

“Pray for the City” Guide

For your prayer time, first “be still” and know that you are talking to God, the Creator of the Universe and all things in it, and there is nothing impossible for God. He calls us to pray in faith. Faith is believing in what we do not see, not in what is seen.

What’s on your mind or your heart? What do you have a passion for? What’s in the news? What’s going on in your neighborhood? If nothing comes to mind, Listen to God and ask Him to give you a word, scripture, song, vision, or idea.

Below are a few suggestions for your consideration.

Government Leaders

In addition to the City Council, County Commissioners and local departments and services, Austin and surrounding areas are affected by the State Legislature which meets in Austin in odd numbered years from January through May.. Both U.S. Senators as well as U.S. Congress persons representing the area also have local District offices in Austin. You may want to focus on particular issues such as Education, Health, Human Services, Law enforcement, Human trafficking, Children, etc.

- We pray for all those in high positions. We thank You for their efforts, and we pray that You would give them wisdom to lead, so that we may all live a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. We pray that we would use our blessings, rights, and opportunities to share the gospel that saves people and brings them to the knowledge of the truth. (1 Tim 2)
- We pray for their wisdom in working to end injustices in our city. We pray that they would know what they can and should do to ensure that needs are met, that unjust discrimination is addressed, that the terrible tragedy of abortion is ended. We pray that the government, private groups, and individuals would all be agents of your transforming power.

Peace & Culture

- We pray for healing between hostile groups, and especially for unity between those who are believers. We pray for wisdom in how to reach out to those of other ethnic groups.
- We pray for equal opportunities. We pray that vicious cycles would end. We pray for healing in habits of thought or behavior that perpetuate social injustices.

Sins of Our City

- Lord, we pray that we would humble ourselves, pray, seek Your face, and turn from our wicked ways. Lord, we pray that You would hear from heaven, forgive our sin, and heal our land.
- We pray that you give us the grace to take the logs out of our own eyes before seeking to remove specks from others’. We pray that pride would find no place in our hearts.
- We pray that You would break people free of the self-destructive and God-dishonoring tragedy of sin. We pray that we would be bold to call sin “sin” and to call men to repentance. We pray that we would speak the truth in love and understanding. We pray that we would be filled with compassion for the pain that sometimes lies behind sin, and for the pain that results from it. We pray that we would address both the symptoms and causes of sin.

Revival in Our City

- We pray that trials and hardships would cause people to turn to You instead of away from You.
- We pray that Christians would boldly live out and proclaim the gospel. We pray that as we preach, we would be wise to present the whole gospel in understandable terms that convey the vital truth.
- We pray that we would rely on the Holy Spirit to sanctify us, bringing the fruits of the Spirit to conform us to the image of Christ, shining with His light so that men would see us and praise the Father. We pray that we would earnestly desire our spiritual gifts, for equipping one another for ministry and for showing Your power in our lives.

- We pray that revival would be a lasting thing. We pray that through the Spirit, each new believer would have the passion, wisdom, and momentum to spread revival, to live consistent lives, and to train up their children to carry it on.
- We pray that revival would include a passion to see Christ glorified in every tribe, tongue, people, nation, ethnic group, class, walk of life, and generation.

Prayer for Unbelievers in Austin

- Lord, overthrow demonic powers that mangle the souls and minds of the peoples in Austin. Do it by the power of Your Spirit.
- Lord, pour out Your Spirit on all these peoples. May their sons and daughters prophesy, dream dreams, see visions, and be drawn to Your son Jesus Christ.
- Lord, we pray for kids whose parents don't care, for anyone abandoned by a faithless spouse, for lonely people who have no one to turn to, for those overpowered by the cruelty or greed of others. Lord reveal Yourself to them.
- Lord, please soften the heart of (a friend or relative that does not know Jesus), and give them a spirit of repentance that they may turn to you.
- Jesus, I pray that the fragrance of the knowledge of You would be spread in Austin
- I bless (someone you know who curses you or other Christians) in your name, Jesus, that they might turn and come to know you by your mercy. Jesus, bless their finances, family, and health. Give them wisdom and revelation of who You are.
- Lord, You are the Lord of the harvest. Send out workers into these harvest fields.

Prayer for Believers in Austin

- Lord we earnestly desire eyes to see what is not seen. Give your church a Spirit of Wisdom and revelation. Open up the reality of who you are and who we are in you. Empower people to receive your great love and to love you back. Teach us about your goodness, your kindness, your love, your mercy, and your holiness. We want to see Jesus. We want to be like Jesus. We want to live Jesus
- Father we pray that you grant your children in this city to live in such harmony with each other that we would with one voice praise you, and Magnify Jesus.
- Lord Teach your church how to rejoice always, pray without ceasing and give thanks in all circumstances, for this is Your will for us in Jesus.
- Father of Glory give your church in this city the precious gift of longing for you. In your mercy let us be dissatisfied with the status quo.
- Lord, give your people the grace to forget what lies behind. Please let forgiveness come where there is wounding and bitterness, let your freedom and healing set hearts free to live in the fullness you desire for your people.
- Teach us how to pray

Media Influence

- The various forms of media do much to form and influence our worldview, especially in the minds and hearts of our children. We pray that we would take every thought captive to obey Christ. We pray that You would give us discernment in what we allow to fill our minds; that we would think on whatever is true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, commendable, with any excellence and anything worthy of praise.
- We pray that You would use us to tear down strongholds, to destroy arguments and lofty speculations raised against the knowledge of You. We pray that we would wisely and graciously counter the normalization and glorification of sins.
- We pray that media portrayals and news presentations of Christians and Christianity would be balanced.