

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

But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope.
(Lamentations 3:21)

Pastor Bruce as he teaches

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

Fall sermon series "Can We Talk About It?"

- Pray that people will want to utilize the resources to draw closer to Jesus and find healing.
- Pray that the messages will encourage God's people.
- Pray that by the power of the Holy Spirit lives will be changed by hearing the truth of God's Word.

REACH IN

But the word of God increased and multiplied.
(Acts 12:24 ESV)

Outdoor Baptism

- All campuses – September 25, 2022
- Pray for the families and guests as they witness life change; for them to desire life change.

Students, Kids, Families

- Pray for the more than 40 new connect groups starting in the Fall at all campuses; for the leaders, and those who will be attending.
- Pray for folks without community to have a desire for the fellowship of a connect group.
- Pray for the Wednesday discipleship classes for all ages beginning in September; for the leaders and those that will be attending.

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 Banyan people; unreached people group.**
- **Pray for foster families, and the biological parents of the kids in foster care as they return to school.**
- **Pray for disaster relief teams as they serve our Kentucky neighbors.**
- **Pray for disaster relief teams as they continue to serve our neighbors in Haywood County.**
- **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

Your fervent prayers are encouraging to our members and staff.

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

September 2022

