

Prayer Suggestions 2021

January 2021

Let's worship our Great God – Jesus Christ! (It's always good to begin here!) Aren't you glad that Jesus is still worthy to be worshipped? As we enter into a new year, worship Jesus for the "new" things He has done us! (We have used these in the past, but they are still fresh!)

- He has given us new life. (Rom 6:4)
- His has new plans for us. (Is 43:18)
- He has made us a new creation (2 Cor 5:17)
- He has new mercies (expression of His love) for us each morning. (Lam 3: 22-23)
- He has new wine and new wineskins for us. (Matt 9:17)
- He has new treasures for us. (Matt 13:51)
- He has invited us into His new covenant. (Heb 9:15)
- He is preparing a new home for us in Heaven. (John 14:2-3)
- He has a new name for us. (Rev 2:17)
- He has given us a new commandment to follow. (John 13:34-35)

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 our county and country would develop a culture where all **human life is valued**. Here are some "big prayers!" Are you ready? Pray that...

- Young people would know that their lives, and all human life, is valuable and worthy of dignity.
- Suicide and murder would become unthinkable!
- Parents and others – pastors, youth pastors, teachers, etc. – would successfully train young people to know the value of life.
- God's moral standards (that the sexual relationship is reserved for the marriage relationship) would permeate our culture.
- Every conceived child would be born and fully loved by their mom and dad.
- Those who have been impacted by abortion (both men and women) would be fully healed.
- Adoption would always be seen as a better option than abortion.
- Ministries assisting pregnant moms (Options 360, Pathways, Right to Life, etc.) would be effective and flourish.

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

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February 2021

Let's worship our Great God – Jesus Christ! (It's always good to begin here!) One of the greatest motivations to worship Jesus is His great love. Let's use Psalm 136 as a model for our worship. There, the Psalmist rehearses the history of his nation and ends each thought with the phrase, "His steadfast love endures forever!" I encourage you to follow these steps. 1) Ponder your history. 2) Make a brief statement about some part of it. 3) Add the line, "Your steadfast love was with me then." Here are some suggested starter lines.

I was born in _____. Your steadfast love was with me then.

My parents were _____. Your steadfast love was with me then.

I attended _____ school (or church). Your steadfast love was with me then.

I got to know _____. Your steadfast love was with me then.

I began to work at _____. Your steadfast love was with me then.

I moved to _____. Your steadfast love was with me then.

Now you continue on with your story, phrase by phrase.

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 our governmental leaders.

- Pray for President Biden and his new administration. Pray for wisdom, for godly influence, for policies that will benefit people, and most of all policies that will advance the gospel. (You may want to turn to 1 Timothy 2:1-6 and pray specifically from this passage.)
- Pray for Governor Inslee and our state senators and representatives. In Clark County, this includes the following: Senators Lynda Wilson (17th), Ann Rivers (18th), John Braun (20th), Annette Cleveland (49th), Representatives Vicki Kraft, Paul Harris, (17th), Brandon Vick, Larry Hoff, (18th), Peter Abbarno, Ed Orcutt (20th), and Sharon Wylie, Monica Stonier (49th)
- Pray for our County Councilors. Eileen Quiring O'Brien (Chair), Temple Lentz, Julia, Olson, Karen Dill Bowerman, and Gary Medvigy.
- Pray also for the Mayor of your city (or a nearby city).
- Pray for the school board of your district.
- Pray for our local, county, and state judges.
- You may want to turn to James 3:17-18 to know the kind of wisdom God wants each of these people to have.

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March 2021

Let's worship our Great God – Jesus Christ! (It's always good to begin here!) I invite you to “climb into” Colossians 1:15-20 and use it as an outline of worship. Pause after each line below to worship Him because of something in that line.

We look at this Son and see the God who cannot be seen. (*Wow!*)

We look at this Son and see God's original purpose in everything created. (*Are you pausing?*)

For everything, absolutely everything, above and below, (*Everything? Yes, EVERYTHING!*)

visible and invisible, rank after rank after rank of angels—

everything got started in him and finds its purpose in him. (*He is the reason for everything!*)

He was there before any of it came into existence (*hummmm*)

and holds it all together right up to this moment. (*right up till now!*)

And when it comes to the church, He organizes and holds it together, like a head does a body. (*YOU are Lord of Your church!*)

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 spread of the Good News, especially as we approach Resurrection Day early next month. Here are some specific suggestions.

Pray for the salvation of someone you love – a family member, a close friend.

Pray for the salvation of someone you don't like – someone who has offended you, someone you completely disagree with.

Pray for BOB. The question is not *who* is BOB, but *what* is BOB.

BOB represents three ways to pray for ourselves regarding evangelism.

“B” represents a *Burden* for those who don't know Jesus yet. Pray that we would love them more like Jesus did.

Pray for a supernatural concern for their spiritual condition.

“O” represents *Open* doors. Pray that God would give you open doors to talk with those you have prayed for. Pray they would not only open, but that you would see they are open.

“B” represents *Boldness*. We all need to be more bold in walking through the doors He opens. Pray that you and other believers would have both humility and boldness as we share.

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April 2021

Let's worship our Great God – Jesus Christ! (It's always good to begin here!) Let's use part of Psalm 119 to worship Him. Each verse mentions God's Word in some manner. Let's worship THE Word of God, Jesus, by praying each verse using the words I have put in [brackets]. Linger around each verse. I have found this to cause me to have deep times of worship!

¹⁷ Be good to your servant while I live, that I may obey your [Son].

¹⁸ Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in [Jesus, my Savior]. [Let me know Him more!]

¹⁹ I am a stranger on earth; do not hide your [Son] from me. [Reveal Him to me in new ways.]

²⁰ My soul is consumed with longing for your [Son] at all times. [I hunger and thirst for Him.]

²¹ You rebuke the arrogant, who are accursed, those who stray from [Jesus and His ways.]

²² Remove from me their scorn and contempt, for I [follow] your [Son.]

²³ Though rulers sit together and slander me, your servant will meditate on [the wonders of Jesus.]

²⁴ [Jesus is] my delight; [He is] my counselor.

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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 **businesses** throughout Clark County.

- Pray for the Christians who own businesses in Clark County. Pray for those you know, by name. Pray for others in general. Pray they would flourish.
- Pray they would represent Christ well by making our county a better place to live and by providing great products and services.
- Pray they would have great ideas to serve their customers very well.
- Pray they would produce more and better jobs in our community.
- Pray that more good businesses would be attracted to move their businesses to Clark County.
- Pray for young men and women who are considering going into business, that they would build quality business with integrity and excellence.

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May 2021

Let's worship our Great God – Jesus Christ! (It's always good to begin here!) Let's worship Him based on some specific statements He made about why He came to our planet.

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.* – Worship Jesus because He perfectly fulfilled the Law and the Prophets... something we could never do. And because He did, He is able and willing to forgive us when we don't fulfill them.

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 He (the One who deserves to be served) is willing to serve others, not simply be served. Also worship Him because He laid His life down for us.

Luke 19:10 *For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.* – Worship Jesus because He sought you (and others who were lost) out and saved you (and them).

John 10:10 *I have come that they may have life and have it abundantly.* – Worship Jesus because He not only has given us eternal life but also abundant life right now. Worship Him as both the best example and teacher of how to live on this earth.

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- Pray for the health of all people in Clark County. That Covid would take no more lives and those with Covid would fully recover quickly.
- Pray for the soon and safe opening of as all businesses, churches, and services.
- Pray for doctors, that they would have wisdom to know who to care for and how to care for them.
- Pray for nurses, that they would continue to serve well and be safe.
- Pray for the overall recovery of our national economy.
- Pray for EMT's and ambulance personnel, that they would save lives and know how to serve best.
- Pray for those who have lost jobs and businesses during this season, that they would recover as much and as soon as possible.
- Pray that believers in Jesus would have both the heart and the opportunity to serve others well.

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June 2021

Let's worship our Great God – Jesus Christ! (It's always good to begin here!) This month let's worship Him as the ultimate expression of the Fruit of the Spirit (See Gal 5:22-23). Pray like this...

Jesus, because You are ultimate expression of **love** (you complete the phrase.)

Jesus, because You are ultimate expression of **joy** (you complete the phrase.)

Jesus, because You are ultimate expression of **peace** (you complete the phrase.)

Jesus, because You are ultimate expression of **patience** (you complete the phrase.)

Jesus, because You are ultimate expression of **kindness** (you complete the phrase.)

Jesus, because You are ultimate expression of **goodness** (you complete the phrase.)

Jesus, because You are ultimate expression of **faithfulness** (you complete the phrase.)

Jesus, because You are ultimate expression of **gentleness** (you complete the phrase.)

Jesus, because You are ultimate expression of **self-control** (you complete the phrase.)

Let's pray for Clark County... and our Country. This month let's pray for the first three of seven suggestions from americaprays.org.

Pray for Unbelievers to Be Saved. Pray that people's hearts will be opened to repent of their sins and confess Jesus as Savior. Pray that every person in the world will be able to hear the gospel and the Word of God in their native language (Matt. 9:37–38, 24:14; Rom. 10:1; 2 Peter 3:9; Acts 26:18).

Pray for a National Spiritual Awakening. Pray that Jesus will revive the Church and awaken our nation to His greatness and supremacy. Pray that God will pour out His Spirit on America, forgive our sin, and heal our land. Pray that millions of Americans will be convicted by the Holy Spirit, repent of their sins, and turn to God with all their hearts (2 Chron. 7:14; Dan. 9:18–19; Ps. 85:6; Hab. 3:2; Acts 2:37–41).

Pray for Unity between Pastors and Churches. Pray that denominational, theological, and ethnic walls will come down so that pastors will love each other, pray together, and serve each other (John 17:20–23; Ps. 133:1; Eph. 4:3–6).

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July 2021

Let's worship our Great God – Jesus Christ! (It's always good to begin here!) This month let's worship Him as the perfect expression of love. (See 1 Corinthians 13:4-7)

Complete the sentences below directly to Jesus

Because You are patient...

Because You are kind...

Because You are not boastful...

Because You are not rude...

Because You are not self-seeking...

Because You are not easily angered...

Because You keeps no record of wrongs...

Because You does not delight in evil...

Because You rejoices with the truth...

Because You always protect...

Because You always trust...

Because You always persevere...

Let's pray for Clark County... and our Country. This month let's pray for the two more of seven suggestions from americaprays.org.

Pray for Families

Pray that Jesus will heal, restore, and strengthen every marriage and family. Pray that husbands will love their wives like Christ loves the Church and that wives will respect and submit to their husbands. Pray that hearts of parents will be turned toward their children to love them and raise them up in a God-honoring way. Pray that children will respect and obey their parents. (Genesis 2:24; Joshua 24:15; Psalm 127:3-5; Malachi 4:6; Ephesians 5:22-33; Ephesians 6:1-4)

Pray for Racial reconciliation

Pray that God will heal our nation of racism and use the church to stand against racial conflict, violence, and prejudice. Pray that the church lead the way in racial reconciliation by modeling love and respect for every person regardless of the color of their skin or their ethnic background. (Romans 10:12-13; Galatians 3:28; Acts 10:28; Acts 10:34-35; John 7:24; ` John 2:9; James 2:9; Revelation 7:9)

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August 2021

Let's worship our Great God – Jesus Christ! (It's always good to begin here!) This month let's worship Him the way we are told in Romans 12:1 – to present our bodies to Him as a living sacrifice – THIS is our spiritual worship. Romans 6:13-14 help us with how to do this. Follow me.

Jesus...

I present my **mind** to You that I would only think thoughts that would honor and glorify You.

I present my **feet** to You that I would only go places that would spread Your righteousness.

I present my **hands** to You that I would only use them as instruments of Your righteousness.

I present my **back** to You that I would only carry loads that You give me to carry.

I present my **heart** to You that I would have compassion on those You have compassion for.

I present my **mouth** to You that I would only speak words that build others up and honor You.

Now it is your turn to continue on.

Remember, Romans says this is spiritual worship.

Let's pray for Clark County... and our Country. This month let's pray for the last two of the seven suggestions from www.americaprays.org.

- Pray for life to be valued and protected through all stages of life, beginning at conception.

Pray for God to break the culture of death in America and restore a culture of life. Pray for legalized abortion to come to an end. (Psalm 139:13-16; Jeremiah 1:5; Proverbs 24:11; Deuteronomy 21:8-9)

- Pray for local and national government leaders.

Pray that God will help them make wise decisions and govern with integrity, justice, and mercy. (1 Tim. 2:1-2; Rom. 13:1; 1 Pet. 2:17; Titus 3:1-2; Micah 6:8).

In Clark County, that would include your city mayor and council, school boards, as well as the Board of Clark County Councilors.

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September 2021

Let's worship our Great God – Jesus Christ! (It's always good to begin here!) This month let's worship Him for the six traits He has according to Isaiah 11:2.

*And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,
the Spirit of **wisdom and understanding**,
the Spirit of **counsel and might**,
the Spirit of **knowledge** and the **fear of the LORD**.*

*Jesus, I worship You because of the wisdom I have I have seen You demonstrate. (Mention an example of this.)

*I worship You because of Your understanding. (Mention to Him an example of this.)

*I worship You because of the council You have given me. (Mention an example.)

*I worship You because of Your might. (Mention an example.)

*I worship You because the knowledge You have and You have shared with me. (Mention an example.)

*And I worship You because of the fear of the Lord You displayed while on earth. (Note: The fear of the Lord is reflected in Jesus' obedience to what the Father says.)

Let's pray for Clark County... and our Country. This month let's pray for students and teachers as the return to another school year.

Let's pray for both students and teachers from Romans 14:17, "The kingdom of God is not eating or drinking, but **righteousness, peace** and **joy** in the Holy Spirit."

*Pray for an increase of that which is "**right**." Right relationships, right character traits, right actions, right responses, right attitudes. Pray for an increase of right-standing before God and others in their schools.

*Pray for an increase of **peace**. Biblical peace is not simply a lack of fighting but of a real sense of wholeness, fulness, safety, and security. It is something every one of us longs for and something God longs to give every one of us. Pray that students and teachers would find this peace in Jesus.

*And pray for a great sense of **joy** for the campuses. Pray that they experience more than happiness—which depends upon what "happens." Pray they would know the true joy that comes from Jesus.

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October 2021

Let's worship our Great God – Jesus Christ! (It's always good to begin here!) This month let's "glorify Him" in the following manner. To "glorify Him" means to be impressed with Who He is and what He has done. So, I will begin a list of things that impress me about Who He is and what He has done. You can use this list to stir your thinking to add to it.

Jesus, I am impressed that You were willing to leave Heaven and come to earth.

Jesus, I am impressed that You hear everyone who prays to You, and yet You still hear my prayers.

Jesus, I am impressed with Your grace... You never run out of it, it is always enough for us.

Jesus, I am impressed with Your teaching in the Gospels. You made complicated things so simple.

Jesus, I am impressed with the way You call people not only to Yourself, but You call them to specific ministries.

Jesus, I am impressed with the way You anticipate my needs and often meet them before I know I have them.

Now you get to keep adding to this short list.

Let's pray for Clark County... and our Country. This month let's pray for non-profit ministries in Clark Co. God raises up these ministries for specific purposes. Pray that each ministry would know it's God-initiated purpose and would keep on track to fulfill those purposes.

Each ministry needs opportunities to fulfill its calling. Pray that God would open doors for ministries in Clark County so they would have good interaction with those they are called to serve.

Having sufficient funds is always an issue with non-profit ministries. Pray that God would supply all their needs. Pray that those who ask and those who contribute would have God's perspective on the use of money.

A great need for these ministries is ongoing encouragement. Pray for a specific ministry you know of. Pray that those who work or volunteer for these ministries would be greatly encouraged at the impact of their ministries.

Each of these ministries exist to bring God glory in some manner. Pray that Jesus would receive much glory through them.

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November 2021

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I give thanks to You, Lord, because Your plans are good!

I give thanks to You, Lord, because Your Word is good!

I give thanks to You, Lord, because Your love is good!

I give thanks to You, Lord, because Your grace is good!

[Don't let this be mere repetition for you! Seek to mean each of these wonderful truths! 😊]

I give thanks to You, Lord, because Your mercy is good!

I give thanks to You, Lord, because Your Son is good!

I give thanks to You, Lord, because Your Church is good!

I give thanks to You, Lord, because Your holiness is good!

I give thanks to You, Lord, because Your presence is good!

I give thanks to You, Lord, because Your leadership is good! [Now it's your turn, keep expressing thanks to Him]

Let's pray for Clark County... and our Country. This month let's pray for those who are un or under-employed.

- Pray for those who are facing another winter without a home. Pray they would have relational connections to rely upon so they can have a warm, safe place to stay.
- Pray they would develop relational and vocational skills to know how to avoid un or under-employment.
- Pray for ministries and those who minister to those in need of housing and food. Pray they would demonstrate the love of Jesus to them in meaningful ways. Pray they would have sufficient resources and wisdom to meet the needs in the best manner.
- Pray for government agencies to be able to match the resources with the needs in the best possible manner.
- Pray for more living wage jobs to be available in our area.
- Pray especially for children in these families, that they would be protected and know a sense of safety.

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December 2021

Let's worship our Great God – Jesus Christ! (It's always good to begin here!) Do you remember the line in the Christmas carol that says, "Worship Christ the Newborn King"? This month let's expand that thought and make it personal. All that the Newborn King became as an adult, He was also as an infant. Follow my lead here...

I worship You, Christ, as the Newborn King.
I worship You, Christ, as the Newborn Lamb of God
I worship You, Christ, as the Newborn Good Shepherd.
I worship You, Christ, as the Newborn Wonderful Counselor.
I worship You, Christ, as the Newborn Mighty God.
I worship You, Christ, as the Newborn Everlasting Father.
I worship You, Christ, as the Newborn Prince of Peace.
(How are you doing? Are you pondering and worshipping?)
I worship You, Christ, as the Newborn Great I AM!
I worship You, Christ, as the Newborn Savior of the world.
I worship You, Christ, as the Newborn One True God.
(Oh, don't stop here, keep going with this... He is worthy)

Let's pray for Clark County... and our Country. This month let's pray that the true meaning of Christmas would resonate in every heart.

- That parents and grandparents would teach children that this holiday is about more than toys and family – that they would teach them about the reality of the incarnation.
- That businesses would be blessed by extra sales, but that they would not only push the "secular" aspect of Christmas. That they would make the message more of a priority than profit.
- That as people in congregations – some who have not been there for months or years – sing familiar songs and hear familiar Scriptures, something would spark a freshness in their hearts that may have never been there before.
- That pastors would share the story of Jesus in fresh ways. That they would be freshly impressed with the message they are preaching and even have their own personal times of worship as they prepare.
- That people would remember and understand the significance behind the traditions they engage in.

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