

## 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

**All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them.  
(John 17:10 ESV)**

### Pastor Bruce as he teaches

- Pray for boldness, wisdom, and clarity as he preaches and proclaims the truth of God's Word.

### 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

**So Jesus said to the Jews who believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciple.  
(John 8:31 ESV)**

### Students, Kids, Families

- Pray for follow up conversations regarding salvations and baptism with students and parents in the weeks following camp.
- Pray for upcoming Starting Points:  
Arden, Brevard, East- August 10  
Hendersonville-August 3  
West -August 7
- Pray for the planning of our Outdoor Baptism Celebration on September 25 at 6 Oaks Ranch.
- Pray for connect groups; leaders and those attending to be faithful throughout the summer months.
- Pray for the new Connect groups being launched in the Fall.
- Pray for the planning of our Fall Wednesday classes beginning in September.

## **REACH OUT**

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.  
(Philippians 1:6 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 Biltmore Church Loves Schools on August 20 and the School Supply Collection**
- **Pray for those watching online, and for others as they return to in person services since Covid.**
- **Pray for continued ministry opportunities in our 828 communities.**

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

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