

## 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

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life.  
(John 6:47 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.

### The Gospel of John

- Pray for Pastor as he prepares the John sermons each week.
- Pray for our families and guests during the summer months of this series.
- Pray for salvations, and a deeper walk with the Lord to come to those who hear.

## REACH IN

Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.  
(John 17:17 ESV)

### Students, Kids, Families

- Adventure Week:  
June 20-22 Arden, East, Franklin, West  
June 27-29 Brevard, Espanol, Hendersonville
- Pray for students and teachers as the school year ends.
- Pray for those who will serve and attend student camp in July.
- Pray for connect groups; leaders and those attending.

### Starting Point

- Arden – May 4 at 6:30pm
- East and West – May 11 at 6:30pm
- Brevard and Franklin-May 15 at 5:00pm
- Espanol-May 15 at 12:45pm

## **REACH OUT**

**I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.  
(John 14:18 ESV)**

### **Mission/Ministry Opportunities**

- **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 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**

### **National Foster care month**

- **The workers: in the legal system and the home. Willing hearts, safe environments, employees in the system to not grow weary.**
- **The families: changed lives in the biological families. Army of foster parents, adoptive parents to be multiplied and passionate about the children they adopt. We have new Biltmore families going through training this month.**
- **The children: salvation, safety, “a forever family”, heal hurts, forgiveness. Those that have “aged out” to be mentored, to find their “forever family” as adults.**
- **The church: leaders, families, passion, compassion, to have a heart of prayer.**

**Thank you for praying for our members and staff during the month of May. 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.**

# **PRAYER GUIDE**

**May 2022**

