



# **JANUARY 2020 PRAYER GUIDE**

# **A MONTH OF PRAYERS FOR CVC**

Adapted from “Targeted Prayers for Your Church”  
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## 1 Prayer Focus

Lord, I lift up the prayer focus in my church. Make us into a house of prayer. We desire to be clear-minded and self-controlled so that we can pray first, always, continually, and thankfully. May everyone recognize that this is Your desire for all and not just a few. Use us to stand in the gap for others. Let there be prayer ministry among us that is powerful and effective.

*Mark 11:17; 1 Peter 4:7; 1 Timothy 2:1; Ephesians 6:18;  
1 Thessalonians 5:17; Philippians 4:6; Psalm 32:6;  
Ezekiel 22:30; James 5:16*

## 2 Spiritual Growth

Lord, I lift up the spiritual temperature of my church. Revive us! Refine us so that we burn hot for You. Give us singleness of heart and action so that we always fear You and follow Your precepts. Pour out a spirit of Josiah on us so that we turn to You heart, soul, and strength. Open our minds to understand Your Word so that our hearts burn within us.

*Psalm 85:6; Revelation 3:14-18; Jeremiah 32:39;  
Psalm 111:10; 2 Kings 23:25; Luke 24:45, 32*

## 3 Pastors

Lord, I lift up my pastors to You. Thank You for their servant's heart. Keep them from losing heart when ministry gets tough. Help them prove faithful with the things you have entrusted to them. Teach them Your ways so that they know You and finds favor with You as they lead us. Keep them open and honest before You and help them to represent the Truth plainly.

*2 Corinthians 4:1; 1 Corinthians 4:1-3; Exodus 33:13*

## 4 Elders

Lord, I lift up my elders (church board) to You. Help us respect and honor them as they direct the affairs of our church. May they wholeheartedly give their attention to prayer and ministry of the Word. Keep them above reproach, devoted to their families, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable and able to teach. May they be gentle and honest as they deal with people.

*1 Timothy 5:17; Acts 6:4; 1 Timothy 3:1-2; Titus 1:7*

## 5

### Ministry Volunteers

Lord, I lift up our volunteers. May they walk worthy of respect with sincere hearts. Keep them from indulgence and greed. Help them keep hold of truth. May they keep short accounts with You so that their conscience is clear. Bless their households with peace and respect. Fill them with Your Spirit and let them operate in wisdom as they carry out their responsibilities. Thank You for every nursery worker, parking lot attendant, office volunteer, building janitor, etc. who have devoted themselves to the service of the saints. Bless them for the obedience and generosity they have displayed—may You receive praise as a result! Keep them in an attitude of humility that comes from wisdom and wholehearted service to You rather than to be noticed by others.

*1 Corinthians 16:15; 2 Corinthians 9:12-13; James 3:13; Ephesians 6:7; 1 Timothy 3:8-9, 12; Acts 6:3*

## 6

### Adults

Lord, I lift up the adults in my congregation to You. May we live worthy of Your call on our lives. As we respond to that call, fulfill every purpose, every faith-filled act of service by Your power. May we be clothed in righteousness with hearts that sing for joy and delight greatly in You. We want to walk with You, Jesus, dressed in white, adorned with jewels.

*Ephesians 4:1; 2 Thessalonians 1:11; Psalm 132:9; Isaiah 61:10; Revelation 3:4*

## 7

### Next Generation

Lord, I lift up the children and youth in my congregation to You. May they remain humble examples of what we adults need to become in the kingdom. Let their conduct always be pure and right with reputations that show that they remember You, Creator God. Teach them to declare Your marvelous deeds. May they flee evil desires and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace.

*Matthew 18:3-4; Proverbs 20:11; Ecclesiastes 12:1; Psalm 71:17; 2 Timothy 2:22*

**8****CVC Youth and CVC Kids staff and volunteers**

Lord, I lift up our Next Generation ministries to You. Create an atmosphere here that encourages our children and students to find You. Let their leaders be careful to remind each child of the marvelous things You have done. May they consistently choose life and blessing each day because of the training they receive in our church. Keep them walking in the truth.

*Mark 10:14; Deuteronomy 4:9; 29:29; 30:19;  
Proverbs 22:6; 3 John 1:4*

**9****Older Adults**

Lord, I lift up the senior members of our congregation. Thank You for every gray hair attained by righteous living. We are blessed by their example and ability to train us. Help us to be humbly submissive as we benefit from their wisdom and understanding. Help them receive the strength and power You've promised to the weary and weak. May they put their hope in You and be renewed in the process.

*Proverbs 16:31; Titus 2:4; 1 Peter 5:5;  
Job 12:12; Isaiah 40:29, 31*

**10****Lost Among Us**

Lord, I lift up the lost members of our congregation. Let the gospel be presented to them not only through the sermon but also with power, the Holy Spirit, and deep conviction. Teach us to make the most of every opportunity to share Your salvation. Help us to be the fragrance of Christ to them. We stand against the enemy and his attempts to keep them blinded to Your truth. Use us as Your agents to rescue people from darkness and bring them into Your Son's kingdom. We long to be worthy ambassadors in this ministry You have entrusted to us: that of proclaiming Your message of reconciliation to a lost world. Let us hear 1,000 stories of New Life in Christ through baptism in the next 10 years.

*1 Thessalonians 1:5; Colossians 4:5; 2 Corinthians 2:15; 2  
Corinthians 4:4; Acts 2:47; 1 Corinthians 4:15;  
1 Peter 3:1-2; Colossians 1:13; 2 Corinthians 5:20*

## 11 **Worship Team**

Lord, I lift up our worship team. Appoint people to this position who understand the splendor of Your holiness and praise You out of that understanding. Help them lead us faithfully in thanks for Your enduring love. Use their praise to defeat the enemy. May they be the true worshipers You are looking for who worship in spirit and in truth. Let them glory only in You, Jesus, so that they put no confidence in their own flesh.

*2 Chronicles 20:21-22; John 4:23-24; Philippians 3:3*

## 12 **Speakers/Teachers**

Lord, I lift up the speakers and teachers in our church. May everyone who holds that position—pastors, Sunday school teachers, LifeGroup leaders, guest speakers—rightly divide Your Word of Truth. Let them admonish and teach with wisdom.

*2 Timothy 2:15; Colossians 1:28; Daniel 2:47; Philippians 1:14; 2 Corinthians 4:13*

## 13 **Women's Ministry**

Lord, I lift up our Women's Ministry. Encourage our older women to train the younger in family issues. Teach our women to be virtuous—women with gentle and quiet spirits who put their hope in You. Let them be clothed with strength and dignity. Let this ministry produce women who feel Your passion for them and who choose to spend time at Your feet. Train them to contend for the gospel side by side with the men.

*Titus 2:4, 5; Proverbs 31:10; 1 Peter 3:4, 5; Psalm 45:11; Luke 10:38-42; Philippians 4:3*

## 14 **Men's Ministry**

Lord, I lift up our Men's Ministry to You. Use this ministry to build our men in their faith. Teach them to be in right relationship to You and each other, to love their wives sacrificially and to instruct their children with patience. Encourage them to hold each other accountable as they carry each other's burdens. May they speak the truth in love to each other even when it's hard.

*Jude 1:20; Titus 2:2; 1 Timothy 5:1; Ephesians 5:25, 6:4; Galatians 6:2; Ephesians 4:15; Proverbs 27:6*

## 15 Young Adults

Lord, I lift up our Young Adults. Let these young men and women set an example in their speech, life, love, faith, and purity. Cause them to be strong, alive-in-the-Word, overcomers. Help them to have discernment as they navigate the challenges of their season of life. Pour out Your Spirit on them.

*1 Timothy 4:12; 1 John 2:14;  
Proverbs 3:21, 7:7, 7:2; Joel 2:28*

## 16 Marriages

Lord, I lift up those in our congregation who are married. Let their marriages be marked by unity, intimacy, and honesty. Help them to keep short accounts with each other and walk in forgiveness toward one another. Restore the broken places in their marriage. May their marriages be Christ-centered.

*Ephesians 4:2-3; 1 John 1:9; Colossians 3:9-10;  
John 17:17; Ephesians 5:31; Ephesians 4:3*

## 17 Single People

Lord, I lift up those in our congregation who are single, divorced, or widowed. May those who are single find complete satisfaction in You so that they are not looking for someone else to make them happy. Let those who are not yet married or no longer married have faith to trust in You in times of pain, loneliness, and disappointment. Surround them with people who point them to You and encourage them to be faithful to You. Heal the broken places in their hearts. Continue to transform them into Your image.

*Philippians 1:9-11; Ephesians 4:11-16; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10*

## 18 Spirit-Led

Lord, I lift up the issue of our willingness to be led by Your Spirit. Holy Spirit, show us any way we are grieving, quenching or resisting You. Convict us and lead us to level ground. Help us keep in step with You as we live by You. Reign in us so that we experience Your freedom. Lead us into grace, life and peace.

*Ephesians 4:30; 1 Thessalonians 5:19; Acts 7:51;  
John 16:8; Psalm 143:10; Galatians 5:25*

## 19 Spiritual Gifts

Lord, I lift up the use of spiritual gifts in our church. We desire spiritual gifts that You've given for our common good. Help us understand the various gifts and how they work. Help us exercise our gifts in love. Remind us to keep fanning into flame the gifts You've given us.

*1 Corinthians 14:1, 12:4-7; 1 Peter 4:10; 2 Timothy 1:6*

## 20 Love/Unity

Lord, I lift up our love for one another as a body. Help us purify ourselves by obeying the truth so that our love for each other will be sincere, deep and from the heart. May our love for one another prove that we are Your disciples. Give us a spirit of unity so that we may glorify You with one heart and voice. Help us accept one another as we clothe ourselves in love.

*1 Peter 1:22; John 13:34-35; Romans 15:5-7; Colossians 3:14*

## 21 Finances

Lord, I lift up our church finances. May we sow generously into our church without reluctance or compulsion. Make all grace abound so we have all we need for every good work You've assigned us. Make us rich in ways that result in generosity on our part so You will be praised. Keep reminding us of your promise to throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out blessing on all who bring the whole tithe into Your house.

*2 Corinthians 9:6-11; Malachi 3:10*

## 22 Outreach/Missions Projects

Lord, I lift up our outreach programs—local, regional, and global. Remind us to do good and share with others as a pleasing sacrifice to You. Keep us outwardly focused so we don't become self-absorbed. Help us teach one another to be faithful ministers of Your Son. Enable us to meet people wherever they have a need. Help us minister faithfully as we proclaim the gospel so that the ones we reach might become an acceptable offering to You.

*Hebrews 13:16; Philippians 2:4; Colossians 1:7; Jude 1:23*

## **23** Parents

Lord, I lift up the parents in our church. May You give them wisdom and teach them how to effectively disciple their children. I pray for single parents. May they know You as father to the fatherless and defender of widows! Let us be a real family to them when they are lonely. I pray for parents of prodigal children. Let them not grow weary in praying for their children to return to You. I pray for parents of children with special needs. Strengthen them and minister grace to them. Stir up practical ideas in us that show Your love and care. Help them relax in Your grace and provision which is more than enough for every weakness and need.

*Psalms 68:5-6, 25:16; Matthew 25:35-40;  
2 Corinthians 12:9; Philippians 4:19*

## **24** Help for the Hurting

Lord, I lift up those who are hurting right now. May they come to know You as El Roi, the God who sees them. For every situation of rejection, help them feel sonship. Bind up the brokenhearted! In every area of bondage, set the captives free; in every case of mourning, replace it with Your oil of gladness. Comfort them so that they will have a ministry of comfort to others.

*Genesis 16:13; Romans 8:15; Isaiah 61:1-3;  
2 Corinthians 1:3-4*

## **25** Freedom from Besetting Sins

Lord, I lift up every one of us who struggle with sin issues. Keep us from the enemy's scheme of condemnation. Grant us repentance so that we can escape the trap of the evil one. Thank You that sin was done away with on the cross and that we are no longer slaves to it. Help us to throw off everything that entangles—help us run the race with perseverance.

*Romans 8:1; 2 Timothy 2:25, 26; Romans 6:6;  
Hebrews 12:1*

## **26 Kingdom Focus/Priorities**

Lord, I lift up our priorities as a congregation. Give us ears to hear what Your Spirit is saying to our church. Open our eyes to see things as You see them. Help us move beyond issues of immediate need to pursuing Kingdom issues. Bring us to a place where “Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven” is more than just words we say.

*Revelation 3:22; 2 Kings 6:17; Matthew 6:25, 33, 10*

## **27 Our Neighbors**

Lord, I lift up our community, especially the surrounding neighborhoods. Let us love these people as we love ourselves. Let us be LifeHouses in our communities. May our concern for their needs override other things that take our time and focus. Rebuild and restore areas that have been devastated. Renew our communities—send Your peace and prosperity into these places where You’ve planted us. Bless each individual home and family. Build each house from the inside out; watch over our city.

*Galatians 5:14; Proverbs 3:28; Isaiah 61:4; Jeremiah 29:7; Luke 10:5-6; Psalm 127:1*

## **28 Connectivity with other Local Churches**

Lord, I lift up the Church in our city. Thank You for creating the body as one unit made up of many parts. Help us understand the value of each part as You have arranged them. We confess that we’ve minimized other parts. Forgive us, for we are all baptized by one Spirit into one body. Help us to work at being one: concerned about one another—suffering with and rejoicing with other congregations as appropriate.

*1 Corinthians 12:12-26*

**29****Connectivity with the Church in Our Nation**

Lord, I lift up the Church in our nation. We humbly unite and confess as one people—one Church called by Your name—that we have sinned. We've operated out of acquired wealth thinking we could do it on our own—but we are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. We seek Your face, O God! Thank You for hearing and forgiving us. We wait on You for the healing of our land!

*2 Chronicles 7:14; Revelation 3:17*

**30****Connectivity with the Church around the World**

Lord, I lift up the Church universal. Father, we claim the power of Your name over us so that we will be one, as You and Your Son are one. We want Your joy in full measure just as Your Son, Jesus, prayed for us. Help us live as though we are not of this world; sanctify us by Your word. May we be brought to complete unity so that the world will know the truth of the gospel.

*John 17:11-23*

**31****Protection from the Enemy**

Lord, I lift up our need for protection. Protect and deliver us from the evil one. Help us be as wise as serpents and as innocent as doves as we deal with the wolves around us. Show us how to test every spirit to see if they are from You. Help us recognize the enemy's disguises and schemes so that he won't outwit us.

*John 17:15; Matthew 6:13, 10:14; 1 John 4:1;  
2 Corinthians 11:14, 2:11*



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