

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

Pastor Bruce as he teaches

Hear my cry, oh God, listen to my prayer. (Psalm 61:1 ESV)

- **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.**

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 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

Outdoor Baptism

He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. (John 1:7 ESV)

- **Pray for the discipleship and follow up with those baptized.**

Connect Groups

With God are wisdom and might; he has counsel and understanding. (Job 12:13 ESV)

- **Pray for wisdom for teachers.**
- **Pray for a fresh, strong commitment for those already in a group, and for those not yet attending.**

Starting Point Classes

God is faithful, by whom all are called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (1 Corinthians 1:9 ESV)

- **Arden, Brevard, East, Espanol, Hendersonville, West- September 29**
- **Franklin- October 3**

REACH OUT

Mission/Ministry Opportunities

And he said to them, "the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into the harvest." (Luke 10:2 ESV)

- **Pray for the disaster relief opportunities for us to serve in Haywood and Transylvania County due to the recent flooding.**
- **Pray for the Detention Center Extension Site- worship services and connect groups.**
- **Pray for Coastway Church launch on September 19.**
- **Pray for Boxing Ministry: installation of equipment, and 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.**
- **Pray for continued support of Compassion International children.**
- **Pray for future ministry opportunity in our 828 communities.**

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