



Marketplace Prayer Guide – Jan-Mar 2026

Greater Cincinnati Prayer Canopy & At Work On Purpose

Why this Prayer Guide?

The AWOP leadership team believes that more intentional, unified, and strategic intercession is needed to accelerate marketplace Kingdom impact in our region. We don't believe prayer is for the professional ministry folks who only represent 1% of the Church. We believe every believer is a royal priest, empowered by the Holy Spirit to pray and carry the Kingdom into the marketplace every day.

The pastors of our city bless your work as worship! When done in faith, your work is every bit as holy as any ministry. We confess that we need to better equip and empower you for the marketplace impact you seek between Monday and Saturday in your work.

This guide is one step - to connect you to Jesus in powerful ways, help you pray more strategically and confidently, and bring Kingdom breakthroughs in your workdays.

Preparation for Prayer

Prepare for prayer by entering into worship: God has given the Holy Spirit to dwell in us. Paul wrote that the hope of glory was that Christ was in us now. And Jesus said he was in the Father, and the Father was in him. So God no longer lives in the Temple. We are the new Temple of God! In us, the entire Trinity resides.

2 Corinthians 3:16 (NIV): "For we are the temple of the living God."

How can this be possible? How can the eternal infinite God live inside his finite creatures? Well, for starters, God put eternity in the human heart (see Ecclesiastes 3:11). If Father, Son, and Spirit dwell in us, it's because eternity was given to us. As you prepare for prayer, you are not worshipping a God "up there", you are worshipping him "in here".

So quiet yourself and focus on meeting Jesus in your inner being. He's in your heart, so find him there, open the door and go in to be with him. Greet Jesus, the Father, and the Spirit. Ask them what they want to do and say today. Listen. Journal. Let them take you for a walk into something beautiful. Practice this intimacy with Father, Son and Spirit. Ask for more.

Declaration: *Jesus, thank You for meeting me here, in this moment. I repent for the sinful tendencies that I've clung to, and for having things in my life that hold my focus, at times blurring my focus on You. I thank You for Your abundant grace. I declare my dedication and devotion to following You more intentionally, abiding in You. As for me and my house, we will serve You, Lord.*

Theme Passage & Reflection

Matthew 25: 14-18, 29-30 (AMP): “For it [the kingdom of heaven] is just like a man who was about to take a journey, and he called his servants together and entrusted them with his possessions. To one he gave five talents, to another, two, and to another, one, each according to his own ability; and then he went away on his journey. The one who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he [made a profit and] gained five more. Likewise, the one who had two [made a profit and] gained two more. But the one who had received the one went and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.’

“For to everyone who has [and values his blessings and gifts from God, and has used them wisely], more will be given, and [he will be richly supplied so that] he will have an abundance; but from the one who does not have [because he has ignored or disregarded his blessings and gifts from God], even what he does have will be taken away. And throw out the worthless servant into the outer darkness; in that place [of grief and torment] there will be weeping [over your sorrow and pain] and grinding of teeth [over distress and anger].’”

In this passage, we see three different people receive three different levels of responsibility, all each according to their specific level of ability. Those who took what they received and sowed it for a return were told “Well done” and given a promotion. But the one who hid what he received and did nothing in an attempt to grow it for a greater yield was called “worthless” and thrown out of his master’s presence. As we pray this quarter, we will reflect on the following: What ‘talents’ have I been given? How am I currently investing them... or am I? What does a 100% yield look like in my situation?

Declaration: Father, we give you thanks and praise for being our matchless provider – Jehovah-Jireh. We come before You with hearts of humility and gratitude, for You are the giver of gifts and callings that cannot be withdrawn (Romans 11:29). We declare our dedication to the pursuit of living according to Your Word in 2026, allowing it to direct our thoughts, feelings, and actions in every sphere and sector where we have influence, in Jesus’ mighty name. Father, thank You for replacing our hearts of stone with hearts of flesh!

Monthly Prayers for Q1 – January, February, March

January – What We Have Been Given: The top of a new year is when we normally take account of what the prior year has brought and what lies ahead for the one we’ve just entered. How well did we care for the things that God put in our paths last year? Is there anything that has carried into the new year that we are to still “push the plow” on? Anything the Father is lovingly telling us to lay down? Are there any new ventures the Lord is pointing us toward?

Isaiah 48:3,6-7 (AMP): “I have declared the former things [which happened to Israel] in times past; they went forth from My mouth and I proclaimed them; Suddenly I acted, and they came to pass... You have heard [these things foretold]; look at all this [that has been fulfilled]. And you, will you not declare it? I proclaim to you [specific] new things from this time, even hidden things which you have not known. They are created now [called into being by the prophetic word] and not long ago; and before today you have not heard of them, so that you will not say, Oh yes! I knew them.”

Declaration: Maker of heaven and earth, You alone are worthy of our worship! In Your sovereignty, You have established the rhythms of times, seasons, and markers out of Your infinite wisdom and abundant love for Your children. Through the declarations and creative work that flow from the essence of Your being, You outline for us the important cycle of reflection, repentance, responsibility, and return. We declare our dedication to a renewed sense of growing in our relationship with You, Lord, in 2026 using this pattern as a guidepost. In Jesus’ name, please give us Your strength. Amen.

February – What We Are To Do: After “counting the cost” of what we reviewed and mapped out last month, now it’s time to put plan into action, all undergirded in prayer. This “Pray-Plan-Act” framework can be used to keep you on track to accomplishing your goals while ensuring you stay aligned to the Holy Spirit’s direction. Just as David consulted with the Lord before each instance of battle against the Philistines, we should pause and seek the Lord before we move simply because we are “prone to action.” On a grander scale, it’s important to remember that what we do today will ripple across the waves of eternity. What is God telling you to take steps of faith on first? How is He showing you its impact beyond your lifetime and for generations to come?

1 Peter 4:7-11 (AMP): “The end *and* culmination of all things is near. Therefore, be sound-minded and self-controlled for the purpose of prayer [staying balanced and focused on the things of God so that your communication will be clear, reasonable, specific and pleasing to Him]. Above all, have fervent *and* unfailing love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins [it overlooks unkindness and unselfishly seeks the best for others]. Be hospitable without complaint. Just as each one of you has received a *special* gift [a spiritual talent, an ability graciously given by God], employ it in serving one another as [is appropriate for] good stewards of God’s multi-faceted grace [faithfully using the diverse, varied gifts and abilities granted to Christians by God’s unmerited favor]. Whoever speaks [to the congregation], *is to do so* as one who speaks the oracles (utterances, the very words) of God. Whoever serves [the congregation] *is to do so* as one who serves by the strength which God [abundantly] supplies, so that in all things God may be glorified [honored and magnified] through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”

Declaration: *The times and seasons You put into place, Lord, have been fashioned in various ways to help us both effectively steward the responsibilities of our gifts and callings, but also to remind us that we work not unto the temporal, but the eternal. We need the guidance that comes from Your word, which You tell us is a lamp unto our feet, and a light unto our path. Thank You, Father, for the goodness of Your word and the care You show us as Your children through our following it. Teach us to number our days, strengthen our faith and discernment as we seek You and Your Kingdom first, and never let our love grow cold nor take our gifts and callings for granted, in Jesus’ name. Amen.*

March – The 100% Return: Of the three who were given talents, two of them invested and put what they were given to work. One did not. Three servants, one master, two different responses. Do you think the two servants who given five and two talents, respectively, may have worked together, learning with and from one another in order to yield the same result? Don’t focus on just the ‘what’ or the ‘how’, but ask the Lord to reveal to you ‘who’ He has placed (or will be placing) in Your path. The Kingdom doesn’t operate in silos; let’s make sure that we don’t either!

1 Corinthians 12:4-7 (AMP): “Now there are [distinctive] varieties of *spiritual* gifts [special abilities by the grace and extraordinary power of the Holy Spirit operating in believers], but it is the same Spirit [who grants them and empowers believers]. And there are [distinctive] varieties of ministries *and* service, but It is the same Lord [who is served]. And there are [distinctive] ways of working [to accomplish things], but it is the same God who produces all things in all believers [inspiring, energizing, and empowering them]. But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit [the spiritual illumination and the enabling of the Holy Spirit] for the common good.”

Declaration: *Father, we know that You hold every detail of our stories – and how they intersect – in careful consideration. Thank You for those who You’ve brought into my life to serve as collaborators, partners, encouragers, and beneficiaries, Lord. Reveal to us the new things you’d have us do together, the bonds that You desire we strengthen, and the perseverance to pursue a doubled return as we run our race together. We thank You for guiding us through our stories, that You will receive all the glory and nothing will be squandered, in Jesus’ name. Amen.*

Pray for our City Transformation Movement – For Cincinnati

Pray that there would be great joy in our city because the Christians are loving, serving, and blessing the Greater Cincinnati region.

Acts 8:8 (NIV): “So there was great joy in that city.”

Pray for the team, led by Alex Campbell, the core team, and the establishment of the Board of Directors and Board of Advisors. Pray for funding as we continue to seek individuals to support at \$100/month, churches and businesses at \$5000 annually, and city-building business owners to make larger investments as led by the Lord. Pray for those who will be answering the call to serve our region after participating in the CityServeX training in December 2025.

Declaration: *Lord, we declare that You and You alone, Jesus, are the God of our city! Your plans will prevail as the advances of the enemy will not only be stopped in their tracks but decimated at the very breath of Your Spirit’s presence across our region. We declare that Your children will come together to obediently pursue the purposes You’ve designed for our region, in Jesus’ name!*

Pray for International Concerns

Pray for the persecuted church, for the believers in every difficult place.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem and the elimination of the evil of Hamas from Gaza, and the release of the hostages. Pray for Hezbollah to be disarmed in Lebanon. Pray for the Houthi's to be disarmed. Pray for Iran to be disarmed. Pray for lasting peace between the Arab world and Israel. Pray for Palestinian Arab Christians under duress from the PLO and Hamas.

Pray for the aggression of Russia to stop. May sanctions and international pressure produce a peace with Ukraine. As we might hear of the birth pangs outlined in Matthew 24 increasing, let us keep our individual and collective gaze fixed on the face of our Heavenly Father, who alone has the power to save.

2 Timothy 2:1-3 (NIV): “First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior.”

Feedback

Thank you for using this prayer guide to change our city and activate your faith in your daily work. Please share feedback [here](#) so we can evolve these guides for maximum usefulness to you in your work and mission. This can include ideas to better equip you and your colleague.