

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. Pray for Good Friday and Easter Services on all campuses

And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. (Mark 16:6 ESV)

Good Friday:

Arden campus only: April 19 – 4:30 & 6:30 PM

Easter:

Arden & Hendersonville: Saturday 6 PM, Sunday 9 & 11 AM

West Asheville, Swannanoa: Sunday 9 & 11 AM

Franklin & Español: Sunday 11 AM

- Pray that God's people will allow the message to spur their hearts toward ministry.
- Pray that our members will be very pro-active to invite others to the services.
- 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 7th 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)

- Ecuador Vision trip - April 3-13
- Disaster Relief trip, Lumberton - April 22-27
- Serve828 - April 27

5. Pray for the May 1 Starting Point on all campuses

Because we are members of his body. (Ephesians 5:30 ESV)

- Encouragement and development of Biblical friendships
- Identify leaders and teachers who have a passion to serve.

6. 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

APRIL 2019

THANKSGIVING FOR AND CLAIMING ANSWERED PRAYERS

Take the time to go back through the 6 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)

