

Preparing to pray

Throughout the ages people have approached God in many different ways (Acts 17:23). As Christ followers we approach God our Father through Jesus Christ His Son, and God's Word in Matthew 6 gives guidance and instruction. Prayer is about spending time with our Father, trusting Him, and acknowledging His greatness and our need of Him; focusing our thoughts and glorifying our Father as we pray before going through specific, targeted prayer requests.

CONFESSION

Means admit – and agree with God about the sin in our lives; admitting it, confessing it, and turning away from any and all things that dishonor and displease God.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. (Psalm 51:7 ESV)

ADORATION

Means worship – recognizing and acknowledging God for who He is.

Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he! (Psalm 99:5 ESV)

THANKSGIVING

Means thankful – spending time with God and thanking Him for the forgiveness of sins, and the blessing of being His child, and the privilege of serving Him; thanking Him and naming the blessings one by one.

Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! (1 Chronicles 16:34 ESV)

SUPPLICATION

Means request – making requests to God on behalf of others, praying for God's will in the lives of family, extended family and friends, people in your sphere of influence: school, workplace and neighborhood, as well as people around the world.

Then hear in heaven your dwelling place their prayer and their plea, and maintain their cause. (1 Kings 8:49 ESV)

Prayer for Anxious Times:

Sovereign God, I rejoice today that You are good and You are great. You care and You can. Help me to walk by faith and not by fear. For the glory of my Savior and King. In Jesus' Name. Amen

REACH UP

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.
(Romans 8:14 ESV)

Pastor Bruce as he teaches

- Pray for boldness, wisdom, and clarity as he preaches and proclaims the truth of God's word.
- Pray for Pastor Bruce and the Task Force he is leading with the Southern Baptist Convention.

New Series from Romans 8

- Pray for wisdom in planning the services.
- Pray that those hearing will be encouraged and be moved to a deeper relationship, and trust in the Lord.

21 Days of Prayer March 27 through Easter services

- Pray for wisdom in the preparations and planning of the resources and services.
- Pray that our families that will invite others to attend.
- Pray for our services to reach further than ever before.

The Gospel of John

- Pray for pastor and staff as they prepare sermons and resources.
- Pray for our families and guests during the summer months of this series.

REACH IN

If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.
(Galatians 5:25 ESV)

Students, Kids, Families

- Pray for Sunday Funday March 13
- Pray for the Vertical service for young adults on March 15.
- Pray for Wake Weekend for students April 22-23.
- Pray for Connect Groups as they meet each week.

REACH OUT

For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it.

(Mark 8:35 ESV)

Mission/Ministry Opportunities

- **Pray for continued disaster relief opportunities for us to serve in due to the recent flooding, and each family impacted.**
- **Pray for our Domestic Church Plants:**
 - **Mission City Church, Jacksonville, FL**
 - **Coastway Church, Myrtle Beach**
 - **Redeemer Queens Park Church, London**
 - **Park Slope Community Church, Brooklyn**
- **Pray for Disaster Relief trips:**
 - **Haywood County March 5- 6 and March 11-12**
 - **Lumberton March 13-19**
- **Pray for Image Church-their new building launch March 26-27 in Atlanta, Ga.**
- **Pray for the NCLEAP Conference-for our first responders to be restored; to find rest and be encouraged.**
- **Pray for continued growth in the Boxing Ministry.**
- **Pray for ministry opportunities to open up in South Asia with the Banya people; unreached people group.**
- **Pray for our online presence to continue to expand.**

Thank you for continuing to pray for the health and safety of our members and staff during the month of March. Your fervent prayers are a source of great encouragement.

THANKSGIVING FOR AND CLAIMING ANSWERED PRAYERS

Take the time to go back through each of these requests, declaring by faith, asking God to answer our prayers according to His divine will and purpose. Thank Him for hearing and answering our prayers, and for the continued blessings over Biltmore Church.

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