



**“LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY...” FOR YOUR CHURCH**  
**Prayer Guide for**  
**OCTOBER 28 & 31, 2018**

**I. ADORATION AND PRAISE**

**“Father, hallowed be your name.” Luke 11:2a (ESV)** This prayer request “is the biggest and most basic request of the whole prayer. Understand it and make it your own, and you have unlocked the secret of both prayer and life.” (J. I. Packer, page 41)

**“Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory” Psalm 115:1a (ESV)**

**“Praise the Lord!” Psalm 148:1a (ESV), for He is:**

Creator	Gracious	Just	Patient	Provider	Shepherd
Faithful	Great	Lord	Powerful	Redeemer	Sovereign
Good	Holy	Loving	Protector	Righteous	Wise

**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**

“Supremely in this drab age, hallowing God’s name starts here, with an attitude of gratitude for the goodness of creation.” (J. I. Packer, page 43)

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

**Spend time thanking God for the goodness of His creation:**

Arts	Children	Family	Friends	Homes	Nature
Beauty	Crafts	Food	Games	Music	Schools

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

**“By wisdom God found a way to justify the unjust justly; in love he gave his Son to bear death’s agony for us; in justice he made the Son, as our substitute, suffer the sentence our disobedience deserved; with power he unites us to the risen Christ, renews our hearts, frees us from sin’s bondage, and moves us to repent and believe; and in faithfulness he keeps us from falling as he promised to do (John 10:28; I Corinthians 1:7; I Peter 1:3-9), till he brings us triumphantly to glory.” (J. I. Packer, page 43)**

**Respond with prayers of thanksgiving.**

### **III. SUPPLICATIONS**

“To pray ‘thy kingdom come’ is searching and demanding, for one must be ready to add, ‘and start with me; make me your fully obedient subject. Show me my place among the “workers for the Kingdom of God” (Colossians 4:11), and use me, so far as may be, to extend the kingdom and so be your means of answering my prayer.’...Do we really seek this? Have we faced it? Let every man examine himself...” (J. I. Packer, page 53)

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

1. Pray for the Church Council to be diligent in seeking God’s direction and wise in communicating plans and progress towards finding and obtaining a Transitional Pastor for Millbrook Baptist Church. Pray also for God to prepare the heart of the man He has chosen to be that Transitional pastor.
2. Pray that God will prepare those that He will call to be members of the Pastor Search Committee and those He will call to be members of the Prayer Support Team.
3. Pray that God will penetrate each of our hearts and show us how we, as God’s people, can contribute to ever-increasing unity and harmony in His church at Millbrook.

### **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**

