

2018 Prayer Suggestions

February 2018

A Scripture to pray for Clark County. There are 4 requests Jesus prayed for in John 17. Let's join Him His first request. Pray that the Father would "*Glorify Your Son*" (v. 1. See also v. 5)

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.

Suggestions for worshipping Jesus

Considering the prayer of Jesus in John 17:1, let's pray prayers that will glorify Jesus. Remembering that "to glorify" means to be "impressed" with, let's pray prayers like this...

- Jesus, Your *words* are impressive!
- Jesus, the *salvation* You have provided is impressive.
- Jesus, Your *compassion* is impressive.
- Jesus, *the way you care for the people* I don't care about is impressive.
- Jesus, *the way You came* to earth from Heaven, giving up everything, is impressive!
- Jesus, *Your rule over the entire universe* and yet notice me, personally, is impressive!
- Jesus, Your *provision* for is impressive.
- Don't stop here. Keep going with other statements of your own.

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Consider your first bullet point to be...

- That those who have recently become followers of Jesus would be rooted and grounded in Christ.

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.")

Let's pray for those in government in Clark County.

- Pray for newly elected officials including Mayor Anne McEnery Ogle of Vancouver.
- Pray for your local city mayor and council members.
- Pray for the five members of the county council. Jeannie , Julie Olsen, Marc Boldt, Jon Blom, and Eileen Quiring.
- Pray for wisdom, clarity of thought, and decisions that would serve people well.

Pray for the unborn in our county.

- Pray for those facing an unexpected pregnancy. Pray they would have the support around them to choose life for their child.

- Pray for those who have experienced the pain of abortion. That they would experience healing and forgiveness.
- Pray for all the ministries in Clark County who minister to women in difficult pregnancies.
- That every conceived child in Clark County would be born to a mom and dad that loves them deeply.

March 2018

A Scripture to apply to Clark County. There are 4 requests Jesus prayed for in John 17. Let's join Him in His third request. Pray that the Father would "*sanctify the saints*" (v. 17. See also v. 19). "Sanctify" means "to be holy or different from."

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.

Suggestions for worshipping Jesus

Scripture mentions many things about God that are holy (different).

Express worship to Jesus by rehearsing back to Him what about Him is holy (unique/different.) You can do this by completing the phrase... "Jesus, You *alone* are (or can or have or will)..."

- For example, "Jesus, You *alone* are the Savior of the world."
- Or, "Jesus, You *alone* can forgive my sin."
- Or, "Jesus, You *alone* have shown me the best love I have ever known."
- Or, "Jesus, You *alone* will lead me in paths of righteousness."
- Now it's your turn. Keep rehearsing these things back to God in prayer. See how many you can do!

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This month's "Mountain" > The Medical Community.

- Thank God for people in the medical community in Clark County: The EMT's, ambulance providers, nurses, doctors, etc.
- Pray they would be able to provide good services in the midst of changing regulations, technologies, culture, and costs.
- Pray for greater health and reduced use of our emergency rooms and hospital beds.

This month's "Valley" > Those not yet in God's family.

- Pray that those of us who know Christ would be bold with our lives and our words to influence others to know and love Jesus.
- Pray that we would see and take every opportunity to display and declare God's love for others.
- Pray that God would "show up" in the lives of those who are seeking Him.
- Pray for the person you would least likely think would become a believer. Think Saul (who became Paul).
- Pray for some of your lost friends or family.

April 2018

A Scriptural Prayer to apply to Clark County. There are 4 requests Jesus prayed for in John 17. Let's join Him in His fourth request. Pray that the Father would *"unite the saints"* (v. 21. See also v. 23). Let's join Jesus in praying that the Father would bring His Church together in a true sense of unity. Pray that pastors, congregations, ministries and business people would emphasize their commonality in Christ.

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.

Suggestions for worshipping Jesus

Having just celebrated His resurrection, let's worship the risen Lord!
Ponder and praise Him for each of these truths.

- His resurrection assures us we are worshipping a living Lord! (Matt 28:7)
- His Resurrection assures us our faith is valid. (1 Cor 15:4)
- His Resurrection assures us of our justification. (Rom 4:25)
- His Resurrection assures us of our future resurrection. (Rom 6:5)
- His Resurrection assures us of our ability to live this new life! (Rom 6:4 & Eph 1:9-20)

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This month let's pray for law and justice...

- Pray that respect for law and law officers increases.
- Pray that law officers would know the best path of action and be able to take it, sometimes at a split-second's notice.
- Pray for an increased level of civility in the legal processes. Pray there would not be needless provocation between lawyers, judges, defendants, etc.
- Pray that lack of funding would not cause a compromise in the legal processes—investigations, administration, clerical, etc.

And let's pray for the foreigners in our midst. God cares about them!

- Pray for an increase of services for both short term and long-term foreigners in our area: affordable housing, language services, available jobs, etc. all determine their quality of life. The level of service required is related to their knowledge of English and their level of financial resources.
- Pray especially for effective ministry to those among us from Asian, Hispanic, and Slavic backgrounds.

May 2018

A Scriptural Prayer to apply to Clark County. *1 Thessalonians 5:23-24* *May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

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.

Suggestions for worshipping Jesus

Revelation 4 & 5 indicates that all of history is pointing toward the time when everyone and everything will acknowledge the supreme worth of Jesus. Listen to the loud song sung by the heavenly beings...

"Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!"

Continue to build on that list. What else is Jesus worth of? See how many things you can declare to Him.

"Jesus, You are worthy of..."

- all of my time."
- all of my money."
- all of my obedience."
- all of my attention."

Now you keep going!

Suggestions for prayer for Radiant Church

Please pray for the following items.

- That the good work God did at the women's retreat this weekend would continue to yield good and lasting fruit.
- That God would grow a culture of evangelism here at Radiant Church using Matthew 9:35-38 as a prayer guide.
- That the funds raised for Pathways yesterday would be used to bless many unborn in our community.

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This month let's pray for Clark Co Congregations

- Pray for a clear vision for the leaders of every congregation in our county.
- Pray that each congregation gains a reputation of faithfulness, Godliness, compassion, and service. And that each church displays the miraculous.
- Pray that each congregation be a sanctuary to the needy and the wounded; and a refuge against ungodliness.
- Pray for the renewal of every congregation. Restore revelation, strength and corporate celebration.

And let's pray for the homeless among us

- Pray for the ministries who are focused on meeting the needs of the homeless.
- Pray for extravagant resources: sufficient laborers, understanding, opportunity, and finances for these ministries.
- Pray that homeless people would develop networks to meet their relational needs.
- Pray that God's Call on His church to value those in need become more urgent as well as deeper and broader.

June 2018

Let's worship Jesus...

Because He did what the Scriptures said He would do.

- Matthew 5:17 Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

Give thanks to the Lord for how He faithfully fulfilled God's law. How He did what we could not do. How He is the only One who lived a perfect life. And, the righteous life He lived is credited to us. (See 2 Corinthians 5:21)

- Mark 10:45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Worship Jesus because, though He is worthy to be served, He did not come to be served, but to serve. Praise Him for His willingness to lay down His life for us.

Let's pray for Clark County... and our Country

Each month we pray for one sphere of cultural influence (A Mountain) and/or one sphere of cultural need (A Valley).

This month let's pray for the Worship Leaders in our congregations.

One of the primary reasons CCPC exists is to encourage more worship of our Lord, Jesus Christ! He is worthy of the worship of **every** person in Clark County! So, pray for the worship leader(s) of your congregation. Here are some specific suggestions.

- That they would be worshippers more than performers. That their hearts would be so full of love for Jesus that they lead out of their own overflow of love.
- That they would have wisdom as to how to encourage the people of your congregation to enter into deep, meaningful worship.
- That the worship that takes place would draw more people into a relationship with Jesus. That people get saved during the worship time, not only after the message.

Now pray these same things for other worship leaders in other congregations throughout Clark County and our Country.

Let's pray for [insert the name of your congregation]...

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Let's pray for our Unreached People Group (There are 31 UPG's in the world with a population of more than 10 million people and less than .1% followers of Christ.) Each month we are praying for.... [insert the name and some information about your UPG]

[With this email is a file with information on one of these UPG's Each month use the same page to give your pray-ers either some of that information. So, delete this paragraph and copy some of the information from that page into this space.]

July 2018

Let's worship Jesus...

Because He did what the Scriptures said He would do.

- Luke 19:10 *For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.*

Thank God for *your* salvation, that Jesus sought *you* out and saved *you*. Then, also, thank Him that He is a “seeker and a savior!” Worship Him for being willing to come from Heaven to earth to seek for lost people and to bring them back into relationship with the Father!

- John 10:10b *I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.*

Worship Jesus because of the *change* He has brought to your life, the fullness, abundance, the freshness. Now, worship Him because He has done the same (and even more!) for millions of others as well!

Let's pray for Clark County... and our Country

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This month let's pray for Christian families in Clark County and beyond.

Since families are God's primary institution, there is a direct relationship between the health of families and the health of all other parts of our society. So, let's pray for...

- Dads – that they would know, understand, and embrace their responsibilities toward their wives, kids and grandkids.
- Mom's – that they, also, would know and fulfill their crucial role in their family.
- Both parents – that they would look for and find great ways to model and communicate Jesus' life to their kids.
- Kids of all ages – that they would have attractive opportunities to follow Jesus. That they would see the value of giving their entire lives to Jesus.
- Vacations – That even (especially!) during vacation times, each family member would grow in Jesus.

Let's pray for Radiant Church

Last week was Middle School camp. This week is High School camp. Pray for life-change at each of these camps. Pray that the decisions made last week would last a life-time. Pray that there would be many “God encounters” this week. Pray that those who know Christ would grow in Christ and that those who don't know Him would meet Him in a powerful way.

Summer is a time of growth. Pray that the members of Radiant would grow in Christ as we interact with His Word, in prayer, in community, and in service and worship. Pray His Spirit would be active and that we would be responsive!

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August 2018

Let's worship Jesus... (it's always good to begin here!)

... by sneaking into one of the best worship services ever! Don't just read Revelation 5:11-12 (below) but enter into this amazing time of exalting the Son!

Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. ¹² In a loud voice they were saying: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!"

If you can get to a place where you can use a loud voice, do so! Since Jesus is worthy to receive these six things (power, wealth, wisdom, strength, honor, glory and praise) then enter in and give Him whatever you can of each of these things. Present to Him these presents.

Let's pray for Clark County... and our Country

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The Unsaved - Pray for unbelievers to be saved. Pray that people's hearts will be opened to repent of their sins and confess Jesus as their Savior and Lord. Pray that every person in our county will be able to hear an attractive presentation of the Gospel and that their hearts would respond. (Matthew 9:37-38; 24:14; Romans 10:1; 2 Peter 3:9; Acts 26:18)

Pray for some individuals you know who are not yet followers of Jesus. Pray their hearts would be hungry, that God would bring a bold believer (perhaps you) across their path to demonstrate and communicate the Good News to them.

There are several evangelistic events happening in our area soon (Franklin Graham – Aug 5th, Portland 2018 – Sept 19-23, Youth Camps, VBS, Good News Clubs, etc.) Pray that people would hear the Gospel at these events and their lives would change forever!

Pray the same for those in other parts of our country.

Let's pray for [insert the name of your congregation]...

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September 2018

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Psalm 23

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October 2018

Let's worship Jesus... (it's always good to begin here!)

Below is a revised portion of Ps 119. We have substituted a name or title of Jesus (the Living Word) into the places where the Psalmist uses a phrase for God's Law (His written word.) This helps us use this Psalm as a great expression of praise and worship of Jesus. Pray through it a couple times. And you may want to do the same with other parts of this Psalm.

⁹⁷ Oh, how I love your [Son]! I meditate on [Him] all day long. ⁹⁸ [He is] always with me and makes me wiser than my enemies. ⁹⁹ I have more insight than all my teachers, for I meditate on [Jesus.] ¹⁰⁰ I have more understanding than the elders, for I obey your [Son.] ¹⁰¹ I have kept my feet from every evil path so that I might obey [Your Living Word, Jesus.] ¹⁰² I have not departed from [Jesus, The Way] for you yourself have taught me. ¹⁰³ How sweet [is Jesus] to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! ¹⁰⁴ I gain understanding from your [Son;] therefore, I hate every wrong path.

Let's pray for Clark County... and our Country

Each month we pray for one sphere of cultural influence (A Mountain) and/or one sphere of cultural need (A Valley).

One primary key to kingdom growth in our county and county is **God-directed businesses**. Let's make that our primary common prayer focus for this month.

- For clarity of calling for Christians who own/operate businesses. That they would know God has led them to this place and that there is no division in their mind between the "sacred and the secular."
- For creativity to fulfill their business' calling and purpose. That their goods and services would meet real needs and provide good paying jobs for the workers.
- For leadership influence. That the leaders of these businesses would see and use wise ways to influence others in their own calling as well as to expand His kingdom.
- For the use of and passing on of Godly values. That His values would be made known through the businesses.

Let's pray for [insert the name of your congregation]...

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November 2018

Let's worship Jesus... (it's always good to begin here!)

Since we are in November, (the "Thanksgiving" month) let's take some special time to worship Jesus through giving Him thanks. But let's do it a little differently than normal. Let's not just thank Him for what He has done for and given to *us*, let's thank Him for what He has done for and given to *others*.

See Romans 1:7, 1 Corinthians 1:3, Colossians 1:3 for examples of this.

Here are some starting points you may find helpful.

How has God blessed one of your loved ones? Thank Him for that. How has God blessed a close friend of yours? Express thanks for that. What has He given to someone you have known for years? What has He done for someone you generally don't like? Thank Him for His grace to them. What has He done for people in or through your congregation or pastor? Thank God for that. Express thanks to God for how He blesses others.

Let's pray for Clark County... and our Country

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This month, let's pray for those who are un or under-employed. Over and over, Scripture tells us that God cares about the poor. Our heart should reflect His heart. Here, we must do more than pray. But we cannot do "more than prayer" until we have prayed. Please pray...

- For God to protect and provide for those who are un or under-employed.
- For the ministries in our county and in our country, who are giving themselves to meet the needs of the un or under-employed.
- For a greater awareness on the part of believers of the real needs of the un or under-employed. (both temporal and eternal).
- That individual believers would know what role they can have in meeting the real needs of the poor.
- That the un or under-employed would have and take opportunities to change their circumstances.

Let's pray for [insert the name of your congregation]...

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December 2018

Let's worship Jesus... (it's always good to begin here!)

What a wonderful time to worship the Lord! Here are two suggestions:

- 1) Sing through the familiar chorus "Oh, Come Let Us Adore Him" a few times, and then do that! Adore Him. Perhaps complete the statement... "I adore you, because (then insert something personal here)." Do this multiple times!
- 2) Consider the first people to "Worship Christ the Newborn King," The Magi from the East. They worshipped Jesus by presenting gifts to Him. Expensive gifts! Meaningful gifts. What gift or gifts do you have to present to Him as an act of Worship? Don't be too quick to respond. Ask Him what He wants from you. You may need to purchase, prepare, or wrap it. Then be intentional to present that gift to Him.

Let's pray for Clark County... and our Country

Each month we pray for one sphere of cultural influence (A Mountain) and/or one sphere of cultural need (A Valley).

This month, let's pray that the True Spirit of Christmas would be very evident in our County and Country.

- Pray for believers, that we would not be distracted from that which matters most. Pray that all the other activities would point us toward Jesus, not to themselves.
- Pray that as believers move through this month, we would be great witnesses to the reality that God has come to earth! Pray that we would take advantage to speak and act as if this Christmas Story were actually true!
- Pray that, because of the influence of the true church of Jesus, there would be a greater sense of both joy and peace in our culture.
- Pray for those who don't yet know the real impact of Emmanuel (God With Us!). Pray that God would get the story to them in a way they can both understand and receive. And pray that God would use us in the process!

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