of The Prayer Engine. You can log in with the credentials below:

Log In Here: <http://yourprayerenginesite.com/pe-admin/>
Email: tempemail@youraddress.com
Password: PrayerEngine123

Immediately after logging in, please select the "Manage Users" tab, select "Temporary Admin," and edit this account to match your credentials (This account may not be deleted). When complete, you may return to the user list and add as many additional administrators as you like.

Next, select the "Engine Settings" tab to choose the Prayer Wall template and other settings to use for your installation (these settings can be changed at any time). Be sure to provide appropriate email addresses to use for administrative emails and automated emails that are used throughout the system. Once you've saved your changes, you're ready to begin using The Prayer Engine!

STYLING YOUR PRAYER WALL

Although The Prayer Engine includes several designer color schemes to use with your Prayer Wall, the Prayer Wall itself was built to be easily styled to match your existing templates. Simply log in, select the "Engine Settings" tab and select the "Custom" color template. You can edit this template directly at the following file path on your server:

(your prayer engine install) > stylesheets > prayerengine > color_schemes > custom_color_scheme.css

If you would like to fully customize your Prayer Wall to match your site, you can directly edit "public/index.php." Be careful to ensure that all Prayer Engine components remain in tact by following the instructions listed in the comments within the code itself.

TROUBLESHOOTING

- Having trouble connecting to your database? Open 'php/config/pdo_connect.php' and double-check the accuracy and spelling of your host name, database name, database user name and database password. A simple typo in these login credentials is the most common "gotcha" in The Prayer Engine's installation process.
- Unable to upload the 'php' folder outside of your website's public web directory? Log in to the control panel for your hosting account to make sure your domain name is configured correctly. You may need to contact your hosting provider for guidance.
- Having trouble installing The Prayer Engine within a sub-directory on your site? Check to make sure you have configured the settings correctly in 'public/config/subdirectories.php'.
- Having issues with PHP sending email? You may need to tweak the PHP settings on your server to correctly configure the mail() functionality in PHP.
- Are Prayer Engine automated emails ending up in spam folders? Log in and edit "Engine Settings" using your own valid email addresses for "Admin Email" and "Robot Email."

USING THE PRAYER ENGINE:

MANAGING PRAYER REQUESTS

All prayer requests received through the Prayer Wall must be moderated before they are shared in any capacity. This provides absolute control over the content visible to the public, and serves as an important barrier to gossip and the sharing of sensitive or inappropriate information.

When a prayer request is successfully submitted through the Prayer Wall or Mobile Prayer Wall, administrators will immediately receive notification of its arrival via email (according to their user account settings). Simply log in as an administrator and select the prayer request to begin a quick moderation process.

From the "Edit Prayer Request" screen, you can view a permanent copy of the original prayer request and edit a live copy to be shared according to the user's instructions. If "Share Online" or "Share Online Anonymously" is selected when you save your changes, the prayer request will immediately be shared on the Prayer Wall, Mobile Prayer Wall and through the various prayer feeds (see "Distributing Prayer Requests Beyond Your Prayer Wall"). Any administrative user with sufficient privileges may update or remove a prayer request from the Prayer Wall at any time.

ADDING A REQUEST TO THE PRAYER WALL

If you are aware of a prayer request that needs to be added to your Prayer Wall, you can add it directly within the Prayer Engine administrative portal. Simply log in, select the "Prayer Requests" tab and select the "Add a New Request" button. Please note that prayer requests entered through this form will immediately be posted to the live Prayer Wall (unless "Do Not Share This" is selected).

PRINT REPORTS OF PRAYER REQUESTS

Although society is growing more tech-savvy by the day, some groups within your ministry may prefer a physical copy of prayer requests instead of viewing them through a computer. The Prayer Engine makes it easy to provide time-based printable reports of the most recent prayer requests.

Simply log in and select the "Report Library" tab. From this screen you can run a printable report of prayer requests from the last day, week, month or quarter. Select "Run this Report" and print the results directly from the web browser. It's a great way to keep your prayer teams and other ministries up-to-date and on the same page.

DISTRIBUTING PRAYER REQUESTS BEYOND YOUR PRAYER WALL

One of the most powerful parts of The Prayer Engine is its ability to share prayer requests in numerous avenues without any additional work on your end. The Prayer Engine was built with extensibility and social networks in mind, and implementing these features couldn't be easier.

➤ Mobile Prayer Wall

The Prayer Engine includes its own mobile web app that is custom built for iPhone, iPod Touch, Android Devices (such as the DROID and Nexus One), and other mobile devices that include a browser based off of the WebKit rendering engine. This Mobile Prayer Wall is enabled by default, and your users will be automatically redirected if they visit your Prayer Wall on one of the devices mentioned in the previous sentence.

➤ Mobile Prayer Wall (continued)

The Mobile Prayer Wall is fully customizable and can be easily "skinned" to match your templates by editing the following style sheets:

```
(your prayer engine install) > stylesheets > prayerengine > mobile.css  
(your prayer engine install) > stylesheets > prayerengine > mobile_colors.css
```

Your users can view the full Prayer Wall at any time by selecting "View the Full Prayer Wall" at the top of the Mobile Prayer Wall, or you can disable the Mobile Prayer Wall completely by logging in and editing the "Engine Settings."

➤ RSS

The Prayer Engine includes a valid RSS Feed out of the box, which can be accessed at the following URL:

```
http://www.yourprayerenginesite.com/feeds/prayers.php
```

To make the most out of this functionality, we recommend combining this feed with a service such as Feedburner (where you can track stats, provide multiple subscription options, and even enable email subscriptions for daily email prayer blasts!).

➤ FACEBOOK

Have a Facebook Fan Page for your prayer ministry? The RSS Feed mentioned above can be used to automatically pull the latest prayer requests directly into the News Feed on that page. Simply log in to edit your Fan Page, choose "Edit" under Notes, and add your RSS feed under "Edit Import Settings >>."

➤ TWITTER

Twitter can be a terrific way to quickly share new prayer requests, and The Prayer Engine is the best tool to take advantage of this powerful communications medium. When enabled under "Engine Settings," The Prayer Engine will automatically provide an option for your users to provide a prayer request that is specially formatted for Twitter. These "Prayer Tweets" are then shared through a RSS Feed that is specifically built to be used with RSS-to-Twitter services such as Twitter Feed.

You can moderate Prayer Tweets just like normal prayer requests, and they are immediately added to the Twitter Prayer Feed as they're approved. You can access the Twitter-formatted RSS Feed at the following URL:

<http://www.yourprayerenginesite.com/feeds/twitter.php>

MANAGING PRAYER ENGINE USERS

The Prayer Engine was built to enable a team of users to share the task of moderating and approving prayer requests. In addition to the main Prayer Engine administrator, you can add as many additional administrators as you like.

To add a user, simply log in and select the "Manage Users" tab. Select "Add a New User" and enter the requested information. Select "Create User," and the new user will receive an email including log in instructions with the credentials you provided. If enabled under "Engine Settings," they will also receive instructions on how to activate their account. Users can update their email address and password at any time after they have logged in.

To delete a user, simply log in and select the "Manage Users" tab. Mouse over the user you would like to remove and select the "Delete" button. Confirm the prompt, and the user will immediately be eliminated from the database.

Need Help? Have Feedback?

Having trouble installing your copy of The Prayer Engine? Need a custom template or a different version of The Prayer Engine tailored to your specific ministry needs? Visit theprayerengine.com to get a free quote or give us feedback on how to improve The Prayer Engine in the future.