

PRAY 365

An Initiative of the Chattanooga House of Prayer

INTRODUCTION

Pray 365 is an initiative of the Chattanooga House of Prayer. Through this initiative, our desire is to mobilize Chattanooga and surrounding areas to “pray without ceasing.”

Be encouraged as you pray through this prayer guide that churches, small groups, and other organizations are praying alongside you. This collaborative effort is helping cultivate a growing culture of prayer in our city. We understand that cultivating a culture of prayer in a city can have its challenges. Therefore, in addition to this prayer guide, we are facilitating ongoing prayer by offering strategies, encouragement, retreats, training, and support. You can learn about these resources and more by visiting chatthop.org.

Praying for Chattanooga and surrounding areas sounds fairly easy until one considers the vastness of any city: diversity of people, institutions, blend of cultures, landmarks, its struggles, its unique character, infrastructure, government, or history. It takes the unified and praying Church to see the transformation we are seeking.

In Jeremiah 29:7, God sends word through the prophet to the exiles in Babylon: “...seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare” (ESV).

On the back of this prayer guide, you will find a list of generalized prompts that have been compiled from a variety of leaders in business, church, non-profit, and city government. Each prompt covers areas where their needs are the greatest. Far from comprehensive, each of the prayer prompts exists to foster further investigation and insight into our city and how God desires to move in this place and time.

When praying, please make your prayer requests specific to your location as this will spiritually cover the entire geographic area of our region. Apply your requests to your neighborhood, nearby schools, your workplaces, and your local government as well as every church and individual that the Lord places upon your heart to pray for at that time.

FAMILY – Marriages, reducing the divorce rate and healthy family relationships

SACRED LIFE – Foster care, adoption, end of life care and protection of the unborn

ECONOMY – Economic development and opportunities for people of all classes

EDUCATION – Formation and character development in the lives of students in public, private and home schools – also for those who educate our kids (teachers, school staff, etc.)

AFFORDABLE HOUSING – Housing is one of the most basic and important needs, but also one of the most complicated issues with today's market – pray that God would guide those who own properties as well as buyers and renters (both young and old from a variety of economic backgrounds)

BIBLICAL LITERACY & DISCIPLESHIP – For believers to be equipped to know how to read their Bibles competently from cover to cover, and to apply it to their lives – also for guidance to fulfill the Great Commission

SPIRITUAL INTIMACY – For believers to be able to fully seek God through prayer, worship and fasting

EVANGELISM – For more people to know that Jesus is the only Way, Truth and Life – for boldness to share this truth with biblical accuracy

HEALTH – For physical, mental and emotional health – also for those who serve in healthcare (doctors, nurses, healthcare workers, first responders, etc.)

STRENGTH FOR SHEPHERDS – Statistics tell us the past several years have left about half of all pastors so burnt out they wish to quit – pray for a healthy pace and encouraging relationships for pastors and ministry staff

GENEROSITY – For the Church to have a vision and hunger to bring about His kingdom through radical generosity

UNITY & MOBILIZED SERVICE – Jesus prayed for this and the apostles commanded it, but the church needs help to pursue this – that believers would stand together in biblical truth and grace with love for one another and for the church to do good works in the community