



## “LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY...” FOR YOUR CHURCH

### Prayer Guide for OCTOBER 21 & 24, 2018

“The vitality of prayer lies largely in the vision of God that prompts it. Drab thoughts of God make prayer dull.” (J. I. Packer, page 35)

#### I. ADORATION AND PRAISE

“The Lord’s Prayer is in family terms: Jesus teaches us to invoke God as our Father, just as he himself did...” (J. I. Packer, page 27)

*“To all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God”* John 1:12 (ESV)

**Approach God in adoration and trust as one of His children:**

Our Father      Who calls us sons      Gracious      Loving      Forbearing      Caring

**Acknowledge the worth of “Our Father, who art in heaven” in praise and worship:**

Transcendent      Creator      Eternal      Infinite      Almighty      Unchanging

#### II. CONFESSION—SILENT

*“If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.”* Psalm 66:18 (NIV)

**Admit your sin and seek his pardon using:**

*“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 everlasting way!”* Psalm 139:23-24 (ESV)

#### III. THANKSGIVING

*“Enter his gates with thanksgiving...”* Psalm 100:4a (ESV)

**Behold some of God’s endless riches:**

Grace      Adoption      Fatherhood      Sonship      Heirship      Love

**Respond with prayers of thanksgiving.**

### **III. SUPPLICATIONS**

One of the implications of “God’s gracious fatherhood” is that “we must love our brothers, by constant care and prayer for them. The Lord’s Prayer schools us in intercession for the family’s needs: ‘Our Father...give us...forgive us...lead us...deliver us...’. ‘Us’ means more than just me! For God’s child, prayer is no ‘flight of the alone to the Alone,’ but concern for the family is built into it.” (J. I. Packer, pages 30-31)

#### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

1. Pray for God to give the Church Council direction and vision for the next steps in finding and obtaining a Transitional Pastor for Millbrook Baptist Church.
2. Pray for God to give the Deacon Officers and Deacon Body direction and vision for the next steps in forming and commissioning a Pastor Search Team.
3. Pray for God to anoint and bless those who fill the pulpit in the next few weeks. That includes Millbrook staff and outside speakers when they are scheduled.

#### **Six Simple Guidelines for Corporate Prayer Time**

These simple guidelines are meant to serve as tools to help our meetings for prayer get started, encourage newcomers, and motivate the more timid to pray aloud.

1. **Small groups - 6-8 per group**
2. **Specific requests - see the list provided**
3. **Short prayers - secret of the success of small group prayer**
4. **Subject by subject - pray in one accord, one subject at a time**
5. **Simple prayers - keep it simple**
6. **Silent periods - gives time for those who are more timid to participate**

