Overall protocol of St. Vincent's prayer teams: prayer team members are not to give advice, counseling, or spiritual direction to people who come for prayer. Even if the person asks, the team members should politely say, "I can't tell you what to do, but we can pray for the Holy Spirit to fill you with wisdom and understanding for this situation."

1. Listen to what the person is asking help or prayer for.
2. Is it something outside coming upon them and affecting them negatively, trying to influence / motivate them to fear, worry, anxiety, self-harm, nightmares, dark cloud, depression, heaviness, sadness? (usually something outside, coming upon them, that affects their mindset and emotions, and will…they lose motivation for life and resisting the dark cloud / heaviness).
    a. Assure them that you will pray in the Name of Jesus and whatever it is will lift off you and clear up, and then we will pray for God's peace to fill you.
    b. Pray in the Spirit, tell whatever problems they described to leave in the name of Jesus.
    c. Pray in the Spirit, asking God to fill you with Peace and fill the person with His peace….when you recognize God's peace in you, speak and release God's peace upon the person. Speak blessings and peace into their life.
    d. If you are not sure, ask if they are a believer and disciple of Jesus. If not, invite them to accept Jesus and begin a relationship with Him so they can maintain the Peace and freedom He has given them through you.
    e. If they are a believer, encourage them to maintain a daily time of prayer and worship of God, in order to maintain the freedom and peace God has given them.
3. Is it something influencing and motivating them to sin, compulsory, where they lose control and can't seem to say no or break the cycle? This is a need of deliverance from something they have done or are doing and they need help breaking free so they can repent and be free to choose to do good and not sin. Lead the person to:
    a. Repent (turn away) from their sins. "I repent, I want to be free, I don't want to sin anymore."

   b. Renounce the sin, or actions, that opened the door, “In the Name of Jesus, I renounce the sin of witchcraft, fortune telling, palm reading, pornography, cursing, blasphemy, drunkenness, whatever addiction, etc.
   c. “I reject these actions, and any spirits associated with those actions. In the name of Jesus I bind any spirits associated with those actions, and break any attachment or assignment they have to me, and I break any permission I gave them into my life. They are not allowed in my life any more. In the Name of Jesus, be gone now.”
   d. “Dear Holy Spirit, fill me with you. Fill me with your presence, your peace, your freedom, your life. Let there be no room for anything except you, in Jesus Name.”
   e. If you are not sure, ask if they are a believer and disciple of Jesus. If not, invite them to accept Jesus and begin a relationship with Him so they can maintain the Peace and freedom He has given them through you.
   f. If they are a believer, encourage them to maintain a daily time of prayer and worship of God, in order to maintain the freedom and peace God has given them.
   g. The prayer frees them from demonic influence, and fills them with God’s grace to make the right decisions from here on out…but it does not necessarily keep temptations from returning. It can, but most of the time a temptation will return, and the person will have to freely choose of their own will not to do the action, but instead to choose to maintain the peace and presence of the Holy Spirit that has filled them.
4. If someone is manifesting a demon, speak calmly and with the authority of Jesus, you can even whisper, telling the manifestation to stop now and not to interrupt in the future. Then speak to the person and begin prayer process above.
5. Jesus said to lay hands on the sick and they will recover. Jesus did NOT say to lay hands on the demon possessed and they would be free, nor do we see Jesus ever laying hands on someone demonically possessed when delivering them. Therefore, as a general policy, do not touch / lay hands on someone who is possessed by a demon while you are telling it to leave.
   a. After you have told it to leave, and are going to pray for the person to be filled with the Holy Spirit, during the prayer for the filling of the Holy Spirit, you can

touch the person and lay hands on them in an appropriate way with their permission.

6. When in doubt, pray for God to fill you with His Peace and Life in a fresh way….and then when you sense it, speak and release that Peace and Life upon the person. Take your time and fill them overflowing, then check in to see how they feel and what they experienced during the time of prayer.
7. Love on the person and have the compassion of Jesus for them.