



Things to Pray About for our Country & our Community

As you prepare yourself for this time of prayer, first spend some time focusing on the Lord. Remember His attributes that are meaningful to you and worship Him for it. Ask Him to show you His glory that you might live to glorify Him. Invite Him to work in your life and pray for His glory and Kingdom to grow in you, through you, and through our church. You may also want to spend some time confessing sin to Him, thanking Him for the forgiveness and grace that we have in Christ.

If you run out of things to pray about during your 30 minutes, pray for boldness and power in ministry in a general way. There may be people in our church that you want to pray for - do that. There may also be people you know, love, or live among who don't know Jesus - pray for their salvation. Ultimately, we want to pray that God would be glorified and that His kingdom would grow, so pray as He leads you. Pray for His Spirit to move in us and through us and pray that we would have open minds and ready hearts to follow Him as He leads.

Thank you for joining us in this.

Pastor Matt

1. Our Country

Scripture calls us to pray for our leaders. “I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth” (1 Timothy 1). Pray that our leaders would lead in such a way that we, as believers and citizens, may live peaceful lives consistent with our faith. Pray also that our political leaders would come to a saving knowledge of Jesus and the truth of His word.

Pray that they would be guided by God’s truth and word, that they would be led and convicted by His priorities for the world and its people. Pray for our leaders as they interact with other nations. May they have the wisdom they need to protect our nation and its people.

Pray that our freedom to live out our faith would be unabated. Pray for the protection of the weak and vulnerable sectors of our society, and that satanic and humanistic agendas and philosophies of all kinds would be relegated to nothing. That the voices and influence of the devil would be silenced.

2. Our City

Our city has so much need. Homelessness is everywhere. The Drug epidemic continues to grow, and affordability in all things remains an issue. In addition to this, we are coming up to a local election on October 17th where we will be voting for one mayor, six councillors, two park

commissioners and seven school trustees. These elections have been heated in the past, drawing national attention to our town.

Understanding the impact that these officials have on the direction of our city, pray that God's people would be motivated to research their candidates and vote on voting day. Pray that God would sideline those candidates who would seek to do our city and His church harm. Pray that effective solutions would be found to address the many needs that we face as a wider community.

Also, understanding the role that the School Trustees play in the overall direction of our schools, pray that the Lord would raise up godly men and women to fill those roles. Pray that people who understand the times, know the needs of our children, live according to His word, and who value academic and social excellence would be placed into these positions of power and influence.

3. Our Communities

Pray that our communities would be places where people feel seen, heard, valued, and loved. May we know our neighbours and experience genuine relationships with them. Pray that the Christians in each community – be that physical or social – take the challenge of Christ to “Love your neighbour” seriously, and love those that we live among as ourselves. May our communities be places of joy, laughter, safety and care; and may the light of Christ shine brightly in each one.