PRAYER GUIDE

JULY 24, 2022 | BARTLETT BAPTIST CHURCH

Thank you for your commitment to pray for 30 minutes on the twenty-fourth day of the month.



CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE UKRAINE

There seems to be no end of conflict in sight. Prolonged war causes a variety of problems, including destroyed crops and hunger, economic ruin, disrupted educational endeavors, emotional scaring, and the loss of life. Pray for leaders from both countries. Ask the Lord to convict them to set aside selfish ambition and pride and for the sake of their nations, to stop fighting.

- God will protect innocent citizens who are caught in the crossfire of battles between both armies.
- God will comfort families who have lost loved ones in the war.
- God will use Christ-centered organizations to provide humanitarian relief for peoples of both nations and give believers an opportunity to share the Gospel while meeting human needs.
- The Russian people will courageously rise up against the evil their government is carrying out in their attacks against Ukraine.
- Pray Ukrainians will quickly recover emotionally, physically, spiritually, and financially.
- God will strengthen the Christian church in Ukraine (and in neighboring countries) to be a powerful witness that will lead to multitudes coming to Christ.

PRAY FOR THE SUPREME COURT

Recent decisions by the Supreme Court have polarized our country. Some have heralded the decisions to protect life and religious freedom, while others see the decisions as a striping away of rights.

- Pray that when a decision is made the American public will respond peaceably.
- Pray the Courts decision to value life in the womb would begin to change the view of Americans about all life, from the womb to the tomb.
- Pray that the church in America would seize the opportunity to show the love of Christ by minister to all people, regardless of their view of abortion.

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PRAY WE WILL BE A CHURCH THAT EMBRACES GOD-LED TRANSITIONS

The Lord is always working to accomplish His purposes. Often time that means He leads His church through transitions. BBC is no different. God is clearing realigning us to His vision for BBC.

- Pray God will renew our commitment to pursue His desire for the church and not ours.
- Ask the Lord to give us wisdom to understand how to adapt our strategies and programs without compromising the message of the Gospel.
- Pray members of BBC will follow the Lord's will, even when it isn't comfortable.
- Pray or our pastor and staff as they introduce and lead God-inspired, biblical change in our church.

PRAY FOR THE MEMPHIS METRO AREA

It seems that each month the request for the Memphis/Metro area remains the same. Because Memphis continues to be one of the highest crime areas in America, we must diligently and persistently pray that God would bring civil peace to our area.

- Pray that the peace of God would settle over our area and bring civil rest and unity.
- Pray that violent gang activity would cease and gang members would come to faith in Jesus.
- Pray for the safety of all people, but especially children, who live in high crime areas.
- Pray for law enforcement officers who work in Memphis, Shelby County, and the suburbs that the Lord would use them to keep peace. Pray for their protection.
- Pray that God will protect innocent people in crime-riddled areas and believers in those parts of our city will be salt and light.

PRAY FOR POLITICAL LEADERS

We have been commanded to pray, "for kings and all who are in authority" (1 Timothy 2:2).

- Pray those who are saved will lead with righteous values and will share the Gospel of Christ with other political leaders.
- Pray the pressures of leading will cause lost politicians and judges to call on Jesus to be saved.

PRESIDENT Joe Biden
VICE PRESIDENT Kamala Harris

SUPREME COURT JUSTICES

John G. Roberts, Chief Justice of the United States

Clarence Thomas Stephen G. Breyer
Samuel A. Alito Sonia Sotomayer
Elena Kagan Neil M. Gorsuch
Brett M. Kavanaugh Amy Coney Barrett

GOVERNOR OF TENNESSEE Bill Lee

TENNESSEE SENATORS Marsha Blackburn & Bill Hagerty

WEST TENNESSEE CONGRESSMEN Steve Cohen & David Kustoff MEMPHIS/SHELBY COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor: City Court Clerk: **Jim Strickland Myron Lowery**

Director of Police: Shelby County Mayor:

Cerelyn "CJ" Davis Lee Harris

Director of Fire Services: Shelby County Sherriff:

Gina Y. Sweat Floyd Bonner, Jr.

CITY COUNCIL

District 1: Super District 8-1 **Rhonda Logan JB Smiley, Jr.**

District 2: Super District 8-2:

Frank Colvett, Jr., Chairman Cheyenne Johnson

District 3: Super District 8-3: Patrice J. Robinson Martavius Jones

District 4: Super District 9-1: Jamita Swearengen, Vice Chair Chase Carlisle

District 5: Super District 9-2: Worth Morgan J. Ford Canale

District 6: Super District 9-3:

Edmund Ford, Sr. Dr. Jeff Warren

District 7:

Michalyn Easter-Thomas

SHELBY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

District 1: District 8:

Amber Mills Mickell M. Lowery

District 2: District 9:

David C. Bradford Edmund Ford, Jr.

District 3: District 10:

Mick Wright Reginald Milton

District 4: District 11: Mark Billingsley Eddie Jones

District 5: District 12:

Michael Whaley Van Turner

District 6: District 13:

Willie F. Brooks, Jr. Van Turner

District 7: **Tami Sawyer**

BARTLETT ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor: Chief Administrative Officer:

Keith McDonald Mark Brown

Police Chief: Fire Chief:

Jeff Cox Terry Wiggins

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Position 1: Position 4:

W.C. (Bubba) Pleasant Bobby Simmons

Position 2: Position 5:

Emily Elliott Jack Young

Position 3: Position 6: **David Parsons Kevin Quinn**