

April 2024

Greater Cincinnati Prayer Canopy - Monthly Intercession Guide



Praise Jesus for his Cross and Resurrection!

"It is finished." "He is not here; he has risen!" John 19:30, Luke 24:6

- Thank Jesus for the costly sacrifice he made to defeat Satan and earn our freedom.
- Give thanks for the empty tomb which points to our future resurrection.
- May the total Eclipse on April 8 point to Jesus as the Designer and Master of the universe.
- Confess all known sin and invite the Holy Spirit to fill you for this time of prayer.
- Stand in the authority of King Jesus to bind and remove all demonic schemes in our region.

April Focus - Inviting Jesus to disrupt us, cleanse us, and restore our zeal.

John 2: 13-17 When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!" His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me."

- Read twice slowly, then pray through this passage asking the Holy Spirit to search your heart.
- Where in your life are you comfortable or complacent right now? What needs disrupting?
- Imagine yourself in the scene. What "tables" in your life do you need Jesus to turn over?

- What parts of your life need cleansing? What bad habits need to go? What is impure?
- Imagine yourself in the scene. What is Jesus saying to you?

- Ask for a work of the Holy Spirit to give you the Zeal of Jesus for the things of the Father.
- Consecrate the decisions you made in this time of meditation.

- Now intercede for the Body of Christ - may all of us have this John 2 encounter with Jesus.
- Ask Jesus to disrupt, cleanse, and restore the zeal of his people for the Kingdom of Jesus.

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.

- Pray that God inspires every artist and media personality to display the Gospel.
- That the majesty of Jesus would be revealed in their work and lifestyles.
- That the "Chosen" would continue to make King Jesus known to a lost world.
- Call Bookmatters in Milford (513-239-8301) or email to ask them to cancel the drag queen story hour planned for April 6 - sexualization of children in our communities is unacceptable.

Businesses

Matthew 6:33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness.

- Pray for every owner and employee to serve all customers with respect and humility.
- For every enterprise to bring glory to Jesus in honest business and human resource practices.
- Pray for every believer to reflect the glory of Jesus in their work and lifestyle.
- Pray for At Work on Purpose as they help believers activate their faith at work.

Churches

John 4:24 God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.

- Pray for a culture of worship and prayer to grow in our pastors and congregations.
- That congregations would be filled with the fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit.
- Pray that the Lord of the harvest would send laborers into his harvest.
- That the church would continue to uphold the sanctity of life from womb to tomb.
- That we would stop making seedless fruit and instead make disciples that make disciples.
- Pray for pastors facing disease and discouragement to receive healing and refreshment.

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."

- For City Gospel Mission, CityLink, Lord's Gym, LIT ministries, Joshua House, 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 with the love of Jesus.
- For Pure Life, AA, NA, MHS, and Celebrate Recovery – for supernatural freedom from addiction. Lord may the chains of drugs, pornography, alcohol, and death be broken!
- For prison ministries in the Tri-State to proclaim the Gospel of freedom and for those inmates who come to Christ to be effective in ministry there and in the community when they return.

Education and Athletics

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

- Pray for protection against gun violence, suicide, drugs, peer pressure, and parental apathy.
- Pray that any ungodly curriculum or agenda in our schools would be removed.
- Pray for truth and fairness as girls' and women's sports adjudicate on trans athletes.
- That every Christian school equips leaders who will multiply disciples and Kingdom impact.

Families

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

- Pray for families to protect their children from sexualized messages, and for believers to speak up against flagrantly disrespectful and lewd organizations such as the Cincinnati Sisters.
- Pray for the unborn, and for every mother to choose life for her baby over abortion.
- Pray for the church to support women in crisis through care, adoption, and foster care.

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.

- Pray for godly candidates to be chosen at all levels in the upcoming election season.
- For growth in our region's 72 police departments in racial unity and best policing practices.
- May our President, Cabinet, Congress, and the Supreme Court seek God's wisdom first.

Israel and International

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...

- Pray God's Shalom over Jerusalem and for wisdom and unity for Israel's leaders.
- Pray that the Jewish people will see Yeshua when they celebrate Passover April 22-30.
- Pray for the Israeli hostages to be released, and Hamas to be neutralized.
- For protection over Israeli citizens and soldiers, and innocent Palestinians.
- Pray against the shocking rise of antisemitism in the United States.
- Pray against continuing antisemitism globally, and especially in the UN leadership.

- Pray protection for the people of Ukraine, and a disruption of Russia that will bring peace.
- Pray for the church in Russia and Ukraine to arise and speak truth to power.

- Pray for the Perspectives classes in our region to produce quality laborers for the harvest.
- For God to strengthen every persecuted believer with all grace and His glorious might.
- Pray that believers in closed countries will share the Gospel wisely and boldly.

- Pray for the Voice of the Martyrs ministry to expand their global impact.
- For Call of Love as they mobilize prayer during Ramadan and make thriving disciples.

Give thanks and celebrate God's answers to our prayers:

- Prayer continues to flourish in the city with many churches adding prayer times.
- There's hunger for God among our youth - the Spirit is moving - ask for more love and power.
- For monthly prayer meetings over the Cincinnati region that are including prayer warriors coming from Cleveland and Columbus, as the unified prayer movement in Ohio grows.

- At Work on Purpose reports three big wins: (1) forming an emerging national network of citywide workplace ministries; (2) continued progress with Harvard University towards a citywide “flourishing measures” dashboard, with a prototype launch by the end of 2023; and (3) a model for Young Professionals ministry, which they are beginning to share with other cities.

Ongoing Prayer Requests:

For complete funding: 1) for Matthew 25 Ministries facilities expansion; 2) for Master Provisions new site funding; and 3) for the total re-build of the People’s Church site on Taft Street to house their expanding ministries. For favor in City Council approvals.

Night Watch Prayer Meeting:

April 5 at 9:30 PM - April 6 at 6:00 AM - Monthly Prayer Meeting

Church of the Nazarene, 200 Hamilton Street, New Richmond 45157 - Pastor Bill 513-520-7454.

Monthly Canopy Worship and Prayer Gatherings Sundays 6-8 pm:

April 28 - Passover - Florence Vineyard - 7101 Pleasant Valley Road 41042

May 14-19 - Korean Intercessors will be praying throughout our city as in 2023.

Schedule details to be issued next month.

May 19 - Pentecost Sunday Outreach - locations and times to be announced.

June 23 - Mariemont Church - 3908 Plainville Road, 45227

Special Prayer Requests:

- Pray for an upcoming meeting of Kingdom leaders from many walks of life April 11-12.
- Pray for humility and unity as they consider how to advance Kingdom Impact in our region.
- Ask for divine strategies to be given by the Spirit to catalyze awakening and revival.
- Pray for God’s successor for Michael Wolf to lead the Beth Messiah congregation.

Connect with praying people and build praying communities:

Pray for Ohio First Thursdays 12:30-1:30pm on Zoom: Go to www.prayforohio.org where you can sign up. Email ursula@forcolumbus.org with any questions.

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

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One hour a month will change our region!

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