



# PRAYER GUIDE

## Before you pray, PAUSE:

**Prepare:** So often, we are rushed by the busyness of life. Before you get ready to pray, make sure you are in a quiet place away from distractions (TV, phone, etc.). *“When you pray, go into your private room, shut your door, and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.” Matthew 6:6*

**Ask:** If there is any unconfessed sin in your life, confess those to God before you begin to pray. *“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1:9*

**Understand:** Prayer is a dialogue, not a monologue. As you begin to pray, don't treat this time as a one-sided script but as a conversation between you and God. Allow the Spirit to prompt your soul and mind as you pray. *“May they all be one, as you, Father, are in me, and I am in you.” John 17:21*

**Sit:** Jesus gives us many examples of going to a place of solitude to pray, but He also shows us what an unhurried life looks like. Before you pray, take 2-5 minutes to sit in silence, breathe, and allow the Spirit to refresh your soul as you rest in the presence of God. *“On that day, Jesus went out of the house and was sitting by the sea.” Matthew 13:1*

**Exercise:** Prayer is more practice than it is theory. It is simply learned by discovery. *“One of his disciples said to him, Lord, teach us to pray, just as John also taught his disciples. He said to them, “Whenever you pray, say, Father, your name be honored as holy. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves also forgive everyone in debt to us. And do not bring us into temptation.” Luke 11:1-4*

## Prayer for the 828:

God, I know You have a purpose for everything You do. You have me here in Western North Carolina for a purpose, and I pray that I will accomplish Your purpose as I reach up, reach in, and reach out. Help me resemble Jesus as I converse with those I live close to, work next to, and play leisurely with.

---

## Praying for those impacted by Hurricane Helene

- Pray for the cities that were destroyed in the storm.
- Pray for the jobs that have been lost because of the impact of the storm.
- Pray for the families that have lost loved ones.
- Pray for the people and families who have lost homes, cars, and other essential items.
- Pray for utility workers as they continue to bring power and water back to our community.
- Praise God for the work that Biltmore has been able to do through 828 Strong.
- Praise God for allowing us to distribute water, ice, and other supplies to thousands of people in 828.

## Reach Up

- Pray for Pastor Bruce and the Executive team (Jason G., Devin G., James M., Carl S.)
- Pray for the Campus Pastors across all Biltmore Church Campuses
- Pray for the worship teams as they prepare and rehearse.
- Pray for the names on the walls of each Biltmore Church campus.

## Reach In

- Pray for those in our church who were impacted by damages caused by the storm.
- Pray for wisdom as group leaders facilitate their groups.
- Pray for all the Connect, Study, and Support groups around Western North Carolina.
- Pray for the Kids and Students of Biltmore Church.

## Reach Out

- Pray for how we, as a church, can serve those who were impacted by the storm.
- Pray for our mission partners across the 828.
- Pray for your ONE.
- Pray for the foster families and foster kids in Western North Carolina.
- Pray for the progress and construction of the Waynesville Campus.
- Pray for the city where you live.
- Pray that we will reflect the light and life of Jesus in our local communities.

## Important date to be praying for

- **Women's Night (11/15)**  
Pray for this time of worship and prayer.  
Pray for Lori Frank as she teaches the women of Biltmore Church.

---

Pray for ways that you can embody the way of Jesus in your day-to-day life. Pray for ways that you can show the love of Jesus to your neighbor, spouse, kids, coworkers, or classmates.

---