

## Worship and Prayer Gathering

### Pray for Our Nation

*2 Chronicles 7:14 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.*

- Guide us as your people to pray for our nation
- Break our pride and let us bow humbly before you
- Open our eyes to see your face as it reflects what pleases you
- Reveal to us our wicked ways in your sight and turn in repentance

*Psalm 33:12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, The people whom He has chosen for His own inheritance.*

- Bring a spiritual awakening in our nation and that we will make you the God of our lives.
- Give us godly leaders that honor and respect you as God.
- Guide us to be a godly influence as citizens in this world.

*Psalm 66:7 For by His great power He rules forever. He watches every movement of the nations; let no rebel rise in defiance.*

- Pray we will not be rebellious but honoring to the Lord.
- Convict the heart of each rebellious heart that brings division and unrest in our land
- Open our eyes to see the value of each person, made in God's image
- Forgive us of racial discrimination and heal the unrest in our land

*1 Timothy 2:2 Pray for rulers and for all who have authority so that we can have quiet and peaceful lives full of worship and respect for God.*

- Protect our police officers who have been given authority in our community
- Give them wisdom and courage to act honorably in their effort to bring peace during the unrest we are experiencing
- Guide them to see their authority comes from you who has ultimate authority
- Lead us in ways we can support our law enforcement personnel

### Prayer for Groups

*Hebrews 10:25 Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

- Guide us in creative ways to meet safely in small groups
- Let each group be a place of encouragement and strength
- Prepare the way for new people to be connected in a small group
- Anoint each group leader with your wisdom, love and insight into being a shepherd that leads, feeds and protects the group.

*Acts 2:42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.*

- Lead us to be a church of groups devoted to the teaching of God's word and growing in relationship to Christ Jesus
- Create in each group a spirit of fellowship as they share life together
- Give each group leader insight into teaching God's word in a way goes beyond the accumulation of knowledge but in changing the heart
- Guide each group in learning and applying God's word to their lives

*Colossians 2:6-7 Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.*

- Bring each member of a small group to walk closer in Christ
- Let each small group be a place of being built up in Christ and established in the faith
- May each person abound in thanksgiving for the fellowship and friendship in their group
- Guide them in reaching out to new members, get to join a small group

*Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*

- Let the word of God come alive and be life changing in each person in a small group
- Challenge each group with more than collecting or sharing knowledge but with God's word living and active in their group
- May God's word penetrate deep into the heart of every person in a group with convicting power
- Reveal the thoughts and intention of each person to see clearly your direction for their lives

### **Praying for our Next Gen Ministry**

*Psalm 16:1 Keep me safe, O God, for in you I take refuge.*

- As parents prepare to send their children back to school, keep them safe from all harm
- Show us creative ways to do Next Gen ministries in a safe and effective way
- Hover over every ministry activity with your protection

*Titus 2:7 be an example to them by doing good works of every kind. Let everything you do reflect the integrity and seriousness of your teaching.*

- Let every leader in the Next Gen ministry live as an example of a Christ follower
- Let them reflect a life of integrity
- Guide them to take seriously the leading and teaching of the gospel

*Colossians 4:4 Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.*

- Let the gospel of Jesus be made clear to each student
- Guide children to understand and respond to your saving faith
- Prepare the children who make a commitment to Christ as they follow in baptism

### **AWANA**

- Ask God to guide and direct all aspects of when and how to start AWANA this year
- Pray for the AWANA leaders to be strengthened and excited about the possibilities of a new year
- Pray that through attending AWANA, children will come to know, love, and serve the Lord Jesus Christ.

### **Briarcliff Kids**

- Pray we will gain a vision of effective and safe ways to prepare for kids.
- Pray that our kids are experiencing Jesus in their homes.
- Pray for increased opportunities to establish relationships with parents.
- Thank God for the leaders and pray they experience Jesus as they prepare.

### **Briarcliff Students**

- Pray that our students will continue to mature in their understanding and application of the gospel.
- Pray that God will produce an atmosphere of true community where all students are embraced, loved, and encouraged.
- Pray that we will be able to reach new students who are not participating.
- Pray for wisdom and progress as we seek to not only partner with, but also minister to parents.

## **Prayer Time of Personal Reflection**

### **Look up and reflect on God in worship and praise**

*Revelation 4:11 "Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."*

- Only you, O Lord, are worthy of all my praise. Let all that I am lift my eyes in praise for you.
- I acknowledge you as my Lord and my God; created to honor and glorify you.
- You are the creator of all the universe, and you created me. You hold all things together by your mighty hand.

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Psalm 34:1-3 I will praise the LORD at all times. I will constantly speak his praises. I will boast only in the LORD; let all who are helpless take heart. Come, let us tell of the LORD's greatness; let us exalt his name together.

- Let my attitude be filled with praise for you. You lift my spirit as I worship you.
- Let my mind be transformed and renewed each day as I worship you.
- You, O LORD, reach down into my helplessness and lift me up as I focus on you in worship and praise

**Look within and reflect on your heart and allow God to search your soul**

*Psalm 139:23-24 Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!*

- Reveal to me anything you see in my life that is not pleasing to you. Guide me to honestly confess and ask for forgiveness.
- Lead me to repent and turn from anything that breaks your standard or if I fall short of doing your will.
- Show me each day the way I should go. Help me keep in mind the everlasting way you have for me to go.

**Look within and reflect on your heart and allow God to search your soul**

*Matthew 5:43-44 "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you*

- Fill me, Lord, with your love and let it genuinely flow from me to people around me, even to the difficult ones
- Give me the grace and love to respond appropriately to those who may hurt me or take advantage of me.
- Guide me to radiate your love to everyone around me in a way that fills them with a longing for your love.

**Look around reflect on your unchurched friends and pray for them**

*Proverbs 14:12 There is a path before each person that seems right, but it ends in death.*

- I pray You will open the eyes of \_\_\_\_\_ to see clearly the path they are on which leads to eternal death—separation from God.

*Galatians 2:16 Yet we know that a person is made right with God by faith in Jesus Christ, not by obeying the law.*

- Help \_\_\_\_\_ to see that salvation does not come through being good but only through faith in Jesus Christ.

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*Acts 16:14 As she (Lydia) listened to us, the Lord opened her heart, and she accepted what Paul was saying.*

- Lord I pray you will open \_\_\_\_\_ heart to hear and receive you as savior.
- John 8:24 That is why I said that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that I Am who I claim to be, you will die in your sins.”*
- Lord I pray you will draw \_\_\_\_\_ to know you by faith and not die in their sin.

**Look down and reflect on those who are fallen and need lifting up**

*Galatians 6:1 Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself.*

- Open my eyes and heart to believers who are struggling with their Christian walk
- Show me how to lovingly reach out with an understanding heart and give genuine support
- Help me stay alert and not to fall into the same temptation as those who are struggling

*Romans 15:1 We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves.*

- Open my eyes to see clearly my obligation to those who are weak and struggling.
- Help me to not be judgmental toward those failing and weak
- Help me look beyond my own needs to see the need of the weak in their walk with Christ