

## 2017 Prayer Suggestions

January 2017

**A Scripture** to pray for Clark County. Psalm 34:1&3 *I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips.*

*<sup>3</sup>Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together.*

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**

The Scripture above states that we should extol the Lord at **all** times & that His praise should **always** be on our lips. Considering this, pray some prayers of praise like the following...

- Jesus, when I wake up... You are worthy!
- Jesus, when I have my first cup of coffee... You are worthy!
- Jesus, when I finish my breakfast... You are worthy!
- Jesus, when I get into my car... You are worthy!
- Jesus, when I take a break at work... You are worthy!
- Jesus, when my kids arrive home from school... You are worthy!
- Continue to state other times when we can and should “extol the Lord.”

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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.”)

**This month, because of the significance of our November elections, let’s only pray for the Mountain of the Government.** Let’s Pray...

- For all those who are in elected positions.
- Pray especially those who are newly elected local officials. Pray for those you know by name – Such as Eileen Quiring, John Blom, Lynda Wilson, and Vickie Craft – that they would get “up to speed” quickly.
- That all elected officials would have a heart to rule well, not for their own sakes, but for those they represent.
- That they would have both wisdom and grace to know God’s plans and seek to implement them.

- Those who are followers of Jesus would develop strong relationships with other believers so they receive mutual support.
- That we as believers would continue to pray, work with, and support those who are elected to serve us.
- That God would show His favor upon our county and bless us far beyond even the wisest and best decisions that our elected officials can do.

## February 2017

**A Scripture** to apply to Clark County. Psalm 46:10-11 *He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."* <sup>11</sup> *The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.*

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### **Suggestions for worshipping Jesus**

- 1 Chronicles 16:8-36 is actually a Psalm of David. He taught it to the people the day he returned the Ark of the Covenant from the battlefield to Jerusalem and set it up in a special tent he made for it.
- Read through these verses and change the pronouns from "He" to "You." This will turn it into a wonderful prayer.
- Pause along the way and *do* some of the things David tells us to do, such as "give thanks," "remember," declare His glory," and even "sing!"
- Verse 34 says "*His love endures forever.*" Reflect on the many ways God has shown His love for you. Turn those memories into worship by telling Him how His love has impacted you. "Your love has \_\_\_\_\_."

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This month's Mountain > **Business.**

- 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 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.

This month's "Valley" > **Prisoners**

- There are approximately 1000 people in jail/prison in Clark County. Please pray this number would decrease.
- The recidivism rate for those who claim no faith or w/o ongoing outside connections is c. 80%. Those who call themselves "Christians" it is c. 35%. For those who receive "after care" it drops to 1%! Right now there are 120 who are voluntary involved in a Bible Study or prayer group and would like "after-care." Please pray all those who want "after-care" can receive it.

## March 2017

**A Scripture** to apply to Clark County. Romans 15:13 *Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

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### **Suggestions for worshipping Jesus**

- **Note what Psalm 92:1-2 says:** *It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name, O Most High, <sup>2</sup>to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night...*
- **We encourage you to take some time to do what this verse says.**
- **Praise** – Think of a few things that cause you to be in awe of Jesus. Express these things, one at a time directly to Him
- **Make music** – Either sing or think through the words of a song that causes your heart to adore Him more. Speak or sing directly to Him.
- **Proclaim His love and faithfulness** – Reflect on how He has expressed His great love for you and been faithful to you. Then “proclaim” that back to Him.

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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” > The Elderly**

- Thank God for the influence of the elderly in your family and among your friends.
- Pray that their social, physical, and emotional needs are appropriately met.
- Pray that believers would find meaningful relationships and expressions of ministry as they age.
- Pray that they would be able to pass on their wisdom to younger people and that they would finish well.

## April 2017

**A Scriptural Prayer** to apply to Clark County. 2 Cor 1:8-11 *"For we do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, of our trouble which came to us in Asia: that we were burdened beyond measure, above strength, so that we despaired even of life. <sup>9</sup> Yes, we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead, <sup>10</sup> who delivered us from so great a death, and does<sup>[b]</sup> deliver us; in whom we trust that He will still deliver us, <sup>11</sup> you also helping together in prayer for us, that thanks may be given by many persons on our<sup>[b]</sup> behalf for the gift granted to us through many."*

Points for prayer:

1. Pray that God will give you those who will share in your burden and let us join with those who suffer in their crisis. As we pray together many will have cause to give thanks.
2. Overwhelming suffering reminds us that we must trust in God and not in our self. Pray for divine rescue for the Lord can heal and restore even from death.
3. His healing is on-going so pray that we remain in faith and not give up. His deliverance was, is and will still be.

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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 2017

**A Scriptural Prayer** to apply to Clark County. 2 Corinthians 9:8 *And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.*

Points for prayer:

1. God is our provider. He is our ultimate source. No one else can do for us what He can do. When we are in need He is always our resource.
2. God is sufficient. No need is so great that He is not greater still. From the simplest to the most life changing, He brings the exact answer.
3. God will meet every need. No need is so small that He disregards it. God cares about our most intimate pains, struggles, losses, despair and His timing is always perfect.
4. God's provision is extravagant. His response goes way beyond adequacy. His goal for us is restoration, victory, joy and relational perfection.
5. God's affect will equip us for every good work. He not only cares for us but transforms us into His agents to perform miracles in others. He will enable us to comfort others with the comfort with which He has comforted us.

### **Suggestions for prayer for Your congregation/ministry.**

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### **This month let's pray for the Mountain of local congregations.**

- Pray for a clear vision among the leaders of every congregation in our county.
- Pray that each church gains a reputation of faithfulness, Godliness, compassion, and service. And that each church displays the miraculous.
- Pray for the renewal of every congregation. Restore revelation, strength and corporate celebration.

### **And let's pray for those impacted by the Valley of homelessness.**

- Pray for strong relational networks within the faith community.
- Pray for a passion among the Saints to serve the poor, hungry and homeless.
- Pray for extravagant resources: sufficient laborers, understanding, opportunity, and finances.
- Pray that God's Call on His church to value those in need to become more urgent as well as deeper and broader.

## June 2017

**A Scripture to pray for Clark County** – James 3:17-18 *But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup> And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.*

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

- The Fruit of the Spirit (Gal 5:22-23) are Fr more than 9 targets we should be shooting for. They are a wonderful description of the Spirit of Jesus Christ. Worship Him by completing the sentences.
- Jesus, Your love is \_\_\_\_\_
- Jesus, Your joy is \_\_\_\_\_
- Jesus, Your peace is \_\_\_\_\_
- Jesus, Your patience is \_\_\_\_\_
- Jesus, Your kindness is \_\_\_\_\_
- Jesus, Your goodness is \_\_\_\_\_
- Jesus, Your faithfulness is \_\_\_\_\_
- Jesus, Your gentleness is \_\_\_\_\_
- Jesus, Your self-control is \_\_\_\_\_

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### Suggestions for prayer for Clark County

There are two significant occasions that take place in June; Graduation and Father's Day. Let's use these two occasions to pray for Graduates and Fathers throughout the month.

- Graduates – What was Jesus doing when He was of high school age? According to Luke 2:52 *Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.*  
Use this prayer for graduates you know.
  - Wisdom – more than just information, pray they would grow in Godly wisdom.
  - Stature – pray for their ongoing physical development and safety.
  - Favor with God – pray they would pursue God with all their hearts, and find Him!
  - Favor with people – pray for healthy relationships with their peers and others.
- Fathers – Consider and pray for fathers you know from Genesis 18:19 regarding Abraham, the Father of the Nation of Israel. *For I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing what is right and just, so that the LORD will bring about for Abraham what he has promised him.*

## July 2017

**A Scripture** to pray for Clark County. Jeremiah 9:23-24 *This is what the LORD says: "Let not the wise boast of their wisdom or the strong boast of their strength or the rich boast of their riches, <sup>24</sup> but let the one who boasts boast about this: that they have the understanding to know me, that I am the LORD, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight," declares the LORD.*

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**

There are three specific "places" we can stand upon to worship Jesus: His names, His character, and His actions.

- Think through some of the names Jesus is called in Scripture. Worship Him based upon these names.
- Think through some character traits of Jesus. Worship Him based upon these traits.
- Think through some of what Jesus has done, generally for all mankind, and specifically, for you. Worship Him based upon what He has done.

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## August 2017

**A Scripture** to pray for Clark County. Acts 3:19 *Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord...* [We all need continual repentance, don't we? This brings purity and refreshing to our lives.]

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### Suggestions for worshipping Jesus

- Reflecting further on the verse above,
- Consider ways God has helped you to repent... "Your \_\_\_\_\_ helps me repent."
- Consider ways He has helped you turn to Him... "Your \_\_\_\_\_ helps me turn toward You."
- Consider times when He has wiped away your sin... "When I \_\_\_\_\_, You wiped my sin away."
- Consider ways He has bought you refreshment... "When You \_\_\_\_\_, You refreshed me."
- Don't be satisfied with your first answer, ponder more and go through these a few more times.

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### Suggestions for prayer for Clark County

This month, let's pray for High School students in Clark County.

Luke 2:52—*And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.* When Jesus was of High School age, what was He doing? He was growing in four areas, Let's pray that our High School students grow in a similar manner.

**Wisdom**—for administrators and teachers. That each of the students would grow in both knowledge and wisdom. That students would see wisdom in their homes as well as their classrooms and pursue it.

**Stature**—that each student would be protected physically. No harm be done to them. That they would grow and develop healthy physical habits and skills.

**Favor with God**—that follows of Jesus would be great examples so that others would want to follow Him too. That those who don't know Jesus would see Him and follow Him.

**Favor with man**—that the social life of the campus would be one of encouragement and support. That all on campus would grow in their relationships with each other. That healthy, life-long relationships would be established and grow.

## September 2017

**A Scripture** to pray for Clark County. Isaiah 40:4-5 *Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. <sup>5</sup> And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all people will see it together.*

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### **Suggestions for worshipping Jesus**

Scripture clearly says that Jesus was with the nation of Israel when they were traveling through the desert. Consider how He is with us today and worship Him by completing the following sentences (perhaps multiple times).

- Like the daily manna, You still \_\_\_\_\_.
- Like the water from the rock, You still \_\_\_\_\_.
- Like the pillar of fire at night, You still \_\_\_\_\_.
- Like the cloud during the day, You still \_\_\_\_\_.
- Like the arc of the Covenant, You still \_\_\_\_\_.
- Like each one of the sacrifices, You still \_\_\_\_\_.

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**This month, let’s pray for the Mountain of Edu-cation.** As students return to school, let’s pray...

- For fearless learning: that there would be an environment of safety, honor and esteem.
- Against bullying and judgment: that those who are hurting would not hurt others and those who are vulnerable would become less vulnerable.
- For dynamic teaching: that teachers would be engaging, creative, and effective in their teaching.
- For compelling godliness: that wherever possible, biblical truths and values would be taught.
- Against ungodly political agendas and influences.

**And for the Valley of Human Trafficking.** Let’s pray...

- Against the sex industry: Portland/Vancouver area is amongst highest in US which invites sex slavery.
- For healthy families: Portland/Vancouver area has 30k+ runaways annually and is along a major route for transporting trafficking victims.
- For affected families to become aware of the resources available to them.
- For greater awareness to result in better policies, enforcement, and more resources for victims.

## November 2017

**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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**This month, let's pray for the Mountain of the Military.** Let's pray ...

- 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 2017

**A Christmas Carol** to pray for Clark County. *O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray. Cast out our sin and enter in, Be born to us today. We hear the Christmas angels, The great glad tidings tell. O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel!* Pray this verse for our County and people in it.

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**

The Wise Men came asking a key question, *“Where is He who is born King of the Jews?”*

In worshipful prayer, seek to answer this question. For example... *“Jesus, as King of the Jews, You are still...”*

- Being born in places we would never think to look.”
- Revealing Yourself to common people like shepherds.”
- Fulfilling prophesy that was spoken many, many years ago, but it still fresh.”
- Dwelling in individual hearts wherever You are welcome.”
- Honoring people who say, “Be it done to me according to Your will!”
- Don’t be satisfied with these, continue on with your own prayers of worship.

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

- That many people would give their lives to this Baby/King/God-with-us/Savior/Lord!
- That families would talk about the implications of the incarnation and kids would know more of the impact of the amazing story of Jesus’ birth.
- That the “old story” would not be simple an “old story.” That it would be presented in fresh ways across our county and that Jesus would be exalted in every presentation.

**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.