

# 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 weekly

*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. New Preaching Series “Romans 8”

*There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. (Romans 8:1 ESV)*

- Pray that God's people will allow the message to spur their hearts toward the hope and freedom we find in Romans 8.
- That by the power of the Holy Spirit even more lives will be changed at every Biltmore Church location as we share the hope they can have in Christ Jesus.

### 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)*

- Continued prayer for the East and Franklin campuses to reach their communities in their new buildings.
- Thanking God for our new West location coming to the old Bi-Lo building on Smokey Park Highway and continued prayer for the community outreach.
- Thanking God for the move of the Español campus to the former West campus location and continued prayer for their community outreach.
- Thanking God for answered prayer with our permanent facilities for every campus now.
- 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)*

- Prison Ministry
- Vertical: March 10
- Serve 828: March 29
- Continued prayer for the Leadership Team as they work through various opportunities God is putting in front of Biltmore Church.

### 5. Pray for upcoming Good Friday and Easter Services

*But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with these wounds we are healed. (Isiah 53:3 ESV)*

- Pray about who you are inviting and for hearts to be ready to hear the gospel.
- Preparation of services.

## 6. Pray for our continuing Foster Care initiative

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

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

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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)*

