

CATC PRAYER GUIDE – 24/7 WEEK OF PRAYER MARCH 26 – APRIL 1

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

As believers, we should have a heartfelt attitude of gratefulness and thankfulness for our living and loving God that is so faithful every day in taking care of us. We are indebted to God because all that we have comes from Him. Returning thanks to God, shows Him that we are truly grateful for what He has done and for all He will do in our lives and in our church.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 – *In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*

Psalms 68:19 – *Blessed be the Lord, who loads us with benefits, the God of our salvation.*

Psalms 100:4 – *Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him and bless His name.*

Pray . . .

- Ask God to give us all hearts that are thankful, and to open our eyes to areas that we haven't been thankful and to see God's goodness in those situations. Help us to realize that all things come from the faithful hand of God.
- Pray for God to keep us humble and to guard our hearts against pride and prideful thoughts. To help us to repent of any prideful thoughts or actions we have done and walk in humility.
- Thank God for His faithfulness in all things in our lives, providing what we need to sustain us.
- Thank God for . . .life, salvation, family, work, healing, health, financial provisions, relationships, sound mind, specific answers to prayer.
- Thank God for our pastors, support staff, ministry assistants, deacons and ministry lay leadership. Pray that God will protect them from the evil one spiritually, physically, emotionally, mentally and personally.
- Thank the Lord that He is good, merciful, trustworthy, dependable, truthful, caring, loving, kind, compassionate and merciful.

PRAYER FOR PERSONAL REVIVAL / HOLINESS

Revival begins when Christians long for a closer walk with God. Just like the body must stay hydrated during physical activities, we must also “be hydrated in our spirits to keep our passion for God alive.”

Matthew 5:6 – *Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.*

Pray. . .

- For a deeper desire in our hearts to walk with God and be obedient to His commands and leading in our lives.
- Make Jesus Christ preeminent in our lives and allow Him liberty to live His life through us so that He may be glorified.
- For God to reveal to us areas in our lives we want to control that need to be totally surrendered to Him—(ex., finances, relationships, future plans, etc.).
- Develop a deep love and thirst for the Word of God and daily apply the truths in His Word to our lives.
- For God to create clean hearts in us and renew a steadfast spirit within us so that we may faithfully serve Him with joy.
- Confess our lethargic attitudes and our inactivity in serving Him with the talents, abilities and gifts that He has given us.
- For God to help us confess and surrender to Him all of our sinful thoughts and practices that hinder our relationship with Him.
- Confess and repent for not loving God the way He wants us to love Him—with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.
- For every family member at Church at the Cross to commit to serve the Lord faithfully in doing whatever it takes to give the hope of Jesus to all people.
- For the Holy Spirit to convict us of how little time we, as children of God, actually spend with the Father seeking Him in prayer.
- For God to show us if there are any broken relationships with family members, marriages, or dealings between brothers and sisters in Christ, and seek to mend those broken relationships.
- For God to create a spirit of humility and brokenness in our hearts to change any patterns in our personal lives that tempt us to sin.

PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY / REVIVAL / SPIRITUAL AWAKENING

The holiness of God is a neglected subject in the church today. Yet, it is essential for revival. We need to understand that God is utterly holy. He is pure and without stain of sin. He always does what is right and good. Believers must come to see their spiritual bankruptcy and utter dependence on God.

Isaiah 57:15 – *For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place, with him who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.*

Pray. . .

- For unity, agreement, unselfishness, humility, and oneness in Christ among our church family.
- Reveal any obstacles that could hinder our church from experiencing genuine revival, and pray for their removal.
- That God would protect our church family from the evil one spiritually, physically, emotionally, mentally, personally, and practically.
- For the health and healing of our church families—healing of sickness, diseases, cancer, viruses that invade our bodies, recovery and strength for those struggling with Covid-19, and those living in fear, anxiety, and confusion due to the coronavirus. Pray for God to graciously bring the coronavirus pandemic to an end.
- For God to lead every church member to exhibit good Christian character and integrity with all their relationships and dealings in life.
- For God to help our church members to become real authentic disciples of Christ who are learning, growing and making fruit and in turn making more disciples.

PRAYER FOR OUR CITY AND NATION

Only God can convict people of sin and of their need for Him. Each person must decide individually if he or she will believe the gospel of Jesus Christ and accept the free gift of salvation. Prayer is an important part of the process.

Romans 1:20-21 – *(20) For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, (21) because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.*

Pray. . .

- Pray for the salvation of people in our city who are living in darkness and need the love of Jesus shown to them.
- Pray that CATC will have a greater spiritual impact and make a larger imprint on families, businesses, and institutions in our city for the glory of God.

Ask God to. . .

- Send revival and a spiritual awakening to our streets, our schools, government, judicial system, businesses, media and entertainment industries, and congregations across our city and nation
- Pour His Spirit out over our city and the entire nation
- Convince and convict every person of their sin
- Tear down the works of Satan in people's lives who are in our city and nation, like false doctrine, unbelief or other teaching that the enemy may have built up in a person's life. Pray for people's lives to be taken "captive to the obedience of Christ" (2 Corinthians 10:5).
- Empower and embolden Christians to share their faith so the lost can hear the gospel
- Help our city and national leaders promote biblical values
- Help parents to make godly choices for themselves and for their families
- Convince our city and national policy makers that His (God) moral code makes strong nations
- Guide Congress to pass laws that promote biblical values
- Cause people of all ages to choose lifestyles that reflect biblical values