

# PRAYER GUIDE

MAY 2023

## INTRODUCTION:

Thanks for being part of our prayer team! We believe God will move in and through Biltmore Church in huge ways in 2023. God calls His people to pray and promises to answer those prayers. This month we will celebrate Mother's Day, Graduations, serve our community through Serve Week, and begin our Summer programming for kids and students. Let's pray that the hearts of the people in our church will be changed through the preaching of God's Word and that the Holy Spirit will begin the work of softening the hearts of those in our community as we invite them to our Easter services.

## PREPARING TO PRAY:

God hears our prayers, and He cares for us. 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 in Him, acknowledging His greatness and our need for Him, focusing our thoughts, and glorifying our Father as we pray before going through specific, targeted prayer requests.

## HOW TO PRAY:

### Confession:

This means admitting and agreeing with God about the sin in our lives, confessing it, and turning away from all things that dishonor God. *"Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy." Proverbs 28:13*

### Adoration:

This means worshiping, recognizing, and acknowledging God for who He is. *"Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him. Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness;" 1 Chronicles 16:29*

### Thanksgiving:

This means gratefulness, spending time with God, and thanking Him for all He has done. *"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" 1 Thessalonians 5:18*

### Supplication:

This is when we make requests to God on behalf of others, praying for God's will in the lives of family, friends, people in our sphere of influence, and around the world. *"Keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints." Ephesians 6:18*

### ***Prayer for Our Community:***

Lord, we thank you for placing us in Western North Carolina. Nothing you do is an accident, so we know we are here for a purpose. We pray that you would work through us as we serve our community this month. We ask that you would help us to identify and meet needs. We pray that you would be glorified through our efforts.

### **REACH UP**

“Be exalted, O Lord, in your strength! We will sing and praise your power.” – (Psalm 21:13)

- Praise God for His goodness (try going through the alphabet, naming an attribute of God, and praising Him for each one).
- Pray that God would be glorified through our worship.
- Pray that God would be honored through Pastor Bruce’s teaching.
- Pray for wisdom in planning the services.

### **REACH IN**

“If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together” – (1 Corinthians 12:26)

#### ***Groups***

- Pray for wisdom for the group leaders as they teach the curriculum.
- Pray for a fresh, strong commitment for those already in a group.
- Pray that we would build one another up as commanded.
- Pray that our groups would find a local mission partner.

### **REACH OUT**

“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace” – (1 Peter 4:10)

- Pray for our church plants in Brooklyn, Myrtle Beach, Jacksonville, and London.
- Pray for the partnership we have with The Institute of Biblical Leadership in Kenya
  - Pray for the team going over to help equip 60 pastors and leaders in Ruiru and Kijabe.
  - That many people would come to know the Lord through our efforts.
  - For safety as the team travels.
- Pray for our mission trip to South Asia.
- Pray for our assisted living communities and that we would be able to continue our partnership with them and that God would be glorified through our visits with them.
- Pray for our ministry in our local prisons, that many would come to know God through this partnership.
- Pray for the foster families in Western North Carolina.
- Pray for the people of Waynesville, and that God would put us in the best location to minister to them.
- Pray as we launch The Academy.
- Pray for the kids and students who will attend Adventure Week and Student camp this summer.

### **THANKSGIVING FOR AND CLAIMING ANSWERED PRAYERS**

Take the time to review each request, declaring by faith and asking God to answer our prayers according to His divine will and purpose. Thank Him for hearing and answering our prayers and continuing blessings over Biltmore Church.

*Thank you for praying for the health and safety of our members and staff during the upcoming year. Your fervent prayers are a source of great encouragement.*