

# ***For Who and What Should We Pray?***

We begin prayer with an understanding and acknowledgement that we are speaking to God. It is best to address God by name, for example, “Mighty God,” “Dear Father,” or “Precious Lord” (Matthew 6:9). Of course, because of the tri-unity of God it is acceptable and appropriate to address Jesus or The Holy Spirit in prayer because they are members of the Godhead as well as the Father. It is best to begin with *praise* (for who He is) and *thanksgiving* (for what He’s done) and then move on to other subjects and expressions in our prayer. This helps to get our focus where it needs to be – on Him, and not our problems. Here are some suggested subjects. Other than the first two, they are not listed in order of priority, though all are important.

## **#1 Ourselves**

In praying for ourselves, we’re not saying that we’re the most important focus and that it’s “all about us.” We pray for ourselves because we must be in proper alignment to be effective in praying for others (1 Peter 3:7). Surrender fully to God, ask for his help in seeing your need, and commit yourself to him (Proverbs 3:5&6).

## **#2 Our Own Family**

Thank God for your family and pray God’s blessing over each of them *by name*. Pray for their needs and concerns and ask God to help you serve them with loving kindness, patience and faithfulness. Declare the promises of God over them and come against the plans of the enemy in Jesus’ Name!

## **#3 Our Church Family**

Pray for our “21 Days of Prayer & Fasting” Campaign. Pray for involvement, commitment and spiritual victory & growth! Pray for “Blessing & Breakthrough” in our own lives and the lives of those we touch.

## **#4 Our Marriages & Families**

Pray for all our marriages and families, especially the ones you know are that are at risk! Speak to the “mountain” between them that divides destroys and command that it is removed (Matthew 17:20)! Pray that God would unite and heal broken relationships with grace and truth, and that families would fight *for* each other and not *against* each other.

## **#5 Renewal, Unity and Revival in The Church**

Pray that the whole, entire, worldwide Church as The Body of Christ would come alive in the Spirit! That all Christ followers would return to their “first love” and be freed from sin, compromise and worldly distractions. When the “birthpangs” intensify, and things go from bad to worse, we MUST be prepared to lead others to Christ by being grounded in His love and grace and Truth! We can’t *give* what we don’t *have*! Pray for unity in The Church without compromising the authority of God’s Word. Pray for the entire “The Church of the Central Coast!”

## **#6 National Spiritual Awakening**

Pray that as a people, we will turn to God! It is not too late for America! Pray 2 Chronicles 7:14, but pray it with humility, acknowledging that it’s not “those people,” but all of “us people” who need God’s mercy and grace!

## **#7 National Unity and Political Health**

Pray that as a people, we will not be torn apart by the extremism on the “left” or the “right,” but we will be able to engage with loving and in civil dialogue. Pray for wisdom and discernment. Pray for our President and political leaders (1 Timothy 2:1-4). Pray that we will elect the right people and pass the right laws. Pray that The Church would not be co-opted for political ends, and thereby compromise our prophetic role and prayerful responsibility.

### **#8 World Hunger, & Justice**

Pray for those who suffer and for wisdom and courage in our response. Pray for those who suffer from need and for their faith in Jesus.

### **#9 World Peace**

Pray for the peace of the world, for moderate leadership to arise in the newly forming nations of the Middle East, for the peace and protection for Israel, an end to our wars, and for the safety of our troops.

### **#10 South County People's Kitchen & Homeless Coalition**

Pray for God's provision of resources and the perfect place to build our South County "Day Center." Pray that there will be wisdom and unity in the planning, and that we will be able to increase ministry to people in need, but be able to do it "In Christ's Name."

### **#11 Financial Needs**

Pray for wisdom to manage our resources and provision for those in desperate need. Pray for the unemployed and underemployed. Pray for "Blessing & Breakthrough" in our finances.

### **#12 Health Concerns**

Pray for those in need of God's Healing and Delivering Grace. Pray for His Kingdom Authority to bring wholeness in His Name! Come against illness and disease in the powerful Name of Jesus!

### **#13 Pray for Children's' and Student Ministries**

Pray for our Children and Students! They are growing up in dangerous times! Pray for our dedicated staff and volunteers, that God would bless, protect and multiply their ministry. Pray that God would raise up a mighty army of young, passionate, godly "world changers," who will love and fear nothing but God!

***There are other needs for focused prayer. List them here for your continued prayer.***