

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 through Colossians – Exalted Over All

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell. (Colossians 1:19 ESV)

- Boldness, wisdom and clarity as he preaches and proclaims the truth of God's Word.
- 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.

2. 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. Being continually grateful.
- East - Praising God for the April 7th launch date. Continued prayer as they seek to reach their local community.
- 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 groups started will impact and minister to their communities.
- Continued prayer for the families who will be impacted through these projects, fulfilling the mission of making disciples of Jesus who Reach In, Reach Up, and Reach Out.

3. Pray for our mission and ministry opportunities

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

- Father's Day; Sunday June 16
- Discipleship Making, South Asia; May 30-June 8
- Dominican Republic Student trip; June 16-22
- South Asia College trip; June 20-29
- Disaster Relief, Lumberton; June 30-July 6
- Adventure Week/VBS
 - All Campuses – June 24-27 except Franklin- June 9-12
- Student Camp; July 22-26
- Brooklyn, London, Ecuador, and South Asia Church Plants

4. Foster Care:

I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. (John 14:18 ESV)

- The workers, the children, and families to know they are loved.
- The church to have passion, compassion and to have a heart of prayer.

5. Pray for the Biltmore Church staff

Behold how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity.

(Psalm 133:1 ESV)

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