

pray for ★ columbus

December 2024 Prayer Guide

ANSWERED PRAYERS

- Jay and Ashley Sidler adopted four of their foster children, several of them having special needs. Their church raised funds and provided labor to equip their house to care for these precious children! Praise God for this beautiful example of community coming around foster and adoptive families!
 - Click [here](#) to read more encouraging testimonies from these families!
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SPECIFIC REQUESTS

- Pray for orphans and foster care children to know they are loved by God.
 - Pray that they would experience a feeling of belonging to a foster/adoptive family, church or group of friends in their community.
 - Pray for God to lead and heal them as they work through the hurt they have experienced in their past and present.
- Pray for foster care and adoptive parents to have strength and endurance.
 - Pray that their communities would encourage and support them.
 - Pray for peace and understanding in every relationship – with foster children and their biological families, with foster families' biological children, with social workers and with their community.
- Pray for a movement among believers to adopt and care for foster children and reach out to struggling families and single-parent households.
- In this season of giving, please pray for abundant financial provision for the work of reaching the city of Columbus. Pray for generosity among Christ-followers in our city.
- Specific, measurable prayers for our city:
 - **Pray for the percentage of Christians to increase faster than our general population.**
 - **Ask God for a dramatic decrease in addictions, mental health issues and crime in Columbus.**
 - **Ask God for every single Columbus City School to have a church or Christian nonprofit partnership.**

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December 2024 Personal Prayer Guide

PRAISE and THANKSGIVING

- Take a moment to meditate on the love of the Father for you personally, but also for those around you. Like the apostle John, speak out loud: "*I am the one Jesus loves.*"
 - Praise God for the precious and indescribably generous gift of His Son. (pray through: *1 John 4:7-12, 1 John 3:1-2, 2 Corinthians 9:15, Romans 5:8*)
 - Praise God for the abundance of meals and provisions given to those in need by congregations and nonprofits in this season.
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CONFESSION and INTERCESSION

- Ask Jesus to search your heart and reveal anything in you that is out of alignment with His will. Yield to the Holy Spirit's prompting if confession or forgiveness is needed. (see *Psalms 139:23-24, 1 John 4:9-11*)
 - Bless your family, neighborhood and all of Columbus with an awakening to the love of the Father this Christmas season. Pray especially for those who may be hurting this December such as widows, orphans, foster care children, single parents and those who have lost loved ones.
 - Pray for a dramatic increase in adoptions and foster families in our city.
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PRAY ALOUD

Father God, we stand in awe of You. When we look to the heavens, may we be reminded of how great Your love is for us. The words "thank You" barely suffice to express our gratitude to You for sending Your Son to die as an atonement for our sins. May our friends, family and all of Columbus awaken to Your indescribable, steadfast, never-stopping, never-failing love. May those who follow You demonstrate this lavish, sacrificial love to those who are marginalized and oppressed. Send Your Holy Spirit to move on hearts and lives to love as You have loved us. May the lost encounter Your love this December in a personal way. We long for You, Jesus, may You come quickly! In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.