

Greater Cincinnati Prayer Canopy - June 2022 Prayer Guide

This month's focus: Spirit-empowered witness and disciple making. One of the primary purposes of Pentecost was to empower our witness to Jesus and fuel the spread of the Great Commission. Let's pray this month for the Church to arise as a bold and loving witness to King Jesus and his Kingdom!

Matthew 28: 18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **19** Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Acts 1: 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Praise God for answered prayer:

1. For continued progress on the 7 P's of deep change in our City – especially progress on better policing:
2. For the preliminary direction of the Supreme Court in the Dobbs ruling. Keep praying!
3. For the reports of healing and manifest presence of God in many churches.
4. For an encouraging canopy prayer meeting held May 22 at New Life Temple.

Worship our Ascended King who alone can save completely!

Hebrews 7: 24 Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. **5** Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them. **26** Such a high priest truly meets our need – one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens.

1. Worship the King of the Universe, whose life is indestructible, and whose promises are always true.
2. Thank Jesus for his constant prayer and protection over us, as he reminds us of the Father's love for us.
3. Thank Jesus for the gift of the Holy Spirit and ask that your prayer time be filled with power from heaven.
4. Offer our Triune God a sacrifice of praise for ... **(as the Spirit leads)**

Prepare for your time of intercession by praying for yourself (As Jesus did in John 17):

Confess all known sins. Be quiet. **What is Jesus saying to you?** Listen. Pray into these promptings. Pray in the Spirit.

This month, we invite you to pray THE PRAYER COVENANT prayer. Developed by one of our region's spiritual fathers, Jerry Kirk, THE PRAYER COVENANT prayer is now prayed by millions of believers of all ages around the world.

The prayer is anchored in God's Word and encompasses all the major areas of Kingdom discipleship. It is designed to be used to invite others into prayer, making mutual 40-day prayer covenants based on 2 Chronicles 15:12.

The prayer is perfect for those seeking spiritual renewal and desiring to engage others in "Following Jesus Together". What a great way to invite God to move, to develop our prayer lives, and to multiply discipleship in our region!

GRACE – Dear Father, thank you for your grace that has made me one of your dearly loved children.

LOVE – By your grace, make being with you, loving you and obeying you my highest priority.

COMPASSION – Empower me to love others the way you love me.

REPENTANCE – Wash me clean from every sin.

WORSHIP – Enable me to praise you, O Lord, with all my heart.

COMMITMENT – Jesus, be Lord of my life today in new ways, and change me any way you want!

DEPENDENCE – Fill me with your Holy Spirit.

INFLUENCE – Make me an instrument of your grace, truth, forgiveness, righteousness, and justice.

DISCIPLESHIP – Use me today for your glory, as a witness to your kingdom, and to invite others to follow Jesus Christ as Lord.

AUTHORITY – Gracious Father, I pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Pray about inviting someone to enter a 40-day prayer covenant with you, and watch God work! To learn more about praying THE PRAYER COVENANT prayer with others, and ordering resources, please visit www.theprayercovenant.org

Arts and Media

John 14:12 Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name and I will do it.

1. May our artists and media creatives bring great works forward to inspire the region to see Jesus.
2. For continued favor for “The Chosen” to open hearts in our region and around the world.
3. For the story of God’s heroic grace to emerge from every book, play, series, and film to the glory of God.

Businesses

Matthew 13:44 The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and in his joy he went and sold all he had and bought that field.

1. Pray that every business owner and manager will live for the Kingdom of God with all they are and have.
2. Pray for Christians in every business to speak boldly and wisely about the Kingdom with their co-workers.
3. Pray for Spirit-led Kingdom efforts to accelerate African American entrepreneurship and wealth creation.

Churches

Matthew 9:12-13 Jesus, overhearing, shot back, “Who needs a doctor: the healthy or the sick? Go figure out what this Scripture means: ‘I’m after mercy, not religion.’ I’m here to invite outsiders, not coddle insiders.” (MSG)

1. Pray that a fresh work of evangelism will come forth in our region, as the church seeks the heart of Jesus.
2. Pray for every believer to pray for their friends who are far from God and love them in unique ways.
3. For the regional evangelism team (E-Team) to have the right people engaged in the work.
4. For the Archdiocese’s Beacon of Light plan as new priests take new assignments - for Gospel growth
5. For revival meetings being held at Gracepoint Church June 2,3, 4 - 7630 View Place Drive 45224 @7p.m.

Developmental Ministries, Social Services, Parachurch Ministries

1 Corinthians 9:19 and 23 Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

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 serve the least of these. Grant repentance and powerful conversions as God’s love is manifest.
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 for transformation.
5. Pray for Rising Leaders, a team building into under-resourced teens with Kingdom leadership potential.

Education

2 Timothy 2:2 And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.

1. Pray for parents to read the Bible at home, to teach the Gospel to their children, and to pray together!
2. Pray for 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. Pray for students that have fallen behind in their schoolwork to finish this school year strong!
5. Pray for summertime Vacation Bible Schools and outreach efforts to bear much fruit.

Families

Matthew 28:18-20 Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

1. Pray for every family to memorize the Great Commission and make it part of their obedience 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 families to invite neighbors and classmates to learn about Jesus at camps, weekend trips and on vacation.

Government

Mark 12:17 Then Jesus said to them, “Give back to Caesar what is Caesar’s and to God what is God’s.” And they were amazed at him.

1. Pray for our government leaders in all branches to find solutions to escalating violence, especially with guns.
2. Pray that the church will not trust in the government or candidates but trust only in Jesus for answers.
3. For our region’s 72 police departments to adopt best policing practices and strategies to limit violence.
4. Pray for the search for a new CPD Chief and wisdom for interim chief Teresa Theetge.

Health Care

2 Thessalonians 3:16 Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way.

1. For rest and peace to come over our health care system and front-line workers, thanks to Jesus.
2. For God to bring healing and wellness for those suffering mental health issues and trauma.
3. That every believer would bring healing and wholeness to all in our city by noticing and praying for the hurting.

Israel and International Concerns

Matthew 9:38 Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.

1. Ask God to send laborers to work in Israel and across the closed countries of the Middle East.
2. Pray for the church in Ukraine to humbly serve their displaced neighbors and boldly proclaim Jesus.
3. Pray for the church everywhere to pray fervently and give generously to the needs in Ukraine.
4. Pray for the church in our region to recommit to global missions according to Matthew 24:14.
5. Pray for more Disciple Making Movements (DMM) to be catalyzed on every continent.

Pray for the Persecuted Church

2 Thessalonians 1:11 With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may bring to fruition your every desire for goodness and your every deed prompted by faith.

1. For God to strengthen persecuted believers with all grace and His glorious might so they witness boldly.
2. Pray that believers would have power from above to share the Gospel and to stand firm in the time of trial.
3. Pray for the Voice of the Martyrs ministry to expand their impact globally.
4. Pray for Call of Love as they reach Muslims through safe encrypted platforms and a virtual community.
5. Pray for the Disciple Making Movements underway in Iran, for boldness for believers and multiplication.
6. Pray for the believers in China to be bold in the face of government crackdowns and intimidation.

Neighborhood to pray for: Bond Hill

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 the new Food Market project on California Avenue to bring jobs and great blessing to the community.
3. For new businesses to prosper and serve their customers well, creating great new jobs.
4. For Police, Fire and EMT workers to be protected and to feel supported and appreciated.
5. For churches to pray and serve in unity, and boldly proclaim the Gospel: Tryed Stone, Corinthian Baptist, Church of the Resurrection, Bond Hill Presbyterian, Bond Hill Church of Christ.

Pray these Apostolic Prayers over our Region

Colossians 1:9-14 For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Eph 3:14-19 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND FOCUSED PRAYER REQUESTS

June 5 – Pentecost Sunday: Read and pray Acts 2 over our region. Plan an outreach in your community. Hot dogs, water bottles, prayer? Ask God to grant you divine appointments and watch what he will do!

June - SCOTUS decision on the Dobbs case: May each of the Justices be protected from fear of man and focus on the issues of righteousness, justice, and truth related to our constitution and the rule of law in our land. Pray for churches, especially Catholic Parishes already facing demonstrations. That we will be salt and light!

Juneteenth - Truth to be spoken and embraced - that White Supremacy and Replacement Theory, teachings which motivated the Buffalo killings of 10 African Americans, would be repudiated as false and evil by the church and all sectors of our community and all levels of our government. Pray for these grieving families.

PRAYER RESOURCE

Here is a short talk from the National Day of Prayer that may bless newer pray-ers - “A Journey in Prayer”:
<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/mariemont-community-church/id1514994878?i=1000559860599>

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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