



CHRIST PLACE.CHURCH

PRAYER GUIDE

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SCRIPTURE

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. 1 PETER 2:9 (ESV)

"If my people, who are called by my name, humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land." 2 CHRONICLES 7:14 (ESV)

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. HEBREWS 4:16 (ESV)

"But take courage! None of you will lose your lives, even though the ship will go down. For last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood beside me, and he said, 'Don't be afraid, Paul, for you will surely stand trial before Caesar! What's more, God in his goodness has granted safety to everyone sailing with you.' So take courage! For I believe God. It will be just as he said." ACTS 27:22-25 (NLT)

CORPORATE PRAYER

HEALING - Lord, we humble ourselves before You today in prayer. Our hearts are saddened by the reports coming from our own nation and around the world of the continued spread and devastation of COVID-19. Today, we draw near to Your "throne of grace" in confidence and faith knowing You will hear our prayer. Your Word says that though we were a people who once were in "darkness" without You, You were merciful to us and called us out of darkness and into Your "marvelous light." You made us "a royal priesthood, a holy nation." You are a God who is full of mercy, compassion, and grace. You said we could "receive mercy" in our "time of need." We need Your help. We cry out to You because our world is in a desperate place. COVID-19 has created a dire time of need, but we are standing in faith on the promises of Your Word. Today, we believe that as you appointed the Old Testament priests to stand in the gap as intercessors to see plagues and disease eradicated, so You will use the Church to intercede and see COVID-19 eradicated from the earth. Therefore, we stand together as Your royal priesthood and take authority over the COVID-19 virus. We pray COVID-19 will **BE ERADICATED**; the victims will **BE HEALED**; the doctors, nurses, scientists, first responders, and the vulnerable will **BE PROTECTED**.

SUPPLICATION – *Make your requests (yourself & others) be known to God. If you know people who are hurting or are on the front lines battling this virus, call out their names. Share first names on Facebook.*

CHRIST PLACE CHURCH – Lord Jesus, we want to see people, including ourselves, continue to grow as Your disciples. May our Connect Groups be thriving places to do that. We ask for a fresh yet timeless move of your Spirit in our personal lives. May the power of a changing life never get old to us! Help us to be the kind of disciples who regularly ask You, "Lord, change my life...again (and again)!"

We ask You to give courage to those who are on the fence about plugging into the body of Christ in Connect Groups and serving on Dream Teams. Give our Connect Leaders a new anointing for this season during COVID, to find the joy in reproducing a love for You and Your Word into others!

INTERCESSION – *Ask God to raise up laborers who belong to Him and whole-heartedly serve Him in the local Church. Lift of people who are presently on a Dream Teams serving Jesus through the local Church.*

HARVEST OF SOULS - Father, we take courage for Your Word is trustworthy. All who call on your name will be saved. We look through the eyes of our hearts and see the great fields of unsaved souls who need You. In Your mercy, You called us to Yourself. As we grow in our relationship with You, may we recognize that there are good works that You have prepared for us to do. There lies before us, many who don't know You – who need a clear example of Jesus. May we be the living testimony of Your unfailing love to a broken and hurting world. We pray for a new infilling of Your Holy Spirit that would allow us to walk in Your love and power. Break our hearts for what breaks Yours, Lord! Forgive us for living lives that don't push us out of our comfort zones and into the arenas that need healing and peace. We ask for a holy boldness that would push back the gates of Hell and bring Heaven to earth – here – now. Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. We boldly come before Your throne, asking You to open our spiritual eyes and ears to see and hear what You are doing – and what You desire us to do with Your power and love.

INTERCESSION – *Spend a few seconds right now, praying for people who are far from God. Ask God to teach you how to pray for them.*

OUR NATION - Heavenly Father, Your Word states that the foundation of Your throne is righteousness and justice – Mercy and Truth are before You. As Your people, we acknowledge that our nation is broken. It's too easy to live divided by lines that break Your heart – lines of politics, lines of denominations, lines of offense. Forgive us...break our heart for what breaks Yours. May we seek for ways to obliterate the lines of division and compromise in Your Church. You desire us to be known for the love and unity of the Spirit – the beauty of Your body in all its colors and diversity. Grant us the authority to speak life into our secular world and be a people who model courage and love. May our courage be contagious and bring calm to those around us.

As we enter a time traditionally known for political division, we declare that we are Yours – we will be known by the love we exhibit for each other. We will honor each other and put other's interests before our own. Pour out more of Your power and love to equip us for this, Father. In Your Son's precious name, Amen.