

# 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)*

### 1. Pray for Pastor Bruce as he teaches

*In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit. (Ephesians 2:22 ESV)*

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

### 2. Continuing in the Preaching Series “Be The Movement”

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

- **Pray that God's people will allow the message to spur their hearts toward ministry.**
- **That by the power of the Holy Spirit even more lives will be changed at every Biltmore Church location as we share Christ's love with the lost.**

### 3. Pray for the REACH Initiative

*Teach me to do your will, for you are my God! Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground! (Psalm 143:10 ESV)*

- **Thanking God for answered prayer with our permanent facilities.**
- **East - Construction is close to completion. Pray all goes well for an April launch date.**
- **Franklin - While weather has been a challenge, each week we see progress. Pray for weather to allow us to move along quickly.**
- **Español - Pray that the many new connect group started will impact and minister to their communities.**
- **Continued prayer for the families who will be impacted through these projects, and that everyone would play a part in fulfilling the mission of making disciples of Jesus who reach In, reach up, and reach out.**
- **Be continually grateful for what the Lord has already done; a heart of praise and thanksgiving.**

### 4. Pray for our mission and ministry opportunities

*If anyone serve me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will be my servant also. If anyone serve me, the Father will honor him. (John 12:26 ESV)*

- **Prison Ministry**
- **Vertical service - March 12**
- **Serving with IMB, Thailand - March 17-26**
- **Disaster Relief trip, Lumberton - March 24-30**
- **Upcoming Serve828 - April 27**

### 5. Pray for upcoming Good Friday and Easter services

*In whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple. In the Lord. (Ephesian 2:21 ESV)*

- **For our members to be praying for, and inviting others**
- **For hearts to be ready to hear the gospel**

## 6. Pray for Connect Groups and Leaders

*To you the helpless commits himself; you have been the helper of the fatherless.  
(Hebrews 10:24-25 ESV)*

- **A heart for spiritual growth.**
- **Encouragement and development of Biblical friendships**
- **Continue to praise up leaders and teachers who have a passion to teach God's word and birth new groups.**

## 7. Pray for our continuing Foster Care initiative

*To you the helpless commits himself; you have been the helper of the fatherless.  
(Psalm 10:14b ESV)*

- **Wisdom and discernment as the recruiting and training of families interested in the Foster Care Ministry continues to grow.**
- **For the children in Foster Care to know they are loved.**

## 8. Pray for the Biltmore Church staff

*Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.  
(March 16:15 ESV)*

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# PRAYER GUIDE

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## THANKSGIVING FOR AND CLAIMING ANSWERED PRAYERS

**Take the time to go back through the 8 major requests, articulating 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.**

*"The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me; to one who orders his way rightly I will show the salvation of God!" (Psalm 50:23 ESV)*

