



**Prayer**  
MINISTRY

# Prayer Guide

November 3, 2021

**Thank you for your commitment to pray for  
30 minutes on the third day of the month!**

## **BIG PRAYERS FOR MEMPHIS**

The matters we are praying for this month regarding Memphis require big prayers! As John Newton author of “Amazing Grace” wrote, “Thou art coming to a king, large petitions with thee bring, for His grace and power are such, none can ever ask too much.” Big prayers require God. God requires that our petitions be prayed in faith.

The following requests are not a list to be hurriedly read through, but they are areas where God the Holy Spirit wants to do a deep, powerful, and personal work in and through you. **The goal is not to get to the end of the list!** And you may not. As God prompts you to focus on a particular request, please do so.

## **PRAISE**

*“Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you...and **pray to the LORD on its behalf**; for in its welfare, you will have welfare.”* Jeremiah 29:7

One request in the Prayer for Memphis is for God to “Send good jobs to Memphis.” We have been praying this for several years. This past month, God answered that prayer in a huge way! Ford Motor Company and SK Innovation announced that they will invest \$5.6 billion to build a 3,600-acre mega-campus on the Memphis Regional Mega Site. They will call it Blue City Oval. Production of the next generation of all-electric F-Series trucks will begin in 2025. The project will result in the creation of 5,800 new jobs in West Tennessee, benefitting tens of thousands of other workers as well! Let us *“Enter His gates with thanksgiving”* as we begin our prayer time (Psalm 100:4).

## CHURCHES

*“So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria enjoyed peace, being built up; and going on in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it continued to increase.” Acts 9:31*

- Pray the Word of God will be proclaimed from every pulpit in Memphis with Holy Spirit power! Pray by name for the pastors and churches that God brings to mind. The Spirit of God will guide you regarding what to pray.
- Pray Christians will not be satisfied with emotionalism, traditionalism, or dead orthodoxy, but instead, they will hunger for the Word of God and His living presence.
- Pray churches become *“a house of prayer for all nations”* (Isaiah 56:7).
- Pray genuine revival will break out in churches and people would embrace the Holy Spirit moving in a fresh way.
- Pray God will raise up men and women who Love God, Love People, Share Jesus, and Make Disciples. “The church is not developing her recruits into disciplined soldiers. We are fighting the greatest battle of all time with the most untrained army on earth” (Vance Havner).

## LEADERSHIP IN MEMPHIS AND THE MID-SOUTH

*“It is an abomination for kings to commit wicked acts, for a throne is established on righteousness.” Proverbs 16:12*

- Pray God will raise up righteous political leaders, men, and women who lead out of a sense of personal responsibility to God and serve in a holy fear of God.
- Pray for your political leaders by name. You will find them after the Prayer for Memphis. Pray for their salvation if they are not saved. Pray God will surround them with godly friends and associates. Pray political power will not be an idol. Pray God will bring political leaders to their knees in surrender to and dependence on God.
- Pray city and county leaders who are believers will pray with one another and walk in a unity of Spirit.

## SCHOOLS

*“An intelligent heart acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.” Proverbs 18:15<sup>ESV</sup>*

The average ACT scores in Memphis' lowest performing communities range from 14 to 16. The highest performing public schools average 23–26. The leading private school students average above 28. Overall, Memphis students' ACT scores range from an approximate minimum of 11, an average of 21, and a maximum of 36. This places many Memphis students closer to the minimum possible score than the national average. Only 7% of students graduating from Shelby County Schools (SCS) are ready to attend college.

At the end of 2019, only 19% of 3rd–8th-grade students in SCS and the Achievement School District (ASD) had attained mastery or were on track to mastery in language arts for their grade level on the Tennessee end-of-year tests. In math, the portion on track or having attained mastery was 26%.

Memphis has the second highest rate of disconnected youth in any U.S. metro area. Almost one in five youth and young adults ages 16–24 are neither employed nor in school.

- Pray God will *“Restore (unto this city and these families) the years that the swarming locust has eaten,”* regarding lost educational and economic opportunities (Joel 2:25<sup>ESV</sup>).
- Pray God will bless the staff and coaches of “Arise2Read” as they seek to bridge this educational gap and that more coaches would volunteer to meet the increased need due to COVID-19.
- Pray families and churches will embrace the disciplines that surround the area of educational endeavors.

## SAFETY

- Pray God will quench a spirit of violence that frequently strikes our neighborhoods and people.
- Pray God will give police and elected officials wisdom on how to combat this evil. *“First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.”* (1 Timothy 2:1–2).
- Pray God raises up soul winners, disciple-makers, and churches that will reach those who are committing violence so that they will be born again and transformed. *“For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed the evil thoughts, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, deeds of coveting and wickedness, as well as deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride and foolishness”* (Mark 7:21–22).

## IN CLOSING

*“I searched for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand in the gap before Me for the land, so that I would not destroy it; but I found no one.”* Ezekiel 22:30

As God searches Memphis, Tennessee, may He say, “I have found them.”

## PRAY FOR MEMPHIS.

Rather than simply reading the words of Bro. Steve's Prayer for Memphis, please take time to verbally pray for our city using this prayer as a guide.

*Heavenly Father, thank You for Memphis. Thank You for strategically locating our city in the middle of this nation, so we can be a catalyst for revival and spiritual awakening. Please pour out Your Spirit on Memphis, Shelby County, the Mid-South, and beyond. Help every Christian and every Bible-believing, Jesus-loving, Gospel-preaching church to Love God, Love People, Share Jesus, and Make Disciples. Demolish every demonic stronghold of pride, violence, racism, poverty, crime, sexual immorality, drug abuse, sickness, religious formalism, fanaticism, legalism, liberalism, and traditionalism. Replace them with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control, blessing, mercy, grace, hope, healing, liberty, and freedom. Destroy the stronghold of religion in Memphis that has a form of godliness but denies the power thereof. Give us churches that believe in the Bible and preach salvation only in Jesus Christ. Let Your Kingdom come and Your will be done in Memphis on Earth as it is in Heaven. Bring pastors, lay leaders, and congregations together as we pray for this city. Bless our governmental leaders, schools, and economy. Please send good jobs to Memphis. Keep casinos, strip clubs, and occultic activity out of Memphis. Do a work of revival in Memphis that can only be explained by Your presence and power and do it all for Your glory. Call Your people to fervent, united, visible, extraordinary prayer. May the latter glory of Your Kingdom in Memphis be greater than the former, and please grant Memphis Your peace. Do exceeding and abundantly beyond all that we can ask or think. In Jesus' name, Amen!*

## 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 of the United States:

**Joe Biden**

Governor of Tennessee:

**Bill Lee**

Vice President of the United States:

**Kamala Harris**

Tennessee Senators:

**Marsha Blackburn**  
**Bill Hagerty**

Supreme Court Justices:

**John G. Roberts**, Chief Justice  
**Clarence Thomas**  
**Stephen G. Breyer**  
**Samuel A. Alito**  
**Sonia Sotomayer**  
**Elena Kagan**  
**Neil M. Gorsuch**  
**Brett M. Kavanaugh**  
**Amy Coney Barrett**

West Tennessee Congressmen:

**Steve Cohen**  
**David Kustoff**

## Memphis/Shelby County Elected Officials

Mayor:

**Jim Strickland**

Director of Fire

Services:

**Gina Y. Sweat**

Shelby County Mayor:

**Lee Harris**

Director of Police:

**Cerelyn “CJ” Davis**

City Court Clerk:

**Myron Lowery**

Shelby County Sheriff:

**Floyd Bonner, Jr.**

City Council:

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District 2:

**Chairman**  
**Frank Colvertt, Jr.**

District 5:

**Worth Morgan**

Super District 8-2:

**Cheyenne Johnson**

District 1:

**Rhonda Logan**

District 6:

**Edmund Ford, Sr.**

Super District 8-3:

**Martavius Jones**

District 3:

**Patrice J. Robinson**

District 7:

**Michalyn**  
**Easter-Thomas**

Super District 9-1:

**Chase Carlisle**

District 4:

**Vice Chair**  
**Jamita Swearingen**

Super District 8-1:

**JB Smiley, Jr.**

Super District 9-2:

**J. Ford Canale**

Super District 9-3:

**Dr. Jeff Warren**

**Shelby County Commissioners:**

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District 11:  
**Chairman**  
**Eddie Jones**

District 13:  
**Pro Tempore**  
**Brandon Morrison**

District 1:  
**Amber Mills**

District 2:  
**David C. Bradford**

District 3:  
**Mick Wright**

District 4:  
**Mark Billingsley**

District 5:  
**Michael Whaley**

District 6:  
**Willie F. Brooks, Jr.**

District 7:  
**Tami Sawyer**

District 8:  
**Mickell M. Lowery**

District 9:  
**Edmund Ford, Jr.**

District 10:  
**Reginald Milton**

District 12:  
**Van Turner**

Prayer is the slender nerve that moves the  
muscles of omnipotence.

—Charles Spurgeon

