

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: 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 - to 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 the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. (Proverbs 2:6)

Pastor Bruce As He Teaches

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

New Preaching Series "Follow Your Heart and Other Lies We Believe"

- **Pray that the messages will spur God's people to utilize the resources to have a closer, deeper relationship with Christ.**
- **Pray that each week, with every service that the power of the Holy Spirit will move, for the lost to be saved, and hearts be made healthy.**

REACH IN

As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another. (Proverbs 27:17)

Connect Groups/Small Group Classes

- **Pray for wisdom for teachers.**
- **Pray for a fresh, strong commitment for those already in a group.**
- **Pray for new groups that have formed, and new members that join these groups to see a deepened walk with the Lord.**
- **Pray for families as they gather on Wednesdays for activities.**

Reach Team Orientation

- **November 13 - all campuses**

October Family Events

- **Pray that follow up with families from these events will see families come and find community.**

REACH OUT

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands.

(Revelations 7:9)

Mission/Ministry Opportunities

- **Pray for our 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 the Bengali speaking Muslims that our South Asia missionaries are trying to engage with The Gospel.**
- **Pray for foster families, and the biological parents of the kids in foster care.**
- **Pray for the continued partnership with Compassion International, and the children served.**
- **Pray for disaster relief teams as they serve our Haywood County, Florida, and Kentucky neighbors.**
- **Pray for those watching online, and for others as they return to in person services.**
- **Pray for continued ministry opportunities in our 828 communities.**
- **Pray that people will come to repentance and faith in Jesus through The Big Gove outreach.**

Thank you for continuing to pray for the health and safety of our members and staff during the month of November. 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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