

View Church Prayer Guide

Before you begin

Have your Bible, a pen and paper, a world map, and a way to play your favorite praise music. Get into a quiet room and close the door. Turn off your cell phone and any other distractions.

- Prepare Your Heart -

Beginning Prayer. Ask God to help you spend this time profitably with Him. Ask His guidance. Give yourself to Him for this hour.

- Confession -

Spend time going over with Him recent sins which weigh on you. But don't dredge up old ones. Read 1 John 1:9. Ask His cleansing, then accept it by faith and thank Him for it. He is far more willing to forgive than you are to ask.

- Praise and Thanksgiving -

Sing to the Lord using a hymnal or some praise music. Lift up your voice in praise; there are just the two of you. Now start to thank Him for His goodness to you. There is a special sense in which God "inhabits" (KJV) and is "enthroned upon" (NIV) the praises of His people (Psalm 22:3). As your heart begins to adore Him, you'll sense His presence more deeply.

- Petition -

Pray About Life's Difficulties. Use this time to talk over with the Lord your own personal struggles. Discuss with Him your relationship with your special loved one or spouse, your family, your hang-ups, your financial needs, your studies or job. But don't stop here. Be sure you go on to praying for the needs of others.

Intercession

Pray for Friends, Relatives, Neighbors, and Fellow Workers. Don't just read a list of names to God but talk to Him about their lives and needs. You can boldly ask Him for their salvation because Jesus died for them. Ask God to bring Christians into their lives, to alter circumstances, and to give you opportunities to witness and for sharing in depth. Intercede for those you know in special need.

Pray for Our Church and its needs. Call on Him for a deep renewal of love for God. Pray for our staff and leaders that they would walk in purity. Pray for Pastor Tyler Kirby, as he leads View Church. Pray for his family. Pray for each staff member; Zach Rogers - (Worship, Praise Team, Choir & Band, Sunday School); Ken Mayfield (Media & Communications, Senior Adults, Facilities); Tyler Estes - (Junior High, Senior High and College Students, Connection Groups); Shawn Parker (Outreach, Celebrate Recovery, Missions); Tracy Freeman (Preschool, Children).

Ask God to move you and others in our church, around the Discipleship Wheel. Intercede for the Sunday school children and the youth, the families, the singles and the widows, the sick and homebound. Call on God for an increase in giving so our church can accomplish more when needs are presented.

Pray for parents that they would lead their families well. Pray that discipleship would happen in each of our homes.

Pray for our Hotel Feeding ministry that God will use us to reach the lost and lonely. That we won't consider this strictly a humanitarian cause, but an opportunity to share Christ with each person that we feed. Pray that God would go before us to prepare the hearts of those we'll feed.

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Ask God where He would have you serve in your church.

Pray for Other Churches. Pray that God's Spirit would renew our churches. Pray for new churches that are being planted in the U.S. and around the world.

Pray for Our Community, our city and county. Pray that God would raise up men and women to serve in public offices.

Pray for our State Senators and Representatives.

Pray for our Police Officers, first responders and fire department personnel as they serve in challenging, and sometimes dangerous, roles.

Pray for our Teachers, school administrators and school boards. Pray that they will seek His wisdom in every decision that affects our students.

Ask God how He wants to use you to be a missionary in your neighborhood.

Pray for Our Nation, that God will guide our president and legislators, our justices and judges, our governors and mayors. Pray for righteousness in government and a public policy sensitive to the needs of the oppressed here and abroad. Pray that God would help us turn to Him, confess and repent of our sins and seek His face. (2 Chronicles 7:14)

Pray for Other Nations, for the work of Christ throughout the world. Intercede for unreached peoples. Call on God to send laborers into His harvest. Pray for the protection of missionaries, third-world pastors and churches. Pray for the people of God who are suffering persecution.

Pray for peace. Ask God to give food, shelter and hope to the hungry. Pray for our work in the barrio Square 91, Nicaragua (Wallace & Kim Nix, Guillermo Morales), Ecuador (Telmo Rojas, Pastor Miranda & Rita, Jason McLean), Cambodia (Pastor Samuel) and Southeast Asia (The Basha's).

Pray for Orphaned Children, that God would place the lonely in families (Foster Care) and that more families would open their homes to children in care.

Pray for Local Ministries. Mention them by name, P.S. I Love You, Carolina Pregnancy Center, Hope Remains, Chosen Children, Go Build Disciples, Shipwreck Men's Ministry, Mobile Meals, Hope for Wholeness, Hope Ministries, Silk Road, Faith for Fathers, Miracle Hill, Child Evangelism Fellowship and our Good News Club.

Thank the Lord for answering our prayers.

Suggestion: Create a journal. Record each prayer request and as God answers, record that as well. Your faith will grow as you see His hand at work in these petitions. Remember, His answer may not be what you want, but trust that He will answer.