

2014 Prayer Suggestions

January

A Scriptural Prayer to apply to Clark County. 1 Kings 18:36-37 ³⁶ "...LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, let it be known today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant and have done all these things at your command. ³⁷ Answer me, LORD, answer me, so these people will know that you, LORD, are God, and that you are turning their hearts back again."

We encourage each segment of prayer to include time in 1) worship of Jesus, 2) prayer for your congregation/ministry and 3) prayer for the county.

Suggestions for worshipping Jesus

- Worship Jesus in ways or patterns that are familiar to you.
- The Father describes His Son in many ways in Scripture. Worship Jesus by agreeing with what the Father says about Him. "Father, we agree with you that Jesus is _____." (I.E. The Light of the World; the Bread of Life; The Exact Representation of the Father; The Word Who is full of Grace and Truth; Etc.) Ponder and pray through these and many more titles of Jesus.
- Read through Colossians 1:15-20 a few times exalting Jesus from these truths.

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- Please pray for our next sermon series
- Pray for the worship conference we will be hosting next month...
- Etc.]

Suggestions for prayer for Clark County

This month's focus > **Business environment**

- Consider and pray from Jeremiah 29:7 *Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.* Pray for God's prosperity to be very evident in Clark County.
- Pray that Christian business men and women would prosper because they know and practice God's principles for their business.
- Pray that all legitimate businesses in Clark County would flourish and have a greater impact for good in our county.
- Pray that all illegitimate businesses in Clark County would not flourish and have less and less impact upon our county.
- Pray that God would draw more good businesses and business people to Clark County and therefore create more and better jobs here.

February

A Scriptural Prayer to apply to Clark County. Matthew 6:9b-10 – Let's follow Jesus' instructions. He said, "Pray like this..." *Father, let Your name (Your nature, character, reputation) be holy (revealed and revered) here in Clark County like it is in Heaven. Let Your kingdom (Your rulership, authority, government) come (be established and expanded) here in Clark County like it is in Heaven. Let Your will (Your desires, purposes, plans) be done (be understood and accomplished) here in Clark County like it is in Heaven.*

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Suggestions for worshipping Jesus

- Worship Jesus in ways or patterns that are familiar to you.
- Since Jesus is the best personification of God's love (described in 1 Cor 13:4-7) Worship Him by reading through this passage replacing the word "love" and the pronoun "it" with the name of Jesus. Ponder each phrase.
- Read through Ephesians 3:20-21 a few times exalting Jesus from these truths.

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Suggestions for prayer for Clark County

This month's focus > **The unborn.**

- Consider and pray from Proverbs 31:8-9. *Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. ⁹Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.* Let's speak up to God for the unborn in our county.
- Pray that every conceived child in Clark County would have the privilege of being born... and being raised in a family with a loving mother and father.
- Pray for the people who run ministries to protect and benefit the unborn such as Abolish Human Abortion, Clark County Right to Life, Options 360, and Pathways. Pray they would have courage, wisdom, opportunity and support in their cause.
- Pray for the people who run ministries to prevent unwanted pregnancies and advocate for sexual purity, such as Aware.
- Pray for all those who have experienced the pain of an abortion – that they would find full healing in Jesus.

March

A Scriptural Prayer to apply to Clark County. Matthew 6:11-13 **Give us this day our daily bread, forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For the kingdom and the power and the glory are Yours forever. Amen.**

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Suggestions for worshipping Jesus

- Worship Jesus in ways or patterns that are familiar to you.
- Read through Colossians 1:15-20. Change the pronouns and read it as a prayer of praise directly to Jesus.
- Express your love for Jesus by completing the following sentence many times over. “Jesus, today, I love You because You are.....”
- Think of a few (one, two or three) Biblical names of Jesus and meditate upon them. Think about them from different angles, consider how that trait has impacted your life, and then thank Him!

Suggestions for prayer {please add ways people can pray for your congregation or ministry here...}

Suggestions for prayer for Clark County

This month’s focus > **Our government leaders.**

- Pray for a leader you know (or know of) using the Romans 13:1-6 as your guide. *Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God...³ For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong...⁴ For the one in authority is God’s servant for your good...⁶ This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God’s servants, who give their full time to governing.*
- Pray that our governmental leaders would have wisdom from above and be peacemakers. (See James 3:17-18)
- Pray they would demonstrate Godliness in both their private and public life. (See Hebrews 13:18)
- Pray they would make decisions based upon righteousness and justice. (See Psalm 89:14)

April

A Scriptural Prayer to apply to Clark County. Numbers 6:22-26 *The LORD said to Moses, ²³ Tell Aaron and his sons, This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them: The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.*

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Suggestions for worshipping Jesus

- Worship Jesus in ways or patterns that are familiar to you.
- Read through Philippians 2:5-11 and marvel again at this Great God who “took on the nature of a servant!”
- Think or sing through an old or new song that exalts Jesus. Turn it in to a prayer by changing some keys words as appropriate.
- Consider a verse of Scripture that has given you fresh life. Pray a prayer of thanks to Jesus based upon that verse.

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Suggestions for prayer for Clark County

This month’s focus > **Evangelism in Clark County.** As we move toward and through the Resurrection season, pray many people will hear and respond to the Good News.

- Pray that believers will be bold and invite those who need to respond to Jesus to church services. (See Eph 6:19-20)
- Pray that pastors throughout Clark County will be able to make the message of salvation very clear. (See Col 4:4)
- Pray that students would hear and respond to the message through student ministries throughout Clark County, especially as they prepare for summer ministries.
- Consider the 4 types of soil in Matthew 13:18-23. Pray that...
 - The evil one will not snatch away the kingdom seed.
 - “Rocks” in the soil will be removed so people hear and fully receive the Gospel message.
 - Nothing will hinder the growth of those who respond to the Gospel.
 - Those who respond will produce a bountiful crop.

May

A Scriptural Prayer to apply to Clark County. *1 Thess 3:12-13 May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.*

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Suggestions for worshipping Jesus

- Worship Jesus in ways or patterns that are familiar to you.
- Read through 1 Timothy 1:17. Consider each of these wonderful traits of our Great God!
- Think or sing through an old or new song that exalts Jesus. Turn it in to a prayer by changing some keys words as appropriate.
- Consider a verse of Scripture that has given you fresh life. Pray a prayer of thanks to Jesus based upon that verse.

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Suggestions for prayer for Clark County

This month's focus > **Those who are homeless in Clark County.** This includes adults and students.

- Pray that their short-term needs would be met – food, shelter, protection, etc.
- Pray that their long-term needs would be meet – healthy networks/relationships, dignity, jobs, permanent housing, and most importantly, their spiritual needs.
- Pray specifically for students who are homeless in Clark County.
- Pray for ministries who care for the homeless.
- Open House Ministries (who provides for homeless families),
- Refuge (who focus on the needs of homeless students),
- WHO (Winter Homeless Overflow, who coordinate homeless needs with churches – and advocate for homeless people)
- Friends of the Carpenter (Who provides meaningful daytime activity and relationships for homeless people)
- Other homeless ministries you know of.

June

A Scriptural Prayer to apply to Clark County. 1 Chronicles 16:8-11 - *Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done. ⁹Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. ¹⁰Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. ¹¹Look to the LORD and his strength; seek him face always.*

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Suggestions for worshipping Jesus

- Think or sing through a song or two that exalts Jesus. Turn it in to a prayer by changing some key words as appropriate.
- Worship Jesus in ways or patterns that are familiar to you.
- Ponder two or three names of Jesus. Worship Him because these are true descriptions of who He is.
- Worship Jesus as revealed in John 1:3-4

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Suggestions for prayer for Clark County

This month's focus > **Marriages in Clark County.** Since June is the "wedding month."

- Pray that all marriages in Clark County would begin well. Pray that...
 - Children would grow up observing good models of marriage.
 - Couples would have realistic goals and a good understanding of what makes marriage work well.
 - Couples would receive good pre-marital counseling.
- Pray that all married couples in Clark County would understand and walk in God's design for marriage. That selfishness would be diminished and servanthood would flourish.
- Pray that couples who are struggling would look for and find the help they need.
- Pray for ministries that minister to marriages.
 - Your pastor and in your congregation
 - Marriage Teams
 - Northwest Marriage Institute
 - Restored and Remarried
 - Christian Counselors

July

A Scriptural Prayer to apply to Clark County. Ephesians 1¹⁷ *I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength...*

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Suggestions for worshipping Jesus

- Worship Jesus in ways or patterns that are familiar to you.
- Consider some names of Jesus. Worship Him because these are true descriptions of who He is. Begin your prayer with “Because You are (insert a name)...” Then complete your prayer.
- Think or sing through a song or two that exalts Jesus. Turn it in to a prayer by changing some key words as appropriate.

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This month’s focus > Ministry to Teenagers

- Use Luke 2:52 as a pattern. “And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, in favor with God and men.” This is what Jesus was doing when He was a teenager.
- Grow – Pray that teenagers you know would grow well this summer. That they would not be stagnant, but rather would make progress.
- Wisdom – Pray they would not only gain knowledge (as valuable as that is) but they would also understand how to apply that knowledge in productive ways.
- Stature – Pray they would grow well physically. And that they would be kept from all physical harm.
- Favor with God – Pray that believers would grow closer to God and non-believers would meet Jesus this summer.
- Favor with men – Pray they would have good, healthy relationships. This includes their parents and their siblings, and also their employers, their peers, etc. Pray that their social skills would increase.

August

A Scriptural Prayer to apply to Clark County. Nehemiah 1: 5-6 Then I said:

“LORD, the God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and keep his commandments, ⁶ let your ear be attentive and your eyes open to hear the prayer your servant is praying before you day and night for your servants, the people of Israel.

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Suggestions for worshipping Jesus

- Think or sing through a song or two that exalts Jesus. Turn it in to a prayer by changing some key words as appropriate.
- Read John 10:7-10 – Jesus is the Gate and the Good Shepherd. As you read this, worship Jesus for how He has acted like a shepherd to you at different times in your life.

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This month's focus > Our Ministers and Congregations

On at least 5 occasions Paul asked for prayer. (See Eph 6:19-20, Col 4:3, 1 Thess 5:25, 2 Thess 3:1, Heb 13:18)

- Use these verses as patterns to pray for ministers you know and love.

Also pray...

- That they would be protected from the evil one. The evil one schemes to take ministers down. Pray they would be wise to his schemes and strong in the Lord.
- That they would know and walk in their clear calling. All ministers should not be the same. They don't have the same gifts and callings. Pray your pastor and other ministers would know their calling and fulfill it.
- That they would maintain good, healthy relationships with God – with their family – with other leaders – and with those they shepherd.
- That the Word of God would be strong in and through them.

September

A Scriptural Prayer to apply to Clark County. (Eph 3:17b-19 *And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.*

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Suggestions for worshipping Jesus

- Complete this sentence with several options: "Jesus, today I love You because _____."
- Reflect on the first time you knew Jesus was real. Tell Him what first attracted you to Him. Now tell Him other things that still attract you to Him.
- Notice Eph 3:17b-19 above. Worship Jesus because of the dimensions of His Love.

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Suggestions for prayer for Clark County

This month's focus > Students and Education

There are an estimated 50,000 k-12 students in Clark County who are returning to school this month. Let's bless them with our prayers. Let's pray this would be the best school year they have ever experienced!

- Pray for a few **students** you know personally – your child, grandchild, neighbor, or friend. Ask God to protect them and cause them to develop a great love for learning.
- Pray for the **teachers** who will be instructing these students. Ask God to give them wisdom and insight so they know what is best for each student.
- Pray for **administrators** and those in **supporting roles**. Pray that all work well together to provide students with a safe and great environment.
- Pray for students who **are follows of Jesus**. Pray they would demonstrate His life and love. Pray they would be bold in their faith.
- Pray for **those who minister to students**. Pray they would have wisdom and make a great impact upon many kids this year.

October

A Scriptural Prayer to apply to Clark County. *Acts 4:29-30 Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. ³⁰Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.*

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Suggestions for worshipping Jesus

- Use Psalm 145 as the basis of some worship of Jesus. Personalize it as you read it. Change the pronouns and a few other words to make it your own. For example, change the word from “they” to “I.”
- Note especially the last part of v. 5. Take time to meditate on some of His “wonderful works.”
- Think through the words of a worship song or hymn you know. Use the words and ideas there as the bases of your worship.

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Suggestions for prayer for Clark County

This month’s focus > homelessness in our community.

Having enjoyed a nice summer, winter is on its way. During the winter months there are hundreds of adults, teenagers and children in Clark County who have no place to call home. Let’s pray...

- That relational networks would be strong so those who are in need would be able to call upon their family and friends and avoid homelessness.
- That those who seek to help (i.e. Open House Ministries, Winter Overflow Housing, Friends of the Carpenter, Refuge, Repairers of the Breach, etc.) would have sufficient resources – people, stamina, opportunity, finances, and understanding – to minister most effectively.
- That more individual believers in Clark County would wisely express Jesus’ compassion to homeless people here.
- That more congregations would know how to honor Jesus by demonstrating His compassion to those currently without a home.

November

A Scriptural Prayer to apply to Clark County. Rephrase Psalm 100:4-5 to make it a prayer for our county. ⁴ *Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name.* ⁵ *For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.*

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Suggestions for worshipping Jesus

- Use Psalm 136 as a model of your thanksgiving, but make it personal. Read verses 1-9 as they are written. Then follow the same pattern but insert your own story of how God has worked in your life. Repeat the phrase *“His (or Your) love endures forever!”*
- Note 2 Corinthians 9:15. *Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!* Take time to try to describe Jesus as God’s indescribable gift.

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This month’s focus > Thanksgiving

Let’s let the national holiday of “Thanks-giving” be a reminder that prayer is more than just requests. Let’s pray prayers of gratitude for what God has given us in our county. Let this be a starter list for you.

- The natural beauty of the Columbia River, the forests, the fields, Cape Horn, and the views of the mountains.
- The good and mild climate we have without extreme and dangerous weather conditions.
- The good and growing economic conditions of our county.
- The First Responder community of Police, Firefighters, EMT personnel, willingly risking their lives for our safety.
- The pastors – both current and past – who have served not only their congregations but our county so well.
- The public and private school administrators and teachers who care so well for our kids.
- Ask God to remind us to be thankful all month and year.

December

A Scriptural Prayer to apply to Clark County. Rephrase this familiar Christmas verse as a prayer. Isaiah 9:6-7 *For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.*

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Suggestions for worshipping Jesus

- Come as one of the Wise Men. Present your gifts to Him and "Worship Christ the New-born King!"
- Join with the Angels and proclaim "Glory to God in the highest!"
- Select another familiar Christmas character and worship Jesus from their life or action.

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This month's focus > Family

Few things draw families together like holidays. And few holidays draw families together like Christmas. In light of this, let's pray...

- First of all, for those families and individuals for whom Christmas time is more hard than happy. There are many who have painful memories of this time of the year. There are families who are experiencing their first Christmas without a loved one. Pray for God's special grace upon these families.
- For those families who want to be together but cannot be. Perhaps it is because of their service in the military, or schedule, or simply a lack of funds. Pray for those who would like to be together but can't be.
- For those families who will be together, that they would treat each member of their family with love, respect, honor, and grace. Ask God to make each family gathering Christ-centered and that good memories would be made.