

# December 2023

## Greater Cincinnati Prayer Canopy - Monthly Intercession Guide



**December Theme:** Praying for the Body of Christ to take its rightful place over every argument, law and spirit that has exalted itself against the knowledge of God.

**Esther 4:14** For if you remain silent at this time, liberation and rescue will arise for the Jews from another place, and you and your father's house will perish [since you did not help when you had the chance]. And who knows whether you have attained royalty for such a time as this [and for this very purpose]?"

**1 Corinthians 14:8** For if the trumpet makes an uncertain sound, who will prepare for battle?

**Psalms 35:1** Contend, O Lord, with those who contend with me; fight against those who fight against me.

**Isaiah 37:31-32** And the surviving remnant of the house of Judah shall again take root downward and bear fruit upward. For out of Jerusalem shall go a remnant, and out of Mount Zion a band of survivors. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

**Matthew 16:19** "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

**Matthew 28:18-20** And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

**Father God, as we come before your throne of grace, we prepare our hearts as our Lord and Savior taught: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

As we pray over the greater Cincinnati Region, let the words of our mouth and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our rock, and redeemer.

### **Arts and Media**

**1 Peter 4:10-11 As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever. Amen.**

- We pray for all God-given gifts that are being used for evil to submit to God's divine order.
- Pray that corruption in media and the arts would be exposed and followers would boycott the sources, drying up all revenue streams, nullifying their wicked attempts to distort truth.
- We ask Lord for the fire of your Holy Spirit to ignite the works of the men and women in arts and media and who love you and are called according to your purpose.

### **Businesses**

**Psalm 1: 1-4 Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

- We pray for all godly men and women in the marketplace: let their works be favored and protected as the spirit of Excellency found in Christ Jesus guides them in every task.
- Pray for those whom God has placed in the marketplace to boldly incorporate the word and principles of God into their daily strategies so that they may be prosperous and an example of God's love, provision, and light to non-believers, so they will know that God is good!
- We ask for a shifting of prosperity, protection, and favor to businesses whose foundations are built on Christ alone. May their products and services bless every customer and foster loyalty.

### **Churches**

**Hebrews 10:24-25 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.**

- Lord, help us to provoke each other into a posture of love, obedience, and sanctification as the Body of Christ as we prepare our hearts and celebrate the Advent season in unity.
- Father, we pray for a move of Your Spirit upon those who have not returned to in-person services since the pandemic. We ask that you open their eyes and convict them to not forsake gathering with fellow believers in Christ.
- In the name of Jesus, we bind the anti-Christ spirit seeking to deceive our congregations, and instead we seek a release of the Spirit of Truth to guide us in your paths of righteousness.

### **Developmental Ministries, Social Services, Parachurch Ministries**

**Isaiah 58:10-11 If you extend your soul to the hungry and satisfy the afflicted soul, then your light shall dawn in the darkness, and your darkness shall be as the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your soul in drought, and strengthen your bones; you shall be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail.**

- Pray for protection, provision, and guidance 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, Pregnancy Health Centers, and Master Provisions as they respond to the needs of our city, serving the unborn and the "least of these" in love.

### **Education and Athletics**

**1. 2 Timothy 3:16 All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness.**

**1 Corinthians 12:4-7 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.**

- We pray against the anti-Christ agendas that have stolen God-given identities and purpose through our schools and athletics and plead the blood of Jesus for every person who has fallen prey to their propagated lies. We declare and decree that the gates of hell will not prevail against their identity, gifts, talents and divine purpose and we speak truth and restoration in place of these false words spoken over and against them.
- We pray for divine wisdom to fall upon educators, administrators, coaches, support staff, school boards and parents to know what (and who) is good and true.
- We pray for a Holy Spirit wave to overtake our schools in a move of love and unity, like never before, that will wipe out the wicked spirits of anxiety, oppression, depression, bullying, addiction, etc. For whom the Son sets free is free indeed!

### **Families**

**John 3:15-18 That whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.**

- We pray for the love of Abba Father, who gave His only Son to save us from eternal separation from Him to move heaven and earth so that we can all have a supernatural, divine encounter to know Him as our Creator and everlasting Father.
- We pray God that you will impart to us the longing in the heart of our Savior Jesus Christ, to submit our lives to Him. May we embrace life and bind the spirits of death and abortion.
- Lord, we ask you to give us conviction for the urgency of the hour to reach the unreached around us with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Help us to deeply yearn for the salvation of every person we encounter, especially those whom we call family.

### **Government**

**2 Chronicles 7:14 If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.**

- Forgive us, Lord, for slumbering during an hour when the enemy was actively on the move. Hear our cries, Lord, for our hearts desire your righteousness, your life, your presence. Deliver us, Lord from the evildoers that have overcome us.
- Father, we repent for our sin of political idolatry and for our lack of prayer for our leaders. Lead us to vote and pray according to your will, guide us in your truth and teach us, for you are our God and our hope is in you and only you.
- Father, we pray for protection and wisdom for godly leaders that you have placed in positions of authority.

## Health Care

**1 Corinthians 6:19-20 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.**

- Father God, we repent for allowing the enemy to deceive us into distorting our bodies, the temple of the Holy Spirit that resides within us. We ask Lord for your mercy to correct our sin, restore and renew us.
- We bind the spirit of death that has taken root in our healthcare system and rebuke every evil law outside liberation that has been passed in our region, in the name of Jesus.
- We pray for protection and provision for Godly healthcare workers who are in the battle, standing firm for biblical values.

## Israel and International

**Psalms 122:6-7 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you. Peace be within your walls, prosperity within your palaces."**

- We pray for the peace of Jerusalem and for supernatural protection to be over Israel.
- We ask that everything the enemy meant for evil, you would turn for the good of Israel and for your glory. Bless the Palestinian people with good leaders, peace, and prosperity.
- We ask for your Spirit to come upon your people, Israel, so that they stand courageously and seek your face and your kingdom and righteousness.
- We stand in agreement with your timing, Lord, for you are Israel's rock, fortress, and deliverer in whom they take refuge. You are their shield and the horn of their salvation; their stronghold and we cry out a unified call for your help to save them from their enemies.

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

**December 31 - College Hill Presbyterian - 5742 Hamilton Avenue 45224**

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 West 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](http://www.prayforohio.org) where you can sign up. Email [ursula@forcolumbus.org](mailto:ursula@forcolumbus.org) with any questions.

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

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**We are believing for 7000 intercessors who will give 30 minutes a month to change our region!**

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

Please pray for the **New Richmond Nazarene Church** who were omitted by error from the list of participating ministries in last month's guide. Led by pastor Bill, they pray faithfully for our region from the first Friday at 9:30 pm to the first Saturday at 6 am every month.