

2016 Prayer Suggestions

January 2016

A Scripture to pray for Clark County. Jeremiah 29:11. *“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*

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Suggestions for worshipping Jesus:

Think though God’s promises and pray prayers like the following, applying God’s Word to your life.

- Jesus, You said... You would fight for me. (Ex 14:14) And you have!
- Jesus, You said... You If I call out to You, You will deliver me. (Ps 50:15) And You have!
- Jesus You said... If I ask You to forgive me, You will. (1 John 1:9) And You have!
- Jesus, You said... If I trust You, You would direct my path. (Prov 3:5-6) And You have!
- Jesus, You said... If I delight in You, You will give me what I really desire. (Ps 37:4) And You have!

Continue in a similar manner with other Scriptural promises.

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This month, let’s pray for the Mountain of the Business. Let’s Pray...

- As of October 2014, the unemployment rate of Clark County was 6.5%, with slightly over 146,000 people working non-farm jobs. This is a 5.2% increase since the beginning of 2014.
- At this point the unemployment rate is 6.3% with just over 152,000 non-farm jobs! That is a 4.4% increase! Thanks for your prayers.
- Continue to pray for more wisdom and favor for those who can create more good-paying, family supporting jobs.

And for the Valley Abortion and those impacted by it. Let’s pray...

- For women who are experiencing an unexpected pregnancy. Pray they would get the information and support they need to give their child the gift of life.
- Pray for all those impacted by a past abortion. Pray they would experience His emotional and spiritual healing.
- Pray that the need and the act of abortion would become unnecessary and unacceptable in Clark County.

June 2016

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A Scripture to pray for Clark County – Romans 15:13 – *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

Suggestions for worshipping Jesus

Let's worship Jesus like Paul did in 1 Timothy 1:17. *Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

Complete each line however you are led.

- Jesus, as my King, You _____.
- As the Eternal One, You _____.
- As the Immortal One, You _____.
- As the Invisible One, You _____.
- As the Only God, You _____.
- Because You deserve honor, I will _____.
- Because You deserve glory, I will _____.
- And because You live forever, I will _____.

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This month, let's pray for both “Dads and Grads.” A common trait both of them need is wisdom. Let's use James 3:17-18 as a guide as we pray. *But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; peace-loving and considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.*

¹⁸*Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.*

Pray that the Dads and Grads (on all levels) around you will...

- 1) Seek wisdom – from heaven, not earth.
- 2) That they would have purity of heart and mind.
- 3) That they would love peace and seek it.
- 4) That they would be considerate – listening and valuing what others say.
- 5) That they would submit themselves to God and His ways expressed in His Word.
- 6) That they would be full of mercy – looking for ways to withhold judgement.

- 7) That their lives would produce good fruit.
- 8) That they would not be partial – treating each person in just ways.
- 9) That they would be sincere – acting from an honest heart and selfless motives.

July 2016

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

A Scripture to pray for Clark County – Malachi 1:11 *My name will be great among the nations, from where the sun rises to where it sets. In every place incense and pure offerings will be brought to me, because my name will be great among the nations,” says the LORD Almighty.*

Suggestions for worshipping Jesus

Notice the Scripture above. God wants His name to be recognized as great from all places on earth. Present some “incense and pure offerings” of praise from Clark County to the Name of Jesus. Praise Him for ways He has been...

- faithful to you
- good to you
- merciful to you
- gracious to you
- loving toward you
- kind toward you
- forgiving of you
- accepting of you
- protecting of you
- providing for you

Suggestions for prayer for Calvary Community Church

We are blessed to have such Godly men as pastors!

- Pray Pastors Jeremy and Ryan would enjoy Jesus more and more and share with others from an overflowing heart.
- Pray for the ongoing impact of the current preaching series “Am I a Disciple? Challenging our assumptions.” Since this is our primary call as followers of Jesus, we need to take it seriously.
- This next week is “camp week” for our high school students. This is always a significant time in the lives of these students. Pray that radical, life-changing decisions would be made this week in the lives of these kids.
- Pastor Jeremy and his family will be on vacation in a couple weeks. Pray for great memories to be made as a family and also a great time of rest and refreshment.

Suggestions for prayer for Clark County (Each month we will pray for one sphere of cultural influence – a “Mountain,” and one area of cultural need – a “Valley.”)

This month, as we celebrate the birth of our nation, let’s pray for our national government – especially in this election season.

- Our country is facing serious challenges on many fronts. Pray that God’s people would humble themselves, pray, seek His face and turn from anything that does not please Him.
- Pray that leadership on all levels in the USA would make decisions that result in believers living peaceful, quiet lives so that the gospel would impact as many people as possible.

And let's pray for the Valley of refugees and immigrants

- Express thanks to God for how the Church has been a support to many refugees in the past – i.e. from Southeast Asia and the Soviet countries.
- Pray for wisdom on a national and local level as refugees begin to arrive from the Middle East. Pray that the Church would respond in loving and wise ways, representing Jesus well.

August 2016

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

A Scripture to pray for Clark County – Psalm 25:4-5 *Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths. ⁵Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.*

Suggestions for worshipping Jesus

As you notice the Scripture above...

- Consider some of the “ways” of God and praise Him that His “ways are higher than ours.” Be as specific as you can.
- List out a number of things God has taught you. Praise Him for His brilliance and His willingness to share it with us.
- Thank Him for some ways He has guided your life.
- Reflect on some of the “truth” He has shown you.
- Thank Him that He is your God.
- Thank Him for some things He has saved you from.
- Tell Him ways He has restored your hope.
- Pray through this list personally and also apply it to your congregation and Clark County.

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This month, let’s pray for non-profit ministries.

There are many not-for-profit ministries in Clark County. They minister to people in all ages and stages of life. Pray for some you are familiar with along these lines.

- Clarity of vision –Pray they would accomplish their God-given vision and call.
- Resources –Pray that God supplies the resources (both people & finances) each ministry needs to accomplish their vision.
- That they would work in harmony with congregations in Clark County.

And let’s pray for those with disabilities.

It is estimated that 10% of those in the USA and in our county have some type of physical or mental disability. Please pray for...

- Funding – Generally, it is inadequate, resulting in reduced impact.
- Church involvement – This is a huge, unmet opportunity. There is little or no ministry conducted by local congregations for the developmentally disabled.

September 2016

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

A Scripture to pray for Clark County – Psalm 1:3 *That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither— whatever they do prospers.*

This verse is describing the person who delights in and meditates on what God says. Pray it would describe more and more people in Clark County!

Suggestions for worshipping Jesus

Thank/worship God for what He has said...

...in His Word. Consider some of the verses that have made a difference in your life. As you do, express thanks and praise to God for both the true of those verses, but also for how they have impacted you.

...by His Spirit to you directly. Consider some times when you know that God has given you clear direction or correction or comfort. What was it He said to you? Express thanks to Him for not only what He said, but also because He is the kind of God who knows and cares for you personally.

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This month, let's pray for education.

- Please pray that God would raise up bold student believers and Christian teachers.
- Come against situations that distract students from God's priorities.
- Pray for the sanctity of absolute truth in the classroom and in educational values of teachers.
- Oppose the incursion of drugs, especially marijuana and alcohol.
- Pray for time for teachers to talk to students.

And for those who are trafficked.

Pray for an increase in...

- Awareness: public ignorance thinks we don't have local problem, victims are international.
- Legislative change: focus on pimps and johns and not on victims coerced into prostitution.
- Judiciary seriousness: too many judges disregard the children
- Volunteers: need many in Clark County, ie: mailings, advocates for victims, support contact, administrative assistance, etc.

October 2016

A Scripture to pray for Clark County. Romans 15:13 *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

Especially as we move through this political season, pray that the Body of Christ in Clark County would have their hope in God and God alone.

Suggestions for worshipping Jesus

The first request Jesus taught us to pray in “The Lord’s Prayer” was that His name would be holy in our world as it is in Heaven. The essence of holiness is uniqueness or difference.

Worship the uniqueness of Jesus by praying the following prayer several different times.

“Jesus, You are _____ - and no one else is!” (For example, “Jesus You are The Living Word of God – and no one else is!”)

Pray through the words of this old praise song and consider the uniqueness (holiness) of Jesus. Take your time here. “As the deer pants for the water so my soul longs after You. You *alone* are my heart’s desire and I long to worship You, You *alone* are my strength my shield, to You *alone* may my spirit yield. You *alone* are my heart’s desire and I long to worship You.”

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- That believers would use social media in a manner that would advance His kingdom.
- That God would call more of His people into the field of media –that they would re-present His values and have great influence.
- That the print media in our area would use their resources to report appropriate news with accuracy and without bias.

And for the Valley of our Neighborhoods. Let’s pray...

- That God’s “Shalom” (His peace, prosperity and safety) would rest upon each home in your neighborhood.
- For your immediate neighbors. Pray that God would “BLESS” them in different areas of their lives. Their **Body**, their **Labor**, their **Emotional** life, their **Social** life, and their **Spiritual** life.
- Pray for the closest congregation to your home that exalts Jesus and honors His Word. That they would make a kingdom impact and would grow.

November 2016

A Scripture to pray for Clark County. Psalm 107:1 *Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His love endures forever.*

Especially as we consider the holiday of Thanksgiving, let's pray that genuine giving of thanks permeates all of Clark County.

Suggestions for worshipping Jesus

Prayer is much more than simply making request to God. Thanksgiving and praise are a key part of prayer. Consider the verse mentioned above. As you do...

Express thanks to Jesus for ways He has been good to you. Use the following as a guide.

- For something He did years ago.
- For something He did either today or yesterday.
- For something others would consider very "small."
- For something others would consider very "big."
- For something He did for someone you love.
- For something He did for you, personally
- For something He did that, at first, you weren't even aware of. You only noticed it after the fact.
- For something He did that you prayed about for many years.

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- That the number of deployments are limited. That personnel not need to serve multiple deployments and be away from their families for many months.
- That Veteran's needs are cared for. That the VA hospitals would be responsive to Vets' needs.
- That military policies would not limit expressions of Christian faith.

And for the Valley of our the addicted. Let's pray...

- That those who seek to help the addicted (individuals and ministries from the private and public sectors) would have God's answers for them that will bring about freedom.
- That addicts would recognize their addiction, no longer let it be a secret, and be able to find real, long-lasting hope and help.
- That family members would know how to best relate to the addicted both before and after they receive help. They would be able to love without enabling.

December 2016

A Scripture to pray for Clark County. Luke 1:38 (Mary's response to Gabriel's announcement.) *I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have Said."* May more and more believers in Clark County have this response to God's Word to us.

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Suggestions for worshipping Jesus

Let the words of this verse be the basis of fresh worship of Jesus!

*Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die;
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.*

Think through some other Christmas lyrics and use them as the bases of more worship of Jesus. Such as... Joy to the World, the Lord is Come! Mary, Did Your Know? Oh, Come All Ye Faithful. What Child is This? He rules the world with truth ad grace. O, Come, O, Come, Emmanuel.

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This month, let's pray for the Impact of the Incarnation. Let's pray ...

- That the "old story" would be presented in fresh ways across our county and that Jesus would be exalted in every presentation.
- That families would talk about the implications of the incarnation formally and informally.
- That many people would give their lives to this Baby/King/God-with-us/Savior/Lord!

And for the Valley of those who struggle with loneliness. Let's pray...

- For those who are not with loved ones (specifically because of military activity or imprisonment, etc.) or have no family to celebrate with. Pray these people would find the "God of all comfort."
- For those for whom the Holiday season is not always joyous because of a death or loss or memories from years ago. Pray they would find hope and restoration in the present and the future.
- Believers would be alert to those who are lonely and be God's presence to them and for them.