

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

Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in you I trust. Make me know the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul. (Psalm 143:8 ESV)

- Boldness and clarity as he preaches and proclaims the truth of God's Word.
- Wisdom, strength, and protection for Pastor Bruce and his family.

2. Upcoming 21 Days of Prayer

And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. (Luke 11:9-10 ESV)

- Pray that God will do amazing things on each of our campuses and in our communities.

3. Pray for our campus facilities

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.
- Provision, consistency and accountability with the pledges made for the facilities.
- Safety as construction has begun in Franklin.
- Safety for remodel of building for the East Asheville Campus.
- Safety for remodel in the space for Biltmore Church en Español.
- 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.

4. Pray for our mission opportunities

And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. (1 Thessalonians 5:13 ESV)

- Compassion Ministry, Ecuador, August 31- September 6
- Dominican Republic, August 5-11
- Nepal, July 25-August 3
- Biltmore Church en Español, launching August 26

5. Pray for our ministry opportunities

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. (Colossians 3:17)

- Serve828 projects, August 18
- Serve828 school supply collection through August 12
- Wednesday night classes kick-off, August 29

6. Pray for Outdoor Baptism

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19 ESV)

- All campuses, August 26
- Follow up and encourage those who have yet to be baptized.

7. Pray for our 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

So that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love. (Ephesians 3:17 ESV)

- **Next Generation-College/Young Adult Ministry:** Matt Kendrick, Jill Hendrix, Tyler Frank, Matt Herrington



PRAYER GUIDE

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THANKSGIVING FOR AND CLAIMING ANSWERED PRAYERS

Take the time to go back through the 9 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)

