

December 2024

Greater Cincinnati Prayer Canopy - Monthly Intercession Guide



Our December prayer focus is the fulfillment of the prophecy in Isaiah 9:6-7, the birth of the Son of God, Jesus Christ and the coming of his Kingdom!

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace, there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this. (Isaiah 9:6-7 ESV).

We praise you, O Lord, for you are the Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace. Hallelujah!!! We bless you for your steadfast love in Christ Jesus. We praise you Abba for Your beloved Son, who came to save us from sin, death, hopelessness, and darkness. We praise you Father for the Holy Spirit who dwells in us and we yearn for the Kingdom of God to come in Cincinnati as it is in heaven. May the Kingdom of justice and righteousness reign forevermore with Truth and Grace in Christ!

Gracious Father, we come to you with humility, peace, and hope, for our hope is built on Jesus; the Son is born to save us from our sins. **She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.** (Matthew 1:21). Grant us a contrite heart! Break our hearts with what breaks Your heart, O Lord. Deliver us from the spirits of deception, confusion, division, anger, and pride. Lead us into your justice, mercy, joy, and repentance as we celebrate the true spirit of Christmas in our hearts, homes, churches, neighbors, and throughout the nations! Come, Lord Jesus, the Prince of Peace!

The wise men brought three unique gifts to celebrate the birth of Jesus: **gold, frankincense, and myrrh** (Matthew 2:11). The gift of gold refers to royalty, frankincense is for his deity, and myrrh indicates the suffering and death on the cross for humanity. As you pray, ask the Holy Spirit what kind of gifts would be acceptable to our King. Ask that our prayers be acceptable as holy and pure incense to our King. Holy Spirit. Let's offer our hearts to worship Jesus and to serve one another in this Christmas season as we uphold the glory of God in this land. May our praise be matched by our actions in this Advent season as we love, serve, and bless those around us. May the aroma of the King radiate from us.

Arts and Media

Let the children in Zion rejoice in their King. Let them praise His name with the dance; Let them sing praises to Him with the timbrel and harp, for the Lord takes pleasure in his people. (Psalm 149:3-4).

- May the Lord raise gifted artists and craftsmen to glorify our Creator God.
- We pray that media outlets release truth and good news in their reporting.
- May every false media outlet be replaced with creative and godly artists and journalists.
- Pray for creativity to overflow in the body of Christ for the benefit of our communities.

Businesses

Therefore, whoever hears these sayings of mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock (Matthew 7:24-25).

- Pray for Christian men and women in the business community to excel in their work.
- Pray for all evil business practices to be dismantled and dried up in our region.
- Pray that the spirit of generosity and abundance overflows with good stewardship.
- May our city be a great place to start new businesses and spur innovation by entrepreneurs.

Churches

So, Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him (Acts 12:5) When they heard it, they raised their voices together to God and said, "Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth, the sea, and everything in them, it is you who said by the Holy Spirit through our ancestor David, your servant (Acts 4:24-25)

- May the Holy Spirit empower the church of Cincinnati to pray fervently with a hunger for God.
- Pray for leaders to arise in their priestly anointing and to equip saints to make disciples of Jesus.
- May the body of Yeshua be baptized with joy, love and power in the Holy Spirit.
- Pray for unity in Christ among believers so that the world will believe that the Father sent Jesus.
- Lord, baptize your leaders with the love and fire of the Holy Spirit - revive and awaken us!
- Ask for 7,000 intercessors in Ohio to pray daily for spiritual awakening and revival in their cities.

Parachurch Ministries

Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise, you have no reward from your Father in heaven. But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret, will Himself reward you openly (Matthew 6:1-4).

- Bless every ministry that is making a difference in our city and region - expand their influence!
- Pray for City Gospel Mission, CityLink Center, Lord's Gym, Wesley Chapel Mission, LIT ministries, Joshua House, Salvation Army, St Vincent DePaul, Matthew 25, Vineyard Healing Center, Hope over Heroin, Heritage House, Embrace Life, Eve Center, 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.

- Pray for Pure Life, AA, NA, MHS, Celebrate Recovery, and Reset - for supernatural freedom from addiction. May the chains of drugs, pornography, alcohol, and death be broken.
- Pray for Open Heaven Ministries as they minister healing and restoration of souls.
- May Prison ministries in the Tri-State proclaim the Gospel of freedom with power and conviction.
- May inmates who come to Christ excel in ministry in jail and in their community when they return.

Education and Athletics

Fear of the Lord is the foundation of true knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline. (Proverbs 1:7)

- Pray for the local schools near you: teachers, coaches, administrators, staff, and students.
- Bless their homes and families - may they know the love of God in Christ Jesus.
- Pray for wisdom, strength, and protection for our children.
- Help them to know and experience their identity in Christ.

- Pray for the godly leaders to rise in all school districts in Greater Cincinnati.
- May every demonic agenda infiltrating our education system be replaced by truth and grace.
- Pray for Christian parents to share the light of Jesus Christ with service, faith, and boldness.

Families

But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve... But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD. (Joshua 24: 15).

- Lord, help us to love you with all our heart, soul, and strength.
- Lord, turn the hearts of the parents and the children toward one another.
- Pray for our prodigal sons and daughters to come home this Christmas and believe in Jesus!
- May our homes be houses of prayer for each other, our neighbors, and the nations!
- We speak the word of life for unborn children in our region in Jesus' name.
- We lift every pregnant woman in our region and ask that you help them choose life.
- Lord, heal our families; help us to forgive those who hurt us and to worship you together.

Government

Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this (Isaiah 9:6-7).

- Pray for an increase of God's peace in our government at all levels.
- Pray for a peaceful transition of power, and for all those who will serve in the new government.
- Pray for government leaders in all nations to serve with wisdom, integrity, and humility.

- Declare your highest praises for Jesus, the true King and the giver of all authority.
- May Christian leaders in authority serve with humility and wisdom in the Spirit's power.
- May believers repent of all sin and turn to God, so he heals our land.

Israel and International

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. (Psalm 22: 27-28). Pray for the peace of Jerusalem. My those who love you be secure. May there be peace within your walls and security within your citadels (Psalm 122:6-7).

- Pray for Israel, the peace of Jerusalem, and for righteous justice to prevail in the Middle East.
- Pray against the spirit of antisemitism, anti-Christ, violence, and lawlessness in Jesus' name.
- Pray for protection and deliverance for Israeli citizens and soldiers and innocent Palestinians.
- Pray that the church would display the wisdom of God in all places of influence!
- Pray for Kingdom ministries in Israel and an awakening to Yeshua as Messiah in the land.

- Bless the persecuted and underground churches to stand firm in the face of evil.
- Protect believers in all areas where they are facing persecution.
- Pray for Gospel explosiveness in every nation for the glory of God.

Monthly Canopy Worship and Prayer Gatherings - 630-800 pm.

Sunday December 8, 2024 - Anderson Hills Church - 7515 Forest Road, 45255.

This meeting will be facilitated by The Christ Hospital Prayer and Worship teams and will feature Open Heaven Ministries who will minister prophetic encouragement, healing and refreshment for ministry leaders and ministry teams from across the city. Come and receive!

Thursday January 23, 2025 - WestChester Nazarene Church – 7951 Tylersville Road, 45069

Please pray for World Outreach Christian Church:

We mistakenly omitted this amazing congregation from our list of Canopy ministries in last month's prayer guide. Please lift prayers for leaders, staff, and the congregation, asking God's blessing on their work. Ask God for growing fruitfulness and Kingdom impact.

Please pray for the City Impact Initiative:

Pray for the many leaders and teams co-laboring for greater Kingdom impact in our city. Pray for wisdom and insight as we conduct a listening tour of church, non-profit, parachurch, government, education, arts and media leaders in our city. Pray for seed funding needed, and for the leadership team. For more info and to give: <https://www.thekingdominitiative.org>

Please lift these ongoing Prayer Requests:

For complete funding: 1) for Matthew 25 Ministries facilities expansion; 2) for Master Provisions' new site funding; 3) for the People's Church rebuild; 4) for the City Gospel Mission Centennial Vision Plan, and 5) for all ministry financial needs to be met in this giving season.

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! Follow our Greater Cincinnati Prayer Canopy Facebook Page for our latest news.

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>

Opportunities to serve with the Prayer Canopy:

Editor: Finalize and format our monthly prayer guide and email it to our captains. This usually takes 2-3 hours a month, sometime between the 20th and 27th days of every month.

Administrator: Post our prayer guides and worship night events on our web site and social media channels between the 26th-28th of the month. Usually takes 1-2 hours a month.

If you'd like to serve the City in these ways, email your experience to beausejourdf@aol.com.