

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 Upcoming 21 Days of Prayer

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)

- Pray for pastor as he prepares this series.
- Pray for each campus and their communities.

2. Pray for Outdoor Baptism

He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. (John 1:7 ESV)

- All campuses, August 25
- Follow up and encourage those who have yet to be baptized.

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.
- East - Praising God for the April 7th launch date. Continued prayer as they reach their community.
- Franklin - September 8 launch date
- Espanol - Pray that the new connect groups started will impact and minister to their communities.
- 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 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)

- July 26-August 3 Discipleship Training, South Asia
- July 28-August 3 Disaster Relief, Lumberton
- July 28-August 4 School Supply Collection, All Campuses
- August 10 Serve 828-Serving Schools 8-12noon, All Campuses
- August 26-August 31 Disaster Relief/Rebuild, Lumberton

5. Pray for Connect Groups

So Jesus said to the Jews who believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples. (John 8:31 ESV)

- Wisdom for those teaching and discipling.
- Encouragement for those getting connected to grow in their faith and develop Biblical friendships.
- Continued growth through the holiday season.

6. Pray for our continuing Foster Care initiative

The Lord watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless. (Psalm 146:9a ESV)

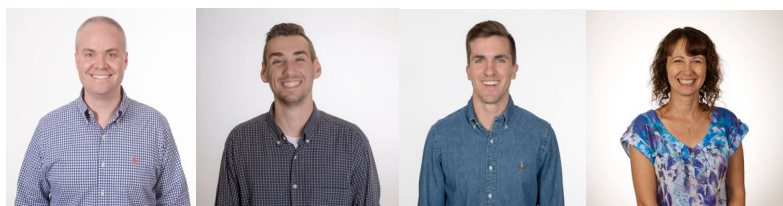
- Wisdom and discernment as the recruiting and training of families interested in the Foster Care Ministry continues to grow.
- For the children in Foster Care to know they are loved.

7. Pray for the Biltmore Church staff

Then my soul will rejoice in the Lord, exulting in his salvation. (Psalm 35:9 ESV)

Next Generation-College/Young Adult Ministry:

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PRAYER GUIDE

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THANKSGIVING FOR AND CLAIMING ANSWERED PRAYERS

Take the time to go back through the 7 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)

