

# Marketplace Prayer Guide – Summer 2025

## Greater Cincinnati Prayer Canopy & At Work On Purpose

### Why this Prayer Guide?

The AWOP leadership team believes that more intentional, unified, and strategic intercession is needed to accelerate marketplace Kingdom impact in our region.

We don't believe prayer is for the professional ministry folks who only represent 1% of the Church. We believe every believer is a royal priest, empowered by the Holy Spirit to pray and carry the Kingdom into the marketplace every day.

The pastors of our city bless your work as worship! When done in faith, your work is every bit as holy as any ministry. We confess that we need to better equip and empower you for the marketplace impact you seek between Monday and Saturday in your work.

This guide is one step - to connect you to Jesus in powerful ways, help you pray more strategically and confidently, and bring Kingdom breakthroughs in your workdays.

### Preparation for Prayer

To prepare for prayer, let's take time to reflect, confess our sins, and be filled with the Spirit's power. Let's remind ourselves that intimacy with Jesus grants us power to bring the Kingdom to work. May these texts prepare and empower your prayer.

Psalm 139:23-24: "Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me and lead me in the way everlasting."

1 John 1:9: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

Ephesians 1:16-19 May the glorious Father give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe."

Acts 4:13: "When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished, and they took note that these men had been with Jesus."

John 14:12 "Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these....

We are all appointed to pray, which is to carry on a love conversation with the God of the cosmos. He has invited us into intimacy and to play a pivotal role in his story.

To succeed in bringing God's Kingdom to specific locations and people groups, we must recognize that there are spiritual entities keeping people captive there. In the war that is raging, God has equipped us and given us strategies to unseat the enemy. Spiritual strongholds trump ministry strategy, but strategic prayer trumps strongholds!

Ephesians 6:12 NASB: "Our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places."

2 Corinthians 10:4 NASB: "For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses (strongholds)."

The spiritual realm is where the battle for souls really rages. The best plans and smoothest presentations in the world will not work on the ground unless, the enemy is defeated in the heavenlies. The principle is 'intercession before activity.' Here is a four-part strategy that will change our region!

1. **Ask God to DRAW people to Jesus:**

*John 6:44: "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them."*

If God doesn't draw individuals, they are not coming. We must pray that God would draw people to Jesus. Our prayers often become more strategic when we are specific. Pray for lost people in your circles of influence by name – and watch God move! Ask for conversions, deep discipleship, and multiplication through obedient disciple makers.

2. **Ask God to BIND the enemy:**

*Mark 3:27: "No one can enter a strong man's house without first tying him up. Then he can plunder the strong man's house."*

Simply put, if you don't bind the strong man, you cannot steal his stuff. Before Satan's domain is 'plundered,' he must be restrained. Jesus has come to earth, to what is essentially Satan's 'house' (1 John 5:19) to destroy his works and plunder his loot, which are the souls of human beings. If we don't ask God to restrain the enemy through the power of prayer, our Kingdom efforts will fail.

3. **Ask God to BREAK the strongholds:**

*2 Corinthians 10:4: "The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds."*

While the Father is drawing the lost to Jesus and the saved to holiness, the enemy is trying to restrain them with some form of stronghold. Examples include fear, anxiety, addiction, anger, greed, false religion. Until the strongholds are identified and specifically broken off, those who are held captive will not be set free to fully follow Jesus.

4. **Ask God to OPEN people's minds:**

*2 Corinthians 4:4: "The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God." ... but Luke 24:25: "Then Jesus opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures."*

Satan, who is the god of this age, has blinded the minds of people, causing unbelievers to be unable to see the truth of the Gospel. The idea of surrendering to follow Jesus seems foolish to them. Instead, they choose the path that leads to death and destruction. We need to pray that the blinders come off, the deception is removed, and their minds are open so they can choose to follow Jesus.

### **MONDAYS: Seek Wisdom and Right Motives in Decisions**

Lord, grant us wisdom in our daily decisions. Help us to discern Your will and lead our businesses with integrity and purpose. May Your wisdom guide us in every challenge and opportunity.

Jeremiah 33:3: "Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know."

Colossians 3:23: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters."

We call upon You, Lord, seeking Your wisdom and guidance in our professional lives. Reveal to us the paths we should take and the decisions we should make, that we may honor You in all our endeavors.

### **TUESDAYS: Ask for Strength, Courage, and Integrity**

Heavenly Father, provide us with strength and courage to face the obstacles in our workplace. Empower us to stand firm in our values and represent Your grace and truth with integrity. Grant opportunities to talk about you in naturally supernatural ways.

Acts 4:31: "After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly."

Proverbs 11:3: "The integrity of the upright guides them, but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity."

### **WEDNESDAYS: Pray for Unity and Collaboration**

God, we pray for unity and collaboration among colleagues and business partners. Connect us with other believers and help us foster an environment of teamwork and mutual respect. Let our collective efforts bring glory to Your name.

John 17:21: "...that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me."

### **THURSDAYS: Ask for Innovation and Creativity**

Creator God, inspire us with innovation and creativity. Help us to think outside the box and develop solutions that honor You and serve our community. May our work reflect Your creativity and excellence.

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—all of them skilled workers and designers."

1 Corinthians 2:16: "But we have the mind of Christ."

### **FRIDAYS: Speak Blessing and Prosperity on my Work and City**

Lord, we ask for Your blessing and prosperity upon our work. Not for personal gain, but to use our resources to bless our communities and further Your kingdom. Teach us to be good stewards of the opportunities and wealth You entrust to us. Guide us to contribute generously in our giftedness to the growth and flourishing of Greater Cincinnati and beyond.

Jeremiah 29:7: "Seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper."

1 Peter 4:10: "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

### **SATURDAYS: Trust in God's Provision, Be Generous**

Lord, remind us of Your provision and care. When we face financial uncertainty or stress, help us to trust in Your faithfulness and provision. Increase our faith and dependence on You.

Philippians 4:19: "And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus."

2 Corinthians 9:11: "You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion...resulting in thanksgiving to God."

### **SUNDAYS: Practice Gratitude, Praise, Worship, and Equipping Partnerships**

Heavenly Father, fill our hearts with gratitude and praise for all You have done. Let us recognize Your blessings and give thanks in every circumstance. May pastors and marketplace leaders in every church collaborate to better equip, encourage, and multiply confident and effective marketplace ministers and disciple makers.

Colossians 3:17: "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

Revelation 4:8: "Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come."

### **Feedback**

Thank you for using this prayer guide to change our city and activate your faith in your daily work. Please share feedback [here](#) so we can evolve these guides for maximum usefulness to you in your work and mission. This can include ideas to better equip you and your colleagues.

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