

FBCO Prayer Guide 2020

FBCO family,

This is a quick prayer guide for FBCO church families and members to use in focusing our corporate prayer time during the next couple weeks. The Bible testifies that prayer is powerful and effective when His followers humble themselves in prayer.

“ 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

Our prayer focus: That FBCO would be faithful and active in proclaiming the Gospel and the hope that God provides during this time of national emergency.

National/International Prayer:

1. Pray for wisdom and Godly council in making decisions
2. Pray for our missionaries and their ongoing work during this season of illness
3. Pray for our disaster relief work across the nation
4. Pray for the proper and successful implementation of planning to slow the virus
5. Pray for Godly wisdom in development/advancement of tests, vaccine research and healthcare equipment
6. Pray for speedy vaccine research, work and future advancements
7. Pray for worldwide control of the number of new cases

Local Community Prayer:

1. Pray for protection of area businesses, owners and employees
2. Pray for area nursing homes and high-risk individuals
3. Pray for local health care systems, testing, equipment, facilities, workers, etc.
4. Pray for protection and safety of local health care providers and their families
5. Pray for Wisdom of community leader as they set area policies
6. Pray for all area churches and their continued ministry work

First Baptist Church of Ozark:

1. Pray for those in our church who are high risk individuals
2. Pray for individuals who have or may lose their jobs
3. Pray for a deepened unity of our church, and the challenges of being socially separated
4. Pray for wisdom for the FBCO leadership/staff
5. Pray for joy, peace and faith during this time of trial
6. Pray for all members to care for one another well

Attributes of God

One of the joys of prayer is remembering the One we pray to - Our Heavenly Father. As you spend time in prayer, it brings a deep joy to remember and pray through the attributes of our gracious Father. May your prayer time echo the glory that is due to the One that loves us most.

Here is a list of attributes that you can specifically pray for the needs listed above and, in the days, to come. Here is an example: "Father, as we pray for our healthcare workers, please reassure them, even today, that you are all powerful and You are our ultimate protector. Bless them and their families during this period of great need."

Once you pray through this list of Godly attributes, you will realize we have much to pray for.

1. Powerful - God can accomplish anything He desires.
2. Present - God can act anywhere at any time.
3. Faithful - God does not break His promises or forget His people.
4. Ever Present - God can act anywhere at any time.
5. Forgiving - God does not abandon us in our failings.
6. Compassionate - God's heart is attentive to the hurting.
7. Generous - God gives His best for us.
8. Good - God always does what is right.
9. Trustworthy - God is worthy of our trust.
10. Holy - God is perfect and whole.
11. Just - God embraces truth.
12. Kind - God is never harsh or cruel.
13. Loving - God desires to live in relationship with us.
14. Merciful - God provides us what we don't deserve.
15. Righteous - God does what is right.
16. Patient - God is long-suffering.
17. Sovereign - God has all authority and control.
18. Wise - God knows what is right and correct.

Will you spend not only Sunday & Wednesday nights in prayer? Each day, we can spend the time we are given to pray for one another, our community and the world. If you have any questions or have specific needs that we can help you with, please contact the church office at (417) 581-2484 or email jstreicher@fbcozark.org.