

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)

Prayer for Anxious Times:

Sovereign God, I rejoice today that You are good and You are great. You care and You can. Help me to walk by faith and not by fear. For the glory of my Savior and King. In Jesus' Name. Amen

REACH UP

1. Pray for pastor as he teaches

I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 3:14 ESV)

- **Pray for boldness, wisdom, and clarity as he preaches and proclaims the truth of God's word.**

2. Pray for 2021 preaching series "Year of The Bible"

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

- **Pray that the messages will spur on God's people.**
- **Pray that by the power of the Holy Spirit even more lives will be changed as we share Christ's love with the lost.**
- **Pray that each week, every service will reach further and wider to more people than ever before.**
- **Pray that people will want to read the bible more and will have a closer, deeper relationship with Christ.**

3. Pray for wisdom in decision making

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

- **Government Officials**
- **Church Leadership**
- **Schools/Teachers**

REACH IN

1. Pray for Connect Groups

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. (Matthew 5:14 ESV)

- **Pray for wisdom for those teaching.**
- **Pray for a fresh, strong commitment to attend a group.**
- **Pray for those attending to be growing in their faith and developing Biblical friendships.**
- **Pray for those not yet attending a group.**

REACH OUT

1. Pray for Brevard Campus

Behold, I am doing new thing; now it springs forth, do you perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

(Isaiah 43:19 ESV)

- **Pray as we continue transitioning to Biltmore Church Brevard Campus, and for their launch on 2/28.**
- **Pray for guidance as we work to develop relationships within the community.**
- **Pray that we will be missionaries in Transylvania county to reach those that are lost and un-churched.**

2. Pray for Mission/Ministry Opportunities

The Lord has heard my plea; The Lord accepts my prayer. (Psalm 6:9)

- **Pray for those that will attending the new West campus location, and for their launch date 2/7.**
- **Pray for those who will be attending the new Espanol location.**
- **Pray for travel opportunities to open up soon for mission trips.**
- **Pray for doors to open in our schools to do even more ministry to children and teachers.**
- **Pray for future opportunities to serve our communities**

Thank you for praying for the health and safety of our members and staff during the month of January. Your fervent prayers are a source of great encouragement.

THANKSGIVING FOR AND CLAIMING ANSWERED PRAYERS

Take the time to go back through each of these requests, declaring 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.

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