# pray for \* columbus

January 2025 Prayer Guide - Make us One

## **ANSWERED PRAYERS**

- Praise God over 350 leaders representing 250 nonprofits have engaged
  in the efforts of seeking unity and collaboration in central Ohio! We are
  truly seeing answers to our echo of Jesus' prayer to make us one so the
  world would know He was sent by the Father.
- Read more about our For the City generosity campaign <u>here</u>.

## SPECIFIC REQUESTS

- Ask God to make us one. Pray that we would reflect the unity in the Godhead so that the world may know Jesus' gift of salvation.
- Pray that division would no longer breed atheism in our culture.
   Pray instead that the world would see the body of Christ working together to seek the good of the city and advancement of the good news of Christ.
- Pray against silos and division and for a spirit of unity between congregations, nonprofits, civic leaders and marketplace leaders in Columbus.
- Please pray for abundant financial provision for the work of reaching the city of Columbus. Pray for generosity among Christ-followers...
- 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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## January 2025 Personal Prayer Guide

## PRAISE and THANKSGIVING

- Take a moment to personally **meditate on Jesus' love** for you and His sacrifice on the cross. Praise Him for this tremendous act of love.
- **Praise God for who He is**. Write out a list and meditate on His attributes described in *Psalm 145 and Romans 8:31–39*.
- Thank God for the movement of unity in Columbus through unified prayer and relationship building between believers.

### **CONFESSION and INTERCESSION**

- Invite the Holy Spirit to convict you of anything in you that is out of alignment with His will. (see *Psalm 139:23-24, 1 John 4:9-11*)
- Bless your family, neighborhood and all of Columbus with a spirit of unity. Pray especially for reconciliation and forgiveness in the Church.
- Ask God to break down divisions and silos between followers of Christ in Columbus. May we be made one just as Jesus prayed to the Father.
- Pray for God's commanded blessing when brothers and sisters in our city dwell together in unity. (See Psalm 133)

#### **PRAY ALOUD**

Father God, because of sin, the chasm between us was far too wide to cross. With man, it was impossible, but You made a way! Miraculously, Your cross bridged the vast divide and made a way for us to be one with You. May the forgiveness and grace You offer us empower and free us to be ministers of reconciliation with others. We pray that just as You are one, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, may Your followers all be one. May we operate as one body with diverse parts and functions, but with one head. Help us to overcome pride, covetousness and competition. Break down divisions and silos in our city. May we live for Your glory alone and not our own. May we be about building Your Kingdom and not our own. Make us one, Father God, make us one! In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.