

# PRAYER GUIDE

JUNE 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 is packed as we will celebrate Father's Day, continue our study of the Psalms, and have Adventure Week! 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 use our efforts to make Adventure Week a fun environment for children to hear the Gospel.

## 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. In Matthew 6, Jesus gives us clear 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. *"I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,' and you forgave the iniquity of my sin." Psalm 32:5*

#### Adoration:

This means worshiping, recognizing, and acknowledging God for who He is. *"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!" Psalm 150:6*

#### Thanksgiving:

This means gratefulness, spending time with God, and thanking Him for all He has done. *"Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!" Psalm 107:1*

#### 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. *"Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; listen to my plea for grace." Psalm 86:6*

## 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 (when you read the Bible this week and see a passage mentioning God’s goodness, recite it out loud to God).
- 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
  - That many people would come to know the Lord through our efforts.
  - For safety as the team travels.
- Pray for our students going on a mission trip to London on June 10.
- Pray for our disaster relief trip to Lumberton on June 11.
- Pray for our mission trip to Georgia on June 25.
- 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, students and volunteers 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.*