

9. July Staff Division to Pray for: (10 MINUTES)

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

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July 2018 PRAYER GUIDE



THANKSGIVING FOR AND CLAIMING ANSWERED PRAYERS (10 MINUTES)

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.

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

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. The acronym – **ACTS** – may be helpful in focusing our thoughts and glorifying our Father as we pray.

ADORATION (5 MINUTES)

Means worship – recognizing and acknowledging God for who He is.

Psalm 99:5 (ESV) ⁵ *Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he!*

CONFESSION (5 MINUTES)

Means admission – agreeing 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.

Psalm 51:7 (ESV) ⁷ *Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.*

THANKSGIVING (5 MINUTES)

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.

1 Chronicles 16:34 (ESV) ³⁴ *Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!*

SUPPLICATION (5 MINUTES)

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.

1 Kings 8:49 (ESV) ⁴⁹ *then hear in heaven your dwelling place their prayer and their plea, and maintain their cause*

1. In Jesus' name, may the power of God fall upon Biltmore like never before. (6 MINUTES)

Acts 4:31 (ESV) ³¹ *And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.*

- God's power to fill us with joy of the Lord and the power of the Holy Spirit so that others know and see Biltmore as a people full of overflowing joy of the Holy Spirit.
- God's power to fall upon our worship services and our ministries that are reaching people from our preschoolers to our senior adults.
- God's power to fall upon each mission endeavor we undertake regionally, statewide, nationally and internationally.

2. Pastor Bruce as he teaches through Galatians (8 MINUTES)

1 Thessalonians 2:4 (ESV) ⁴ *but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts.*

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

3. Campus Facilities (8 MINUTES)

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

- Thanking God for answered prayer with the announcement of 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 East.
- Safety for remodel in the Terrace Hall space for Biltmore En Espanol
- That even more lives will be changed as we share Christ's love with the lost and unchurched. Doors to be opened that will bring glory to Christ alone.

4. Mission Opportunities (5 MINUTES)

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

- Mission Trips:
 - Compassion Ministry, Ecuador, July 15-21
 - Disaster Relief, Lumberton, July 22-28
 - Nepal, July 25-August 3

5. Ministry Opportunity (5 MINUTES)

Psalm 71:5 (ESV) ⁵ *For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.*

- Student Camp: July 23-27
- Leaders to serve, parents to register their student.
- The truth of the Gospel and love of Christ to move in every heart.

6. Ecuador/Compassion; South Asia (8 MINUTES)

1 Corinthians 9:14 (ESV) ¹⁴ *In the same way, the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel.*

- Continued Compassion International child sponsorships.
- South Asia (Nepal/India), as we continue to seek God's direction to identify, develop, and plant church leaders that will start 50 plus churches over the next five years.

7. Foster Care (6 MINUTES)

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

- 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. Upcoming Events (8 MINUTES)

Psalm 20:4 (ESV) ⁴ *May he grant you your heart's desire and fulfill your plans!*

- Arden Starting Point: August 1
- Serve 828: August 18
- Outdoor Baptism: August 26
- 21 Days of Prayer (more details to come)