



Prayer Guide COVID-19

We are living in a strange and difficult time. We are living in a season of life influenced by the COVID-19 pandemic that is raging in America and all around the world. This pandemic is causing sickness, death, fear and anxiety. We are also living in a season of political divisiveness, unrest, protests, violence, racism and chaos throughout the United States of America.

Politics, programs, policies and personalities are not the answer—Prayer is!

Ephesians 6:18 “Pray at all times in the Spirit with every prayer and request, and stay alert with all perseverance and intercession for all the saints.” CSB

I am calling us a church to unite in prayer. I am asking you to commit to pray on a consistent basis for the following:

Pray that believers everywhere will follow Jesus with passion and seek to live in the peace and power of the resurrection.

Philippians 3:10-11 “My goal is to know him and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of his sufferings, being conformed to his death, ¹¹ assuming that I will somehow reach the resurrection from among the dead.” CSB

Pray for those who don’t have a personal relationship with Christ to recognize, believe, and accept Jesus as the only way to eternal life.

John 14:6 “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” CSB

Pray for the Holy Spirit to draw people to receive the gift of eternal life.

John 11:25-27 Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me, even if he dies, will live. ²⁶ Everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” ²⁷ “Yes, Lord,” she told him, “I believe you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who comes into the world.” CSB

Pray for the sick and the grieving

Psalms 147:3 “He heals the brokenhearted and bandages their wounds.”

Pray for those serving the sick

Philippians 4:6-7 “Don’t worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. CSB

Pray for pastors and teachers to be filled with the Holy Spirit and to speak the truth with boldness.

Ephesians 6:19-20 “Pray also for me, that the message may be given to me when I open my mouth to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel. ²⁰ For this I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I might be bold enough to speak about it as I should.” CSB

Pray for the people of Cary First Baptist Church

Colossians 1:28-29 “We proclaim him, warning and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹ I labor for this, striving with his strength that works powerfully in me.” CSB

Pray for our town and community

Jeremiah 29:7 “Pursue the well-being of the city I have deported you to. Pray to the Lord on its behalf, for when it thrives, you will thrive.”

Pray for government officials

1 Timothy 2:1-4 “First of all, then, I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ² for kings and all those who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. ³ This is good, and it pleases God our Savior, ⁴ who wants everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.” CSB

Psalm 145:18-19 “The Lord is near all who call out to him, all who call out to him with integrity. ¹⁹ He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry for help and saves them.” CSB