

pray for ★ columbus

THE CITY - August 2022 Prayer Guide

ANSWERED PRAYERS

- **New collaborations between congregations, nonprofits and businesses are happening all across our city.** One example is [The Eden Center](#), where many organizations have come together to provide space for ministries combating human trafficking, mentoring at-risk youth and new social enterprises.
 - **Numerous Christ-centered nonprofits in our city are serving practical needs** such as food and job insecurity, housing and medical care. Praise God for the good work His body does to meet felt needs across Columbus.
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SPECIFIC REQUESTS

- Pray for the **flourishing peace and welfare of Columbus, Ohio. Bless our city according to Numbers 6:24-26.**
- Pray for the **body of Christ to be a preserving presence in our culture** of all that is good and true and beautiful. Pray for the light of the knowledge of Christ to shine brightly in the public arena.
- **Pray for a mobilization of united, city-focused prayer and worship.**
- Pray for a **robust movement of disciple-making and church planting in Columbus.** Ask God to protect and strengthen pastors and congregations.
- Lift up our city ministries dedicated to meeting felt needs. **Pray for their protection, provision and for the raising up of more equipped volunteers.**
- Pray for **mature believers to be in positions of leadership and cultural influence** in Central Ohio.
- 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 all forms of violent crime in Columbus over the next two years.**
 - **Ask God for every single Columbus City School to have a church or Christian nonprofit partnership.**

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PRAISE and THANKSGIVING

- **Start with worship! Praise God for His deliverance and salvation in the midst of “Babylon.”** Meditate on Psalm 145 and God’s gracious, generous character. He is loving toward all He has made!
 - **Come into His Presence with thanksgiving.** Thank Him for meeting your needs and answering your prayers. Read or sing Psalm 103 and write out your response to His goodness to you.
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CONFESSION and INTERCESSION

- **Be still in God’s presence and ask Him to search your heart. If any conviction comes to you, confess your sin and yield to God’s prompting** if reconciliation or forgiveness is needed. (Matthew 5:23-24)
 - **Bless all of Columbus with the Presence of Jesus. Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest field.** (Matthew 9:38)
 - **Pray for a movement of prayer, fellowship, discipleship and church planting in our city** (Acts 2:42-47). May all of Central Ohio be saturated in the gospel.
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PRAY ALOUD

Lord Jesus, we lift up our city to You and we pray for the welfare and flourishing peace of Columbus, Ohio. We pray for You to help our lights shine brightly for You. We pray against compromise with the prevailing culture and apathy among believers. Help Your disciples to speak the truth in love and maintain their “saltiness” as You admonished us. May we, as the body of Christ in Columbus, be Your witnesses in the public arena. Call Your children to the place of prayer and devotion to You and Your Word. As exiles in a foreign land, stir within us a hunger to stand for Your will and Your ways. May we meet the needs of the most vulnerable in our city and see with Your eyes the high worth of those You died to save. Thank You for turning Your face towards our city and shining on us the gracious light of Your Presence. In Jesus’ mighty Name we pray, Amen.