

A Call to Unity, Love, Strategy, and Authority

Greater Cincinnati Prayer Canopy - October 2024 Intercession Guide



As we come to the climax of the election season, we continue to stay focused on Jesus and his Kingdom and righteousness for our homes, region and nation. We see division, deception, instability, and evil around us, but we focus not on what is seen, but what is unseen. We take heart, because Jesus has overcome the world! Our Creator has positioned us exactly as we are for such a time as this. It is time to put on our armor, take a stand, fight the good fight and finish this part of the race!

Begin this time of intercession by consecrating yourself for prayer, centered in the presence of Jesus. Repent of all sin and ask to be filled afresh with the Holy Spirit.

We strengthen our spirit using the tools the Lord has equipped us with!

Ephesians 6:10-19 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints.

We have endurance not just to be in the race- but to finish the race victoriously!

2 Timothy 4:1-8 I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.

As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

We have Hope in Jesus!

Colossians 1:27-28 To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. We proclaim him, warning and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

-Pray for a mighty move of obedience in disciple making across our region as ordinary followers of Jesus boldly share the Gospel and focus on helping others obey the commands of Jesus.

Unity: Laying down our differences, we'll declare the truth of our King together.

Philippians 1:27 Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel...

Love: We'll love one another and those around us, despite our differences, as we obey Jesus.

John 15:9-13 As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

Strategy: We declare and decree that we choose life over death, good over evil.

Deuteronomy 30:15-19 See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you today, by loving the Lord your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess.

Authority: We walk in the authority Jesus gave us to bind and loose on earth as he does in heaven.

Matthew 18:18-20: Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.

1. Ready? Ask the Holy Spirit for revelation and for prayer insights based on these Scriptures to pray for our Region, Nation, Israel and as needed for yourself, your family, ministry, neighborhood, etc.

Deuteronomy 20:4 We declare Jesus's light will break forth like the dawn, healing will quickly appear, His righteousness will go before us and the glory of the Lord will be our rear guard.

Psalms 35:1-28 Contend, O Lord, with those who contend with me; fight against those who fight against me! Take hold of shield and buckler and rise for my help! Draw the spear and javelin against my pursuers! Say to my soul, "I am your salvation!" Let them be put to shame and dishonor who seek after my life! Let them be turned back and disappointed who devise evil against me! Let them be like chaff before the wind, with the angel of the Lord driving them away! Let their way be dark and slippery, with the angel of the Lord pursuing them! For without cause they hid their net for me; without cause they dug a pit for my life. Let destruction come upon him when he does not know it! And let the net that he hid snare him; let him fall into it—to his destruction! Then my soul will rejoice in the Lord, exulting in his salvation.

All my bones shall say, "O Lord, who is like you, delivering the poor from him who is too strong for him, the poor and needy from him who robs him?" Malicious witnesses rise up; they ask me of things that I do not know. They repay me evil for good; my soul is bereft. But I, when they were sick— I wore sackcloth; I afflicted myself with fasting; I prayed with head bowed on my chest. I went about as though I grieved for my friend or my brother; as one who laments his mother, I bowed down in mourning. But at my stumbling they rejoiced and gathered; they gathered together against me; wretches whom I did not know tore at me without ceasing; like profane mockers at a feast, they gnash at me with their teeth. How long, O Lord, will you look on?

Rescue me from their destruction, my precious life from the lions! I will thank you in the great congregation; in the mighty throng I will praise you. Let not those rejoice over me who are wrongfully my foes, and let not those wink the eye who hate me without cause. For they do not speak peace, but against those who are quiet in the land they devise words of deceit. They open wide their mouths against me; they say, "Aha, Aha! Our eyes have seen it!" You have seen, O Lord; be not silent! O Lord, be not far from me! Awake and rouse yourself for my vindication, for my cause, my God and my Lord!

Vindicate me, O Lord, my God, according to your righteousness, and let them not rejoice over me! Let them not say in their hearts, "Aha, our heart's desire!" Let them not say, "We have swallowed him up." Let them be put to shame and disappointed altogether who rejoice at my calamity! Let them be clothed with shame and dishonor who magnify themselves against me! Let those who delight in my righteousness shout for joy and be glad and say evermore, "Great is the Lord, who delights in the welfare of his servant!" Then my tongue shall tell of your righteousness and of your praise all the day long.

2. Election Prayer written by Pro-Life Leader Frank Pavone, National Director, Priests for Life.

O God, we acknowledge you today as Lord, not only of individuals but also of nations. We thank you that we can organize ourselves politically and declare our political loyalties in a way that preserves our absolute loyalty to you. We thank you for your law, which our Founders recognized as higher than any human law. We thank you for the opportunity that elections provide us, not only to vote, but to mobilize many others to vote and to vote correctly. Lord, we know that politics is not our salvation; we also know that part of serving you is to be politically active and that your people are not a sect fleeing the world but rather a community of faith renewing the world.

Awaken Your people that the same hands lifted to you in prayer are the hands that fill out the ballot; that the same eyes that read your Word are the eyes that read the names of the candidates and that they do not cease to be Christians when they carry out their duty to vote. Protect the integrity of our elections and deliver us from deceit and fraud. Awaken your people to the consequences of their vote, a vote to advance freedom and to thwart tyranny, to protect children from indoctrination in falsehood and sin, to defend marriage and family, to stop the killing of the unborn, the most vulnerable of all and to save our nation from destruction. Lord, we rejoice today that we are citizens of your kingdom. May that make us all the more committed to being faithful citizens on earth. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

To amplify power during this election season of prayer, consider a pattern of fasting including:

- no phone until you have worshiped the Lord, fellowshiped with him, read his Word and listened.
- fasting from food, alcohol, sugar, and entertainment on a regular rhythm through the fall.
- consider a 30-day social media fast, and at the very least, abstain from social media arguments

3. We will love well individually and collectively pursue the needs of our city.

Jeremiah 29:7 “Seek the peace and the prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile.”

-Pray for God to empower the establishment and expansion of Biblical education during school hours for every public school in Greater Cincinnati using the LifeWise Academy model!

-Pray for hearts and minds to be ready for the harvest. Prepare the way Lord; prepare those who you have called. Do not let them be ashamed. Press in and open the doors. Press in and enter their gates. Press in that they may not miss the gift to which they have been called and are being called. Prepare them for those who are yet to follow. Raise a path for them, for there are so many more that need of you and cannot see the way any longer and need much help, they need to have that path lighted for them. From before the fall until now, all this has been, and it will yet be. So, Father come, do not tarry. Arouse your children. Arouse your children. Arouse your children! Into service for you. Into a fiery passion. Into the loving kindness of the Christ, that they would arise as He. “Be alert to my call, hearken to it! The time is here for you to awaken and be filled. Assemble to awaken. AND MOVE”. **(Provided by a GCPC Intercessor)**

-Pray For complete funding: 1) for Matthew 25 Ministries facilities expansion; 2) for Master Provisions’ new site; 3) for the People’s Church rebuild; 4) for the City Gospel Mission Centennial Vision Plan; 5) for all other endeavors founded by God in believers’ hearts.

Israel and International

Psalms 22: 27-28 “The whole earth will acknowledge the Lord and return to him. All the families of the nations will bow down before him. For royal power belongs to the Lord. He rules all the nations.”

-Pray that Jews awaken to see Yeshua is their Messiah through the fall feasts - Rosh Hashana (New Year) 10/2, Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) 10/11-12, and Sukkot (Tabernacles) 10/16-23

-Isaiah 60: 2-3 “but the Lord rises upon you (Israel) and his glory appears over you, nations will come to your light and Kings to the brightness of your dawn”. We declare Israel to be the destination for the Lord’s light, and the catalyst for the new awakening to begin with her and through to the nations.

-Pray for an end to the violence in Israel, for all hostages to be released, and for peace with the Arab world.

-Pray for peace for Ukraine and an end to Russian aggression. May evil actors be shaken and disciplined.

-Pray for believers in the Middle East, Ukraine, Nigeria, China, North Korea and all areas of persecution.

Monthly Canopy Worship and Prayer Gatherings (630-800 pm or as noted):

Thursday October 24 - Heritage Fellowship - 7216 US 42, Florence KY, 41042 - 700-830 PM

Sunday November 10 - Vineyard Cincinnati - 11340 Century Circle East, Springdale 45246

Sunday December 8 – Christ Hospital – Open Heaven Ministries healing and refreshing for leaders

Thursday January 23 – West Chester Nazarene – 7951 Tylersville Road, 45069

Connect with praying people and help 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.

Check out our website and leave a prayer request www.gcprayercanopy.net. 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>