

Greater Cincinnati Prayer Canopy - May 2022 Prayer Guide

This month's focus: In the Kingdom, there is a river - a river of living water that brings God's life to us! We are asking that the rivers of living water rise in us - for resurrection, revival, and renewal in our City.

Psalm 46 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. 5 God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day. 6 Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts. 7 The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

John 7 37b Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. 38 Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them."

Praise God for answered prayer:

1. For progress as we work together on the 7 P's of deep change in our City - Gordon Conwell classes began!
2. For the church's growing love and strategic prayer for Muslims in the season of Ramadan.
3. For the public reading of the entire Bible in all 88 Ohio Counties on Holy Saturday on April 16.
4. For encouraging city-wide prayer hosted by Tryed Stone New Beginnings Church.
5. For the privilege of preaching the resurrection of King Jesus and honoring him as King of our region.
6. Ground was broken for City Gospel's new women's facility and for Bond Hill's new grocery store.

Worship the Risen King with praise and thanksgiving!

Psalm 117 Praise the Lord, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples.

For great is his love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord.

1. Worship the King of the Universe, the savior of all nations, peoples, and tongues.
2. Worship Jesus and thank him for giving you an eternal inheritance.
3. Worship the Holy Spirit who dwells in you and connects you to the Father and Jesus.
4. Offer our Triune God a sacrifice of praise for ... **(as the Spirit leads)**

Prepare for your time of intercession:

After confession, pray through these four daily prayers - Jack Deere testified that these have changed his life with God:

1. John 17:26 "I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

Father, grant me a work of the Holy Spirit that I may love Jesus the way you do as your love fills me and as I have more of your Son in my life and character.

2. John 15:15 "No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you."

Jesus, help me experience the pleasure and trust of being best friends with you. Help me learn and see more of what the Father is doing and revealing!

3. Ephesians 3:16-19 "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 let me experience the love and affection you have for me - in the very depths of my being.

4. Psalm 27:4 "One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple."

One thing I ask Jesus - let me gaze on your beauty and seek you today with all my heart!

May all those we know be blessed and transformed by these truths!

Arts and Media

Exodus 35:35 He has filled them with skill to do all kinds of work as engravers, designers, embroiderers in blue, purple and scarlet yarn and fine linen, and weavers—all of them skilled workers and designers.

1. Pray that God inspires every artist to advance the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the majesty of God in their work.
2. For continued favor for “The Chosen” to open hearts in our region and around the world.
3. For more media outlets to bring truth in their content and integrity in their operations.

Businesses

Matthew 6:33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

1. Pray for small businesses to prosper and for new business start-ups to multiply.
2. Pray for Christians in every business to live out the Kingdom Gospel at work.
3. Pray blessing over marketplace ministries like AWOP as they equip believers to live their faith publicly.
4. Pray for Spirit-led Kingdom efforts to accelerate African American entrepreneurship and wealth creation.

Churches

John 17:23-26 My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

1. Pray for unity and respect amongst churches and leaders - Catholics and Protestants, all Denominations.
2. Pray for a spiritual awakening; for all who have fallen away to return. For a harvest of salvation!
3. Pray for more Canopy of Prayer intercessors and for more churches and ministries to join this prayer effort!
4. Pray for the church to walk in the power of the Spirit, with signs, wonders, and a heart to serve our city.
5. Pray for the regional evangelism team (E-Team) as they organize and seek the Lord for strategy.

Developmental Ministries, Social Services, Parachurch Ministries

Matthew 19:21 Jesus answered, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

1. Pray for City Gospel Mission, CityLink, Lord’s Gym, Wesley Chapel Mission Center, the Salvation Army, St Vincent DePaul, Matthew 25, Vineyard Healing Center, Hope over Heroin, Heritage House, Kingdom Life Healing Ministry as they respond to the needs of our city, to those in need. Lord, give them a Kingdom breakthrough!
2. For Pure Life, AA, NA, MHS, and Celebrate Recovery – for supernatural recovery and freedom from addiction. Lord, we pray to hear the chains of drugs, pornography, and alcohol break!
3. Pray for Master Provisions as they expand, for God to bless them with a larger facility at the right cost.
4. Pray for Neighborhoods Experiencing Transformation (NET) as they build networks and collaborative efforts that will bring Gospel transformation to our communities with replicable models that can work beyond our city.

Education

Isaiah 54:13 All your children will be taught by the Lord, and great will be their peace.

1. Pray for protection, safety, and a strong finish to the school year for children, teachers, and administrative staff.
2. Pray protection against gun violence, suicide, drugs, peer pressure, and parental apathy.
3. Pray that any ungodly curriculum or agenda in our schools would be removed.
4. Praise God that the first classes at Gordon-Conwell Cincinnati have begun - ask for multiplying fruit!

Families

Isaiah 61:3c They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor.

1. Pray for every prodigal son and daughter to come home to Jesus.
2. For the restoration of hurting marriages by couples rededicating themselves to follow Jesus together.
3. That every expectant mother will choose life and that Jesus will put an end to abortion in our region.
4. For respect to return to families: from children to parents and parents to children. Malachi 4:6
5. For families to honor, cherish, encourage, and celebrate their mothers on May 8th!

Government

2 Timothy 2:1-4 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, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

1. Pray for the mayor, city council and all elected officials to work for the betterment of our communities.
2. For wisdom for our national leaders in dealing with the war in Ukraine - for peacemaking and de-escalation.
3. For breakthroughs in our region's 72 police departments in achieving racial unity and best policing practices.
4. Pray for the search for a new CPD Chief and wisdom for Teresa Theetge as she serves as the interim Chief.

Health Care

Isaiah 41:10 So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God.

I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

1. For Jesus to be given glory as Covid wanes and new treatments become available.
2. For God to bring an end to violence brought on by mental health issues.
3. For protection and rest for all the front-line workers and first responders who served us so well.
4. That the blood of Jesus would bring healing and wholeness to all in our city.

Israel and International Concerns

Isaiah 66:8 Can a country be born in a day or a nation be brought forth in a moment?

1. Praise God for restoring Israel on May 14th, 1948, and for his faithfulness to the Jewish people.
2. Pray that there would be peace and respect between Israel and more Arab nations.
3. Pray for the church in Ukraine to humbly serve their displaced neighbors and boldly proclaim Jesus.
4. Pray for the church everywhere to pray fervently and give generously to the needs in Ukraine.
5. Pray for the Perspectives classes being offered in our region to produce laborers for the harvest.
6. Pray for the church in our region to recommit to global missions according to Matthew 24:14.

Pray for the Persecuted Church

Ephesians 6:19-20 Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly...

- For God to strengthen every persecuted believer with all grace and His glorious might.
- Pray that believers in closed countries would be encouraged and share the Gospel boldly.
- Pray for the Voice of the Martyrs ministry to expand their impact globally.
- Pray for Call of Love, reaching out to Muslims via encrypted platforms and offering them a safe virtual community.

Neighborhoods to pray for: Fairfax, Mariemont, Terrace Park

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.”

1. For a spirit of unity among elected leaders as they work to bring blessing to all residents.
2. For teachers and administrators in the schools to be strengthened and encouraged.
3. For new businesses starting up and for all businesses to prosper and serve their customers well.
4. For medical offices, long-term care facilities, the library, daycares, and preschools to flourish.
5. For our Police, Fire and EMT workers to be protected and to feel supported and appreciated.
6. Pray that churches will serve in unity: Christ the King Fairfax, Fairfax Nazarene, Mariemont Church, Village Church of Mariemont, Summit Church, Horizon Church, St. Anthony, and St. Margaret parishes.

Pray the Prayers of Jesus and His Apostles over our Region

John 6:43-45 “Stop grumbling among yourselves,” Jesus answered. “No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day. It is written in the Prophets: ‘They will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard the Father and learned from him comes to me.”

Father - would you please draw our neighbors to Jesus, would you bring hunger and curiosity to be taught by you through your Word, so that thousands come to faith in Jesus as we sow the seeds of the Gospel in our circles.

Eph 1:17–21 I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

Father, please release resurrection power in your Church as we love, pray for, and serve our region.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 5 - National Day of Prayer - Please check for events happening in your local neighborhoods. A great opportunity to lift up our elected officials and ask for divine wisdom and solutions to our challenges!

<https://www.nationaldayofprayer.org>

May 22 - An evening of worship and prayer for all canopy intercessors at New Life Temple from 630-830 pm. Address is 4836 Ward St. - Cincinnati, OH 45227 All are welcome - let's enjoy being together in person!

May 26 - Celebrate the Ascension of Jesus - Read and pray through Acts 1:1-11.

PRAYER RESOURCES:

One of our Captains shared this post linking prayer and intimacy with God. If you have resources that might help everyone, share them <https://www.harvestprayer.com/prayer-as-intimacy-with-god/>

LET'S INVITE MORE PEOPLE TO JOIN IN PRAYER - ONE HOUR A MONTH WILL CHANGE OUR REGION!

View and share our three-minute canopy video as an easy next step to invite others! It's at this link:

<https://gcprayercanopy.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/PrayerCanopy.mp4>

If you have a testimony, a word of encouragement, an answered prayer, or a prayer request, please send an email to Laura at lburger@andersonhills.org. Check us out online www.gcprayercanopy.net

The GCPC Steering Team is incredibly grateful for each of you and your faithful intercession for our region.

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