

CCUPrays PRAYER GUIDE

May 7-9, 2020

Thank you very much for participating in CCUPrays. If you are feeling a bit daunted by the prospect of filling an entire half-hour with prayer, here are some suggestions for organizing your time.

We recommend dividing up the thirty minutes according to the following categories:

1. assigned requests

You can find our recommendations below for each half-hour during all three days.

2. other requests on the master list

Once you have prayed for the requests we recommend, feel free to scroll down the list and pray for any others to which you may be drawn.

3. group requests (specific to your prayer group)

Focus your next section of prayer time on requests specific to you and/or your prayer partners in this effort. For example, if you are sharing this prayer slot with some colleagues from work, you could pray for the peace of God for the rest of the folks on your work team.

4. individual requests (within your prayer group)

For the final portion of your prayer time slot you could text each member of your group, before or during your thirty minutes, for any last-minute requests specific to the group members.

Praying suggestions:

**Be as specific and detailed as you can be in your prayers.*

For example, pray for each member of a specific group, not just the group as a whole. Project yourself into a person's situation (like a governor or mayor or town councilmember) and put some thought into what that person might really need, in terms of prayer support.

**Pray with a sense of humble confidence and expectation.*

Pray with a sense of expectation that God will really answer your request, not because you're some kind of "super pray-er" but because God is gracious and has promised to answer the prayers of His children when they are according to His will.

**Pray according to God's Word.* God has provided really good prayer advice already. You could even try praying the exact words of one of these verses or some other pertinent section of Scripture. Here are some examples of advice and subject matter: Psalm 6:9, 17:1, 66:18-20; Matthew 6:5-8; Romans 8:26; Ephesians 1:15-23, 6:18; Philippians 4:6-7; Colossians 4:2; 1 Tim. 2:1-3; 1 Peter 3:12.

**Consult the "Comments" portion of this webpage.*

Those comments may provide encouragement for your effort and, perhaps, even document some answers to prayer requests you had on your list.

From President Don Sweeting: "Why Prayer is Important NOW" <https://www.donsweeting.com/why-prayer-is-important-now/>

SPECIFIC PRAYER RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EACH TIME SLOT
(Requests in quotes came directly from CCU family members)

THURSDAY, 7 MAY

- 12:01-12:30a – all of the pray-ers who will undertake this effort over the next three days: steadfastness & creativity in praying and open hearts & minds to God's leadership
- 12:31-1:00a – the end of COVID-19 (C-19) in our communities, state, nation, and world
- 1:01-1:30a – President Trump and his administration: making wise decisions re: C-19
- 1:31-2:00a – Vice President Pence and his C-19 task force
- 2:01-2:30a – "That our world can learn from God about what He wants to teach us at this time"
- 2:31-3:00a – federal agencies providing guidance in fighting C-19: wisdom, direction
- 3:01-3:30a – Congressional leaders: making wise decisions about public & economic health
- 3:31-4:00a – Congressional leaders: refusing to politicize C-19 issues & legislation
- 4:01-4:30a – national news media: wisdom, courage, & refusal to politicize in reporting C-19
- 4:31-5:00a – Governor Polis: wisdom in guiding Colorado to respond well to C-19
- 5:01-5:30a – state legislators: wisdom in crafting legislation for the good of the people of Colorado
- 5:31-6:00a – the mayor of my town: wisdom in responding well to C-19 issues
- 6:01-6:30p – the city council in my town: wisdom in responding well to C-19 issues
- 6:31-7:00a – Colorado businesses: wisdom to know how and when to re-open
- 7:01-7:30a – local businesses: wisdom to know how and when to re-open
- 7:31-8:00a – hospitals in the north Denver metro: protection for workers, provision of supplies
- 8:01-8:30a – hospitals in the east Denver metro: protection for workers, provision of supplies
- 8:31-9:00a – hospitals in the south Denver metro: protection for workers, provision of supplies
- 9:01-9:30a – hospitals in the west Denver metro: protection for workers, provision of supplies
- 9:31-10:00a – hospitals in Colorado Springs: protection for workers, provision of supplies
- 10:01-10:30a – hospitals in northern Colorado: protection for workers, provision of supplies
- 10:31-11:00a – hospitals in eastern Colorado: protection for workers, provision of supplies
- 11:01-11:30a – hospitals in southern Colorado: protection for workers, provision of supplies
- 11:31-12:00p – hospitals in western Colorado: protection for workers, provision of supplies
- 12:01-12:30p – Colorado physicians unable to practice due to C-19: God's gracious, merciful provision
- 12:31-1:00p – Colorado healthcare workers unable to work due to C-19: God's gracious, merciful provision
- 1:01-1:30p – healthcare workers you know of personally: God's protection as they minister to the sick
- 1:31-2:00p – people in assisted living facilities where C-19 is running rampant
- 2:01-3:30p – citizens of the Denver metro: wisdom & grace to respond well to local officials & neighbors
- 2:31-3:00p – citizens of northern Colorado: wisdom & grace to respond well to local officials & neighbors
- 3:01-3:30p – citizens of eastern Colorado: wisdom & grace to respond well to local officials & neighbors
- 3:31-4:00p – citizens of southern Colorado: wisdom & grace to respond well to local officials & neighbors
- 4:01-4:30p – citizens of western Colorado: wisdom & grace to respond well to local officials & neighbors
- 4:31-5:00p – Colorado businesses: God's gracious, merciful provision to remain afloat
- 5:01-5:30p – local businesses: God's gracious, merciful provision to remain afloat
- 5:31-6:00p – business owners you know personally: God's gracious, merciful provision to remain afloat
- 6:01-6:30p – personal acquaintances unemployed due to C-19: restoration of old job or redirection to new job
- 6:31-7:00p – personal acquaintances unemployed due to C-19: God's provision to remain in their dwellings
- 7:01-7:30p – the hospital closest to my house: protection for workers, provision of supplies
- 7:31-8:00p – my favorite, closed restaurant: God's gracious, merciful provision to remain afloat
- 8:01-8:30p – businesses profiting from C-19 realities: lack of greed, mercy in providing goods & services
- 8:31-9:00p – CDC: researchers in their race to find a C-19 vaccine
- 9:01-9:30p – Centers for Disease Control (CDC): administrators facilitating C-19 research
- 9:31-10:00p – other medical researchers in their race to find a C-19 vaccine
- 10:01-10:30p – all government leaders overseeing stay-at-home orders: wisdom not to extend them too long
- 10:31-11:00p – "That God would continue to relieve peoples' anxiety about the pandemic"
- 11:01-11:30p – "For the courage & resilience of the American people as we are facing spiritual attacks"
- 11:31-12:00a – "That many people will NOT go back to normal after the pandemic but will put Christ first"

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FRIDAY, 8 MAY

12:01-12:30a – your church's senior pastor: wisdom for leadership
12:31-1:00a – your church's senior pastor: encouragement to minister well even without "live" services
1:01-1:30a – your church's senior pastor: creativity to know how to minister well
1:31-2:00a – your church's ministry staff: steadfast dedication to the current challenges of church ministry
2:01-2:30a – your church's ministry staff: creativity to know how to minister well
2:31-3:00a – your church's ministry staff: attentiveness to the needs of quarantined people
3:01-3:30a – your church's ministry staff: financial needs met even when church giving is down
3:31-4:00a – your church's membership: faithfulness to continue financial giving
4:01-4:30a – your church's membership: tenacity in staying connected with each other
4:31-5:00a – "That the Church would be strengthened and grown during this time of quarantine"
5:01-5:30a – "May the lost see their need for a Savior."
5:31-6:00a – thanksgiving for the blessings God continues to provide, even during these strange times
6:01-6:30p – Christians in your circle of family and friends: a spirit of repentance to prevail, beginning w/you
6:31-7:00a – Christians in your circle of family and friends: to regain a fresh sense of dependence on God
7:01-7:30a – spiritual revival/awakening in your community
7:31-8:00a – the church/all Christians in the Denver metro: spiritual revival/awakening
8:01-8:30a – the church/all Christians in Colorado: spiritual revival/awakening
8:31-9:00a – the church/all Christians in the Western US: spiritual revival/awakening
9:01-9:30a – the church/all Christians in the Midwestern US: spiritual revival/awakening
9:31-10:00a – "For individuals affected by domestic abuse during this time of seclusion"
10:01-10:30a – the church/all Christians in the Southwestern US: spiritual revival/awakening
10:31-11:00a – the church/all Christians in the Southeastern US: spiritual revival/awakening
11:01-11:30a – "Pray for the hearts of young people, especially as they endure this strange school year."
11:31-12:00p – the church/all Christians in the Northeastern US: spiritual revival/awakening
12:01-12:30p – "a prayer session for CCU, w/Lakewood pastors and ministry leaders, on May 8, 12n-1pm"
12:31-1:00p – "a prayer session for CCU, w/Lakewood pastors and ministry leaders, on May 8, 12n-1pm"
1:01-1:30p – "for those experiencing loss at this time, beyond pandemic events"
1:31-2:00p – parachurch ministries: that their respective financial supporters would remain faithful in giving
2:01-3:30p – parachurch ministries: creativity and wisdom to continue their respective missions
2:31-3:00p – local church small groups: lack of "Zoom fatigue" for those meeting virtually
3:01-3:30p – local church small groups: continued strong desire to "do community" as much as they are able
3:31-4:00p – local church small groups: creative and continued faithfulness to their larger church bodies
4:01-4:30p – "Pray for the leadership of Denver area Youth for Christ, as they minister to students."
4:31-5:00p – chaplains ministering locally to C-19-affected populations: courage, strength, faithfulness
5:01-5:30p – parents of school-aged children: continued patience, creativity, faithfulness in doing school
5:31-6:00p – local churches across denominational lines: a new sense of unity & cooperation post-pandemic
6:01-6:30p – local churches across denominational lines: a deeper sense of community responsibility
6:31-7:00p – local churches across denominational lines: resources to assist financially strapped families
7:01-7:30p – local churches across denominational lines: fresh emphasis on the ministry of prayer
7:31-8:00p – local churches across denominational lines: fresh emphasis on hearing God through the Bible
8:01-8:30p – local churches across denominational lines: new desire to seek God's agenda for local ministry
8:31-9:00p – local churches across denominational lines: grace to minister to C-19-affected senior citizens
9:01-9:30p – local churches across denominational lines: grace to minister to people w/compromised health
9:31-10:00p – people stuck at home or in assisted living facilities: peace, sense of God's presence, patience
10:01-10:30p – missionaries ministering internationally during the pandemic
10:31-11:00p – missionaries ministering domestically during the pandemics
11:01-11:30p – "For those with mental & behavioral health concerns"
11:31-12:00a – church elder and deacon boards: wisdom and creativity for ministry leadership

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SATURDAY, 9 MAY

12:01-12:30a – Pres. Sweeting and his cabinet: wisdom & courage to know when to open campus & offices
12:31-1:00a – Jim McCormick & Student Life: wisdom & care in communicating with CUS students & parents
1:01-1:30a – Roger Chandler & CAGS Student Success: wisdom & care in communicating with students
1:31-2:00a – Tech Support: ongoing understanding & patience to help remote workers stay connected
2:01-2:30a – Rick Garriss & Human Resources: ongoing wisdom to facilitate staff and hiring needs remotely
2:31-3:00a – CAGS Enrollment Counselors: ongoing wisdom & sensitivity to guide new CAGS students
3:01-3:30a – Dan Cohrs & Accounting staff: wisdom to navigate rough, pandemic-influenced, financial waters
3:31-4:00a – Allison Burkhart & Enrollment & Marketing team: ongoing creativity as they promote CCU
4:01-4:30a – Sarah Scherling & CAGS Academic Affairs team: fresh creativity, vision while working remotely
4:31-5:00a – Janet Black & CUS Academic Affairs team: strength to transition well from a challenging spring
5:01-5:30a – John Maxfield & CCU Security team: protection, wisdom as they guard empty facilities
5:31-6:00a – Lisa Danser & the Sodexo team: God's financial provision until CCU serves food again
6:01-6:30p – CUS students: excitement about returning in the fall
6:31-7:00a – "For the CCU community to clothe ourselves in the full armor of God (Eph. 6:11-18)"
7:01-7:30a – new CCU grads: contentment for earning their degrees despite no traditional Commencement
7:31-8:00a – "Pray for students that don't have great family situations."
8:01-8:30a – CUS students: faithfulness to their call to learn & willingness to learn in different ways
8:31-9:00a – "Time for the Communications and Creative Services team to pray together"
9:01-9:30a – CAGS students: gratitude that their educational delivery was barely effected by the pandemic
9:31-10:00a – "For students who may have to take a gap year now because of family financial situations"
10:01-10:30a – All CCU faculty & staff: a yearning to restore working relationships once offices re-open
10:31-11:00a – CAGS students: tenacity to stick with their educational programs despite pandemic stress
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