# May 2025

### Greater Cincinnati Prayer Canopy - Monthly Intercession Guide



### Theme: Removing Every Heart Barrier to Revival

Time for a prayer challenge! Read these questions and pray the Scriptures below. Our Spark Revival conference brought us great teaching on historical revivals and challenging revelation from the Word of God on possible blocks to revival. Do we have broken or cold relationships? Do we fear the Lord more than people? Are we soberly judging our condition before God? Are our churches becoming houses of prayer for the nations? Jesus is asking!

Have we humbly made things right with others? Do we have a sense of awe and fear of the Lord? Are we self-deceived? Are we demonstrating fruit of the Spirit? Are we challenging one another to wholehearted devotion and obedience? Are we seeking intimacy with God and deeper lives of prayer? Are our churches becoming houses of prayer and mission?

**1 Peter 4:17** For it is time for judgment to begin with God's household; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God?

**2** Corinthians 10:5 Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you—unless, of course, you fail the test?

**1** John 2:4,9 Whoever says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness.

**Isaiah 11:2-3** The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord—and he will delight in the fear of the Lord.

**Revelation 3:16-17** So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth. You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked.

Matthew 21:12-13 Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. "It is written," he said to them, "'My house will be called a house of prayer,' but you are making it 'a den of robbers.""

**Prayer:** Father, search us and show us our true condition before you. We want every barrier to revival removed from our lives. Grant us passionate prayer lives and help us make our churches houses of prayer for the nations. We want our city to be a city of revival, salvation, radical discipleship, and multiplying disciple making. We want to honor you, and we want to see your manifest presence and glory. Come change us and change our region. Glorify yourself!

### Arts and Media Deuteronomy 31:22: Moses wrote this song the same day and taught it the children of Israel.

-May the Lord raise up artists and craftsmen who create God-glorifying art in our city. -Please grant new worship songs that are focused on you in the beauty of your holiness. -Be exalted in films that glorify you and your glorious Gospel.

#### **Businesses**

# **Proverbs 11:3:** The integrity of the upright will guide them, but the crookedness of the treacherous will destroy them.

-Anoint your people by the Spirit to excel in their work for the Glory of Jesus. -May every business owner dedicate their company to Jesus in submission and faith. -Embolden and empower every marketplace Christian to creatively walk their faith at work

### Churches

Luke 14:25-33 Large crowds were traveling with Jesus and turning to them he said: "If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. "Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, saying, 'This person began to build and wasn't able to finish.' "Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won't he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

-May pastors in every church challenge their people to honestly assess their spiritual state. -May every church's preaching bring the Word with the Holy Spirit, power and conviction. -Pray for new Cincy Archbishop Casey, and for our brothers and sisters mourning Pope Francis. -Father, please draw the unsaved to Jesus. Please raise up disciples who will multiply disciples.

### **Parachurch Ministries**

# Mark 10:45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

- We ask your blessing on every ministry that is making a difference serving our city and region. May they see expansion, growing effectiveness, and greater influence!

- For City Gospel Mission to flourish in their 100<sup>th</sup> year of service, CityLink, 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, Pregnancy Health Centers, Christian rehab centers, and Master Provisions as they respond to the needs of our city, serving the unborn and the "least of these" in love.

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!
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.
Bless Open Heaven Ministries, the Encounter School of Ministry, the Cincinnati School of Supernatural Ministry and the School of Kingdom Ministry to equip many for Kingdom work.

### **Education and Athletics**

# **1 Timothy 4:12** Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.

-May Christian students boldly set the example in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity. -Bind and remove deceitful spirits trying to enter our kids' classrooms and sports teams. -Protect our children's eyes and minds, help them learn to hear your voice. -Multiply disciples in student ministry, Young Life, Cru, Navs, FCA, AIA, InterVarsity. -May Kingdom efforts bless students in Cincinnati's Public Schools despite looming budget cuts.

### Families

**Deuteronomy 6:5-7** Love Adonai your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These words, which I am commanding you today, are to be on your heart. You are to teach them diligently to your children....

-Help us set the example for our kids to love you, Lord, with all our heart, soul, and strength. -Enable us to build our homes into houses of prayer – so churches can be houses of prayer. -May the Word of God be spoken, taught, studied, memorized and obeyed in every home. -We bind the spirit of death and speak life over every pregnant woman to choose life.

#### Government

**1 Timothy 2:1-2 I urge**, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

-We cry out for godly leaders in our cities, states, and nation – grant us peaceful lives. -We declare highest praises for Jesus, who is the true King of all and the giver of all authority. -Deliver us from the spirits of religion, apathy, lukewarmness, and the traditions of men. -Pray for our local elections and gubernatorial primary on May 6 – ask for godly leaders.

### Health Care

# **Luke 9:6** So they set out and went from village to village, proclaiming the good news and healing people everywhere.

- We bless the health care professionals and chaplains in our city serving our sick
- We ask for a release of your supernatural healing power where medicine cannot help
- We declare that you are the Great Physician and that you are our true hope in health care
- May Planned Parenthood's financial troubles multiply Lord please close every clinic!

#### Israel and International

**Psalm 105: 8-11:** He remembers his covenant forever, the promise he made, for a thousand generations, the covenant he made with Abraham, the oath he swore to Isaac. He confirmed it to Jacob as a decree, to Israel as an everlasting covenant: "To you I will give the land of Canaan as the portion you will inherit."

-Set the hostages free and end the war of terror against Israel and the rest of humanity. -We remember what you did with Esther and Mordecai to rescue your people – do it again! -Bind and destroy the spirit of antichrist that is multiplying chaos and hatred in the nations. -May the church arise and see your plan for Israel and stand boldly on your promises. -Stop the evil of Hamas, protect innocent Palestinian lives, and grant them godly leadership.

-Bless and protect all people in war zones and bring them freedom, deliverance, and salvation! -Bless the persecuted church to stand firm in the face of evil. Multiply them in your love. -Bless **Call of Love** as they reach Muslim seekers and provide them with safe community.

### **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; and 4) for the City Gospel Mission Centennial Vision Plan. For new openings to foundations and grant organizations.

City Kingdom Impact Initiative: Pray for strategy development and funding needs.

\*\*\*Secret Sauce Disciple Making Conference – Save the Date – Register Early\*\*\* October 9-11 - Florence Vineyard – 7101 Pleasant Valley Road, 41042 Register here: <u>https://www.eventbrite.com/e/secret-sauce-conference-tickets-</u> <u>1301009968839?aff=oddtdtcreator</u> Share the graphic below!!!!



### Connect with praying people and build praying communities:

Catch a prayer meeting on May 1 – The National Day of Prayer!

Bless Pastor Wiley's team: Jesus may you raise your Prayer Canopy over Greater Cleveland!

**Pray for Ohio** Second Thursdays 12:30-1:30pm on Zoom: <u>www.prayforohio.org</u> Email <u>ursula@forcolumbus.org</u> with any questions.

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