

# CFBC Prayer Guide – May 21, 2023

## BEGIN WITH WORSHIP AND CONFESSION

**You are my God, and I give thanks to You; You are my God and I extol You. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; For His lovingkindness is everlasting. Psalm 118:28-29.**

**The Lord is gracious and merciful; slow to anger and great in lovingkindness. The Lord is good to all, and His mercies are over all His works. Psalm 145:8-9.**

Spend a moment reflecting on these verses and express your praise to our great God. **You, O God are the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings, and Lord of lords. You alone have immortality and dwell in unapproachable light; no one has seen You or can see You. To You be honor and eternal dominion. 1 Timothy 6:15-16**

As you meditate on the greatness of His grace and mercy, ask the Holy Spirit to reveal any sin that you need to confess. Thank Jesus for taking the wrath of your sin on your behalf. Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you to live in His power and forsake living in the flesh. **Romans 8:5-8**

**The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine on you, and be gracious to you. Numbers 6:24-26**

**Romans 1:7** tells us we are beloved of God and that we are called as saints. In Jesus Christ, He has given us peace and grace. Thank Him for the relationship that you enjoy with Him through Jesus Christ

Offer your praise to Him through this song: "This is our God" <https://youtu.be/scsooTcVIDY>

## PRAY FOR OUR CFBC FAMILY

Although there will be lots of fun and games, our Backyard Kids Clubs are not an entertainment event but a strategic opportunity to speak Jesus into the hearts of children. As we plan, the enemy is also making plans to take away the seed that will be sown. Pray for God to protect the seed planted in the heart of every child. Pray that the seeds planted find good soil and grow into a harvest of souls for Christ. Pray for God to bring children from all parts of our community to be a part of this year's event.

Our prayer for Pastor Chuck comes from **Hebrews 13:7 - Remember those who led you, spoke the Word of God to you; and considering the result of their conduct, imitate their faith.** Thank God we have a pastor whose life is worthy of imitation. Ask God to continue to bless Pastor Chuck with a deep and intimate relationship with Him. Ask God to bless him with His presence as He did Moses and give him the Word of God, which He has for us this week.

Serve the church and the greater community by praying through the requests on the CFBC Prayer Wall. The prayer wall is a critical part of the ministry of our church. Each week we have the blessing of interceding on behalf of those who desperately need a touch from God. God hears the humble cry of His children. Pray earnestly for the requests on the wall this week. [www.cfbcfamily.org/prayerwall/](http://www.cfbcfamily.org/prayerwall/)

More and more false teachers are leading megachurch congregations to believe a false Gospel. Paul challenged the Corinthian church to not believe a Gospel that was different than the one they preached – the true Gospel. Pray for God to open the eyes of these sheep being led to slaughter by the evil one.

Pray for our Christian brothers and sisters across the world who are being persecuted by enemies of the faith. Pray that even in front of their enemies' eyes, God will bless them with the boldness to stand firm and bless them with a cup that overflows with His power and presence.

**Psalm 23**

Pray that every believer in our body of Christ will seek to imitate the nature and character of our Father in heaven. Pray that your life will be a fragrant aroma to God. **Ephesians 5:1 – Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and walk in love, Just as Christ also loved you and gave himself up for us, an offering and sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.**

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## REVIVAL, SPIRITUAL AWAKENING & THE NATION

Lord, we have greatly sinned against you. We are a stiff-necked and rebellious people who have turned away from you the Living God. Our nation is unraveling due to our Sodom and Gomorrah lifestyle. Lord, hear the cry of your people as we seek your mercy and grace. Lord, we humbly bow before your throne and ask for the Holy Spirit to turn the heart of this nation back to you. Lord, we ask you to bring about mourning and repentance in our nation that stirs a revival and great harvest of souls around the world. **Acts 7:51**

Pastor Chuck has challenged us to make spiritual warfare praying a part of our corporate and family prayer time. Our focus this week is to pray against the horrific drug problem plaguing our country. The death toll for opioids is over 100,000 per year and fentanyl deaths are approximately 75,000 of which many are teenagers and young adults. Pray against the sources of darkness that are supplying opioids and fentanyl across our borders. Pray for drug enforcement organizations to be successful in the fight against illegal narcotics. **Ephesians 6:12- For our struggle is not against flesh and blood but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.**

Our nation is also facing an unprecedented challenge of protecting our borders. There are more than one million undocumented immigrants postured at the southern border as Proposition 42 expires. Pray for our leaders to make wise decisions that provide the safety to protect our country's borders.

Go to <https://blesseveryhome.com/CFBC> or download the app to sign up for regular email reminders to pray specific prayers by name for your neighbors.

Ask God to protect all the children and young people in Memphis and Shelby County that will be without parental supervision and care during summer break. Pray for the programs that offer wholesome and structured programs to effectively minister to as many children as possible. Pray against those who seek to pull these young people into gangs and a life of rebellion.

The attorney general for Tennessee is the chief law enforcement officer and lawyer appointed by the Supreme Court. Pray for God to give Attorney General Jonathan Skrmetti a heart that seeks to honor Him in all his decisions.

Pray for our neighbors on Windsong Park Drive, Meadowbirch Lane, Snowden Farm Road, Ridge Springs Road, and Hawks Peak Road. Father, I praise and thank You for the joy of praying with confidence for our neighbors, trusting You will open a door in their lives for us to declare the mystery of Christ with them. Lead them to receive Christ as their Lord. **Colossians 4:3-4**

Tindi of Russia – More than 5,000 Tindi people live in 14 mountain villages along the Andi-Koisu River Valley in the North Caucasus region of Russia. The Tindi have followed Islam for many centuries and consider themselves to be Muslim, but they also practice ancient nature worship of the sun, moon, and other created things. The Tindi language is one of nine languages making up the Andic language family and is part of the larger Avar community. Tindi is not a written language. Those who are able to read use the Avar language. There are no known believers from among this people. Pray that one day, joyful singing to Jesus Christ will break forth from these 14 villages. **Isaiah 55:12**

**For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one who died for all, therefore all died; and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf. 2 Corinthians 5:14-15**

Celebrate our Lord who died so that we might live. Thank Him for His faithfulness to hear the prayers of His children.

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