

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

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised (1 Chronicles 16:25 ESV)

Pastor Bruce as he teaches

- Pray for boldness, wisdom, and clarity as he preaches and proclaims the truth of God's word.
- Pray for Pastor Bruce and the Task Force he is leading with the Southern Baptist Convention.
- Pray for Pastor Bruce and staff as they plan and prepare for the upcoming Christmas season.

2021 preaching series "Year of The Bible"

- Pray that the messages will spur God's people to utilize the resources, to read the Bible more; to have a closer, deeper relationship with Christ.
- Pray that each week, every service will reach further and wider to more people than ever before by the power of the Holy Spirit; that the lost be saved.

REACH IN

As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.
(Proverbs 27:17 ESV)

Connect Groups

- Pray for wisdom for teachers.
- Pray for a fresh, strong commitment for those already in a Connect Group.
- Pray for new groups to form, and new members that join these groups to see a deepened walk with the Lord.

Students/Kids Ministry

- Pray for leaders, students, and kids as they gather each Wednesday for worship, bible study and fellowship.
- Pray for leaders as more families with kids and students return to each campus.
- Pray for the weekly message to produce fruit in each student.
- Pray for the weekly lesson shared to take root and begin to stir in the heart of every child.

REACH OUT

Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to the Father who is in Heaven.

(Matthew 5:16 ESV)

Family Fun Fest

- Pray for the follow up to each person that attended.

Mission/Ministry Opportunities

- Pray for The BIG GIVE in December and the families we will reach.
- Pray for 3000 families that will receive food boxes.
- Pray for over 30 families in Haywood County that are displaced following the floods, and ways we can serve them.
- Pray for our Domestic Church Plants:
 - Mission City Church, Jacksonville, FL
 - Coastway Church, Myrtle Beach
 - Redeemer Queens Park Church, London
 - Park Slope Community Church, Brooklyn
- Pray for the Boxing Ministry: kids are coming each week for bible study and boxing lessons. Pray for camps to follow.
- Pray for ministry opportunities to open up in South Asia with our Baniya people; an unreached people group.
- Pray for continued growth and support for our Foster Care Ministry.

Thank you for continuing to pray for the health and safety of our members and staff during the month of November. 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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