

VCP Intercessory Prayer January 2013 Our Community

To those whose attitude is just Jesus and me I say, it is wonderful you found Jesus. But you cannot truly have Jesus and simultaneously not do what He says. The outgrowth of love and faith in Christ is love and faith like Christ's, which means we are committed, even as He is, to His people. Francis Frangipane

1. Prayer for our Church Community

Many of us treat church life like immature adolescents. From other Christians we want thrills, constant exhilaration and to have our needs met. When Christian brothers and sisters fall short of our expectations, when they are boring and imperfect and fail to meet our needs for strokes, we pout, turn away and isolate ourselves from them. Jesus calls us to mature commitment of love for his people - the very people in our fellowship! John Wimber

- a. **Pray that we at VCP become more surrendered and increasingly wholeheartedly committed to the Lord. Pray that we would demonstrate good Christian character and be authentic people filled with integrity in every area of our lives. Pray for spiritual breakthroughs for us through seeking the fear of the Lord, the mind of Christ and the Spirit's leading.**

Micah 6:8 *He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.*

Galatians 2:20 *I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*

- b. **Pray that we would all continue to take hold of a growing, consistent walk with Jesus and demonstrate a life devoted to Christ filled with steadfast prayer. Ask the Lord to powerfully use us as we grow in faith, spiritual development, maturity and love.**

Colossians 4:2 *Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.*

2 Peter 1:5-7 *For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; ⁶ and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; ⁷ and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love.*

- c. **Ask the Lord to make us willing to confess and repent of any wrong doing. Ask the Lord to allow us to be a community of grace and forgiveness where His love is actively expressed and humility is key. Pray that as a result, we would be inspired to give genuine hospitality to all who come to VCP.**

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17(MSG) *May Jesus himself and God our Father, who reached out in love and surprised you with gifts of unending help and confidence, put a fresh heart in you, invigorate your work, enliven your speech.*

Acts 17:30 *In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent.*

- d. **Pray that we would accept and love one another and ask the Lord to foster in us a spirit of unity that would glorify Him and be a testimony to His goodness. Pray we would be outwardly focused, unselfish in our motivation and willing to share our lives with others.**

Romans 15:5-7 *May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, ⁶so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.*

Hebrews 13:16 *And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.*

- e. **Pray that the Lord would add to our numbers and ask Him to teach us to make the most of, and grasp hold of every opportunity to reach those who do not know Him. Pray that we would be enthusiastic about sharing the gospel and we would improve our efforts to share the gospel.**

Acts 2: 42-47 *⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. ⁴⁶Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.*

Acts 5:14 *Nevertheless, more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number.*

- f. **Pray that we would eagerly desire spiritual gifts. Pray that we would seek to use His gifts for the common good, increasingly becoming known as a community that serves in loving and grace-filled ways for the glory of the Father. Ask the Lord to make us a caring committed community for His Kingdom and His purposes.**

1 Corinthians 12:4-7 *⁴There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men. ⁷Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.*

1 Corinthians 14:1 *Follow the way of love and eagerly desire spiritual gifts, especially the gift of prophecy*

- g. **Thank the Lord for everyone in this body who is devoted to humbly and obediently serving without seeking to be noticed or praised. Pray for an increase of those who wish to serve in every area of our church community, those who seek to serve wholeheartedly, with humility and love.**

2 Corinthians 9:12-13 *¹²This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. ¹³Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else.*

Ephesians 6:7 *Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men*

- h. Ask the Lord to forgive us for our prayerlessness and pray for an increased desire to pray. Ask Him to help us to develop prayer lives that are consistent, full, rich and powerful. Pray that we would become a praying church.**

James 5:16 ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

Isaiah 56:7 these I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations."

2. Prayer for our city

It is all too easy for most of us to make a kind of split in our minds whereby one side of us says prayers or sings hymns or worships God in church, or at home, for that matter, while the other side of us remains cold and critical and unloving toward the people whom we meet day by day. J. B Phillips

- a. Ask the Lord to help every Christian in this city to regularly search their hearts for sins, wrong attitudes and opinions, mindsets and habits that are not pleasing to Him. Pray that we would all recognize the deadliness of sin and become willing to seek His correction and forgiveness. Pray that we would all be willing to be completely cleansed and changed.**

Psalms 4:4 Tremble and do not sin; when you are on your beds, search your hearts and be silent.

1 Chronicles 28:9 "And you, my son Solomon, acknowledge the God of your father, and serve him with wholehearted devotion and with a willing mind, for the LORD searches every heart and understands every desire and every thought. If you seek him, he will be found by you; but if you forsake him, he will reject you forever.

- b. Ask the Lord to remove pride from all of us, believers and unbelievers alike. Pray that believers would walk in humility and holiness, demonstrating His Kingdom and seeking to expand His Kingdom for His glory. Pray that as pride is removed from unbelievers they would have their hearts and minds open to the truth of the Gospel.**

Proverbs 8:13 To fear the LORD is to hate evil; I hate pride and arrogance evil behavior and perverse speech.

1 Peter 1:15-16 (MSG) As obedient children, let yourselves be pulled into a way of life shaped by God's life, a life energetic and blazing with holiness. God said, "I am holy; you be holy."

- c. Pray that in churches across the valley there would be a demonstration of God's love and a bold spreading of the good news of the gospel. Pray that the Lord would give all new strategies for victory in reaching the lost.**

Ephesians 6:19 Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel,

John 10:9 I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture.

- d. Pray that across the Valley we would see a rise of passion for Jesus, and believers would shake off their apathetic ways and become zealous for the Lord. Pray for an increase of dreams, visions, the prophetic, signs and wonders and ask for a release of the miraculous.**

Acts 4: 30 Stretch out your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus."

Titus 2: 12 (MSG) We're being shown how to turn our backs on a godless, indulgent life, and how to take on a God-filled, God-honoring life.

- e. Pray that all believers would realize the urgency of the hour and the opportunity that is available to us now. Pray for an increase in discernment in churches across the Valley so that they will recognize the signs of the times. Pray that faith would rise and that we would comprehend and grasp the purpose for which the Lord had saved us and that might be fulfilled in us.**

Matthew 16:2-3 (MSG) "You have a saying that goes, 'Red sky at night, sailor's delight; red sky at morning, sailors take warning.' You find it easy enough to forecast the weather—why can't you read the signs of the times?"

Ephesians 1:17-18 ¹⁷ I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people,

- f. Ask the Lord to raise up righteous men and women in local government and direct them in how to build up this city.**

Isaiah 1:26 I will restore your leaders as in days of old, your rulers as at the beginning. Afterward you will be called the City of Righteousness, the Faithful City."

Proverbs 11:10-11 ¹⁰ When the righteous prosper, the city rejoices; when the wicked perish, there are shouts of joy. ¹¹ Through the blessing of the upright a city is exalted, but by the mouth of the wicked it is destroyed.

- g. Pray that the Lord would bring all His people together in unity. Pray that there would be a call to prayer and intercession across the city that would not only bless this city, but would bless the nation.**

Psalms 133:1 How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!

Psalms 127:1 Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain.

1 Timothy 2:8 Therefore I want the men everywhere to pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or disputing.

3. Prayer for our State

Arizona State seal "God Enriches."

"Almighty Father, we bow our heads in Thy presence and acknowledge Thee as our God and leader..."

November 1, 1910, prayer by Chaplain Seaborn Crutchfield, Arizona Constitutional Convention

- a. **Pray to support the foundational historical declaration that God is "the God and leader" of Arizona. Ask the Lord to forgive us for the ways we have forgotten Him and taken Him for granted.**

Psalm 33:12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people he chose for his inheritance.

Revelation 2:4 Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken your first love.

- b. **Pray that Arizonians would acknowledge that He and He alone enriches us. Ask the Lord to place His seal over us.**

Ephesians 1:13-14 ¹³ And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

2 Timothy 2:19 Nevertheless, God's solid foundation stands firm, sealed with this inscription: "The Lord knows those who are his," and, "Everyone who confesses the name of the Lord must turn away from wickedness."

- c. **Ask the Lord to establish godly leaders who will do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God. Ask the Lord for good leaders and good government at every level local and national.**

Isaiah 32:16-17 ¹⁶The LORD's justice will dwell in the desert, his righteousness live in the fertile field. ¹⁷ The fruit of that righteousness will be peace; its effect will be quietness and confidence forever.

Psalm 85:10 ¹⁰ Love and faithfulness meet together; righteousness and peace kiss each other. ¹¹ Faithfulness springs forth from the earth, and righteousness looks down from heaven.

- d. **Ask the Lord to bring peace, justice and righteousness to our border with Mexico. Pray for a breakthrough in the strongholds of corruption, greed, intimidation, violence and murder perpetrated by drug cartels. Ask the Lord to continue to expose every scheme of the enemy to devastate Arizona.**

Ephesians 6:16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

2 Corinthians 10:4-5. ⁴ The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. ⁵ We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

- e. **Ask the Lord to protect and strengthen those who are committed to standing for justice and righteousness in Arizona. Pray that His will would be done here.**

Isaiah 54:14 & 17 (MSG) You'll be built solid, grounded in righteousness, far from any trouble—nothing to fear! far from terror—it won't even come close! No weapon that can hurt you has ever been forged Any accuser who takes you to court will be dismissed as a liar. This is what God's servants can expect. I'll see to it that everything works out for the best."

Matthew 6:10 your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

- f. **Pray that Arizona would wake up and respond to the need for an increase of prayer. Pray that many would be stirred to gather together to repent of their sinful ways, seek His face, humble themselves and pray.**

Zechariah 13:9 This third I will bring into the fire; I will refine them like silver and test them like gold. They will call on my name and I will answer them; I will say, 'They are my people,' and they will say, 'The LORD is our God.'"

Acts 6:4 and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.

- g. **Pray giving thanks to the Lord for all He has done, is doing, and will do in Arizona.**

Psalm 68:26 Praise God in the great congregation; praise the LORD in the assembly of Israel.

2 Corinthians 9:15 (AMP) ¹⁵ Now thanks be to God for His Gift, [precious] beyond telling [His indescribable, inexpressible, free Gift]!

Psalm 7:17 (AMP) I will give to the Lord the thanks due to His rightness and justice, and I will sing praise to the name of the Lord Most High.

6. **All praying aloud** (Acts 4) **Revival Prayer – Praying for our Nation**

- 2 Chronicles 7:14** *if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.*

"We are in an hour of crisis, an hour when we have to confront our own spiritual barrenness as the church and in the place of prayer cry out to God for mercy on our nation and revival in our land. Our hope in this hour is in God and God alone." Lou Engle (TheCall)

- a. **Prayer from Lou Engle (TheCall)**

"Jesus, I plead your blood over my sins and the sins of my nation. God, end abortion and send revival to America"

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Acts 3:19 Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord

- b. **Ask the Lord to protect the sanctity of marriage and pray for the protection of the family.**

Genesis 1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Hebrews 13:4 Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.

- c. **Ask the Lord to raise up humble, honest, truthful, influential leaders in Government and in Business, leaders of integrity, who love the Lord and apply Godly principles in every area of their lives, public and private. Pray for the salvation of those currently in leadership positions.**

Micah 6:8 He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Isaiah 55:7 *Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.*

d. Ask the Lord for holy, influential leaders to be raised up in our educational system who do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God. Pray for a return to biblical principles and a rise in educational standards because a Godly standard has been raised in every area of education. Pray for the salvation of those currently in leadership positions.

Michah 6:8 *He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.*

Luke 12:42-44 (AMP) ⁴²*And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful steward, the wise man whom his master will set over those in his household service to supply them their allowance of food at the appointed time? ⁴³Blessed (happy and to be envied) is that servant whom his master finds so doing when he arrives ⁴⁴Truly I tell you, he will set him in charge over all his possessions.*

e. Ask the Lord to raise up Holy Leaders who will call The Church to repentance of its prayerlessness, apathy, and lukewarm approaches to God and Faith. Pray that eyes would be open to the true Spiritual state of The Church and that we would see a wholehearted return to our first love. Pray we would be obedient to the leading of the Holy Spirit and to His Word.

Joel 1:14 (MSG) *Declare a holy fast, call a special meeting, get the leaders together, Round up everyone in the country. Get them into God's Sanctuary for serious prayer to God.*

Joel 2:12 *"Even now," declares the LORD, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning."*

f. Pray that America would return to its foundational roots. Pray that the heart of this nation would be turned back to the Lord. Pray for a wholehearted return to purity, holiness, morality, and Godly principles and declare that America will remain One Nation Under God, a Christian Nation.

Psalms 33:12 *Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord*

Acts 3:19 *Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,*

g. Pray that the church would be light to the world, as public as a city on a hill and that with one voice, boldly declare the Good News of the Gospel and reap a great harvest of souls.

Matthew 5:14-16 (MSG) *"Here's another way to put it: You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We're going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don't think I'm going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I'm putting you on a light stand. Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you'll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven.*

h. Ask the Lord to bring conviction throughout this nation as to its spiritual state so that there would be a mighty move from sin and questionable practices to a life transformed by the Gospel, and reflecting the glory of God.

Romans 6:22-23 (MSG) *But now that you've found you don't have to listen to sin tell you what to do, and have discovered the delight of listening to God telling you, what a surprise! A whole, healed, put-together life right now, with more and more of life on the way! Work hard for sin your whole life and your pension is death. But God's gift is real life, eternal life, delivered by Jesus, our Master.*

2 Corinthians 3:18 *And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit*

i. Pray for widespread infectious revival to break out in every nation of the world.

Luke 14:23 ²³*Then the master told his servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes and make them come in, so that my house will be full.'*

Psalms 86:9-10 ⁹*All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, O Lord; they will bring glory to your name. ¹⁰For you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God.*

j. Thank the Lord for His continued blessings and presence here at VC Phoenix; ask Him for an increase of His presence and His Spirit's outpouring. Ask Him to increase our hunger and thirst for Him and pray that we would go even deeper into His River and soak without reservation.

Psalms 92:1(MSG) *What a beautiful thing, God, to give thanks, to sing an anthem to you, the High God!*

Psalms 105:1 (MSG) *Hallelujah! Thank God! Pray to him by name! Tell everyone you meet what he has done!*