

January 2024

Greater Cincinnati Prayer Canopy - Monthly Intercession Guide



Theme: We'll start the New Year meditating on the love of God.

We will also join in with a national effort to pray for awakening using the Lord's Prayer.

As always, use this guide as a prompt. Pray what is on your heart and pray in the Spirit!

Please consider taking 30 minutes to pray through the Lord's Prayer every week this month.

Key passage for meditation - 1 John 4:7-19

Read through this passage slowly once. Receive the truth and let the love of God fill you. Confess areas of unbelief and lack of love. Read the passage through a second time. Slowly pray these truth affirmations over yourself and those God has put on your heart. Ask to be a contagious conduit for the love of God as you consider your Kingdom opportunities in 2024.

Love starts with Him and His great love for us! Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is made complete in us.

May we know, experience, and rely on his love! This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. And so, we know and rely on the love God has for us.

He is love and his perfect love drives out fear! God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

Practicing a life of love:

Matthew 22:35-40 Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

Father, help me to know your great love and to live this passage. Jesus came and gave His life for me to know this love and give it to others. Holy Spirit, help me to be the light and love of Christ for others.

1 Corinthians 13:1, 4-8a, 13 If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Father, I don't want to be a clanging cymbal. Forgive me for the times I have been. Create in me a clean heart and renew a right spirit in me that bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. May my love for you and others never fail!

John 15:9, 17:26 "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love." "And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them."

Father, when I sit in your presence, everything changes inside me. The love you have for Jesus is in me. Help me to surrender and let go of things I cannot control and give everything else to you! Let it be so in Jesus' name, in the power of the Holy Spirit! I ask the same for my spouse, my family, my neighbors, my church, and the Greater Cincinnati Region.

Ephesians 3:14-21 For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, 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, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Father, please fill us with your fullness so that we are more rooted and established in your love and experiencing it more deeply. Your love overcomes sin, lack, loneliness, hurt and betrayal. May we be messengers of love to all those around us. Your love is a foundation that does not move! You dwell in our hearts Jesus, grow our faith to be ambassadors of your unending love!

Romans 13:10 Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

Father, thank you for your unending, sacrificial, and overflowing love for us. May we be instruments of your great love wherever we go. May your love flow from your church into every sector of our society and bring an awakening to who you really are.

And now, in your great love, we turn to you Father, to pray the way our Savior taught us!

We are joining in a national effort to pray the Lord's Prayer for awakening:

For more information click on this link:

<https://prayerattheheart.org/30-minute-prayer-challenge/>

Vision: A movement of prayer in every community and business, with Christ first in every heart. A great awakening sweeping across America and around the world.

Why? We desperately need a great spiritual awakening – it's our only hope!

It must start with God's people - *2 Chronicles 7:14*

Jesus asked for constant prayer - *Luke 18:1, Ephesians 6:18, 1 Thessalonians 5:17, 1 Peter 4:7*

The unity that Jesus prayed for will lead to a great awakening. - *John 17:21-23*

When, Where, and Who? An agreed time and place such as early morning or lunch time, in a home, office, community hall, school or other convenient venue. Start with spouse and family, invite friends, neighbors, coworkers.

How? Pray the **Lord's Prayer** seeking His presence – Pray 3 to 4 minutes on each section:

1. Exalt His character: Our Father in Heaven hallowed be your name.

Thank and praise God for his nature - his holiness, love, beauty, grace....

Meditate on his great works - Creation, Incarnation, Cross, Resurrection, Ascension...

Recite his many names - Creator, Redeemer, Savior, King, Friend, Father, Prince of Peace...

Worship him with gladness, kneel, bow, or lie prostrate before him in adoration...

Sing to your King...

2. Seek His Kingdom: Your kingdom come; your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

Pray for God's kingdom to be manifested in your family, community, and workplace...

The love of Jesus Christ to be first in our hearts, and love for his Word to guide all our ways....

God's blessing on every person, marriage, family, community, business, school, government...

Love, peace, joy, justice, righteousness to reign, God's light to drive out the darkness.

For people to be set free from addiction, immorality, injustice, corruption, jealousy, pride...

Healing for the sick, help for the poor, the brokenhearted, and the lonely....

Peace in place of war, protection of the innocent, destruction of evil...

That we will love the things God loves and hate the things He hates.

3. Ask for His provision: Give us this day our daily bread.

Pray for the specific needs of you and your family, church, and community...

The needs of the poor, the aged, the weak and the sick...

The needs in government, education, hospitals, police and first responders....

The funding needs of every church and ministry...

4. Seek His Forgiveness: Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Ask the Spirit to search your heart - and show you what needs confession and repentance...

For courage to confess your sins to one another and power to turn away from them...

Receive forgiveness and forgive those who have sinned against you...

Humility and strength to bind the spirits of offense and accusation...

Grace to forgive those who have hurt you - give the debt to Jesus, renounce unforgiveness...

5. His guidance and protection: Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one.

Listen patiently for his gentle whispers of guidance, don't lean on your own understanding...
Ask for the Spirit's discernment to reveal the schemes Satan is using to ensnare you in sin...
Practice prayer, worship, meditation, and Scripture memory with other disciples of Jesus...
Put on the armor of God and stand firm in the grace of Jesus...

6. Praise His Glory: For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Pray for deeper faith that God holds everything together by the power of His word...
That everything is from Him and through Him and to Him and He gets all the glory....
A willing heart to say "Yes" to whatever God's will is for your life...
Set your heart on the things of Heaven and declare your allegiance to Jesus...
Tell others about your prayer journey and invite them to join you...

Urgent Prayer Requests:

- Pray for the peace of Jerusalem and for supernatural protection over Israel.
- Pray for the protection of innocent lives in Ukraine and release of hostages in Israel.
- That God give the Palestinian people good leaders, peace, and prosperity.

- Pray for unborn, and for every mother to choose life for her baby over abortion.
- Pray for the church's efforts to support women in crisis through care, adoption, foster care.
- Pray for the church to love well while standing firm on the wisdom of biblical sexuality

- Pray for the persecuted church to stand firm under oppressive regimes.
- Pray for Call of Love as they reach lost Cousins and disciple them in the faith
- Pray for Pastors in Cincinnati facing cancer, financial needs, and discouragement.
- Pray for God's successor for Michael Wolf and his blessing on the Beth Messiah congregation.

Regional worship and prayer gatherings – Sundays from 6-8 pm.

January 28 - Western Hills Brethren in Christ - 2815 Robert Avenue 45211

February 25 - Maker's Church - 8290 Batavia Pike 45244

March 24 - Palm Sunday - Convergence Church - 5636 W Fork Road, 45247

April 28 - Passover - Florence Vineyard - 7101 Pleasant Valley Road 41042

May 19 - Pentecost Sunday - Location TBD

Pray for Ohio First Thursdays 12:30-1:30pm on Zoom: Go to www.prayforohio.org where you can sign up. Email ursula@forcolumbus.org with any questions.

Thank you for praying! Your prayers are changing our City and our Region!

Follow our Greater Cincinnati Prayer Canopy Facebook Page for our latest news.

Check out our web site and leave a prayer request www.gcprayercanopy.net.

We welcome more intercessors who will pray to change our region!

Refer friends and other churches to our website to join this Jesus-led prayer movement.