



# Charlotte Prayer Guide

*What would happen if the collective body of Christ in Charlotte prayed for the needs of the city in a unified way? Following is a Charlotte Prayer Guide, outlining specific prayer points for each of the major needs addressed in the 2018 State of the City Report. We encourage you, your church, or small group to use this prayer guide to pray for the needs of our city.*

## Mobility Matters: Income Inequality

- » Pray for those in poverty in our city, recognizing that poverty is not just material, but spiritual.
- » Pray that those needing a job will have an opportunity to work for a livable wage and support their family with dignity.
- » Pray that God would reveal opportunities to bless those in poverty, recognizing that all that we have belongs to God and we are simply stewards of His resources.
- » Pray for those who put their hope in wealth, instead of God. Pray that they would understand it is God who is our true provider.
- » Pray for forgiveness for areas in your life where you are living with closed hands and are unwilling to trust God with all that you have.
- » Pray that God would give you a generous heart, to seek opportunities to live generously, whether personally or in your work.

## Mobility Matters: Race

- » Pray that God would help you see every man, woman, and child as He sees them, created in His image. And that through His eyes, that you would be able to give thanks and celebrate the beauty and diversity of all the peoples in His creation.
- » Pray that God would reveal to you your own biases and prejudices and that He would give you the strength to repent and ask forgiveness for those you may have hurt with your biases.
- » Pray that God would reveal where Christ's Church has historically furthered racial prejudice in our society, and ask for strength to repent of these corporate sins.

- » Give thanks to God that the power of the gospel has the ability to unite the racial divisions in our city.

## Mobility Matters: Education

- » Pray for all the school age children in our city.
- » Pray for the school teachers that faithfully pour their lives into the students in our city (public, private, charter, and homeschool).
- » Pray for our school system: Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools. Pray for its many dedicated teachers, faculty, leadership, and board. Pray that all the needs of the school system would be provided.
- » Pray for deepening relationships between churches and schools in our community. Pray that churches would serve our schools with humility, respect, and faithfulness.
- » Pray that all educational inequalities would cease. Pray that every child in our community would be able to gain the quality education they deserve, and pray for all those who are currently struggling to obtain it.

## Mobility Matters: Family Structure

- » Give thanks for the gift of family. Pray for every mom, dad, grandparent, foster parent and other caregiver raising children in our city.
- » Pray for the 41,000 parents in our county that are raising children as a single parent. Pray that they may find community and support from friends, church, and others who can encourage and help them with the day to day tasks of being a parent.



## Mobility Matters: Social Capital

- » Pray for a deepening relational unity and trust in our community across all lines: racial lines, between churches, with government institutions, and those that protect and serve our community.
- » Pray that where trust has been broken, there would be repentance and forgiveness.
- » Pray that the Church would lead the way in fostering healthy relationships across all dividing lines in our city.

## The Margins Matter: Immigrants & Refugees

- » Pray for the more than 17,000 refugees that have resettled in Charlotte in the last 20 years.
- » Pray that the Church in our city would be welcoming and loving to those moving here from other countries. Pray that the Church would live out Biblical hospitality.
- » Pray that God will grow a deepening relational unity between American and immigrant believers. Pray for opportunities to minister side by side as one Church, despite having different backgrounds, languages, and cultures.

## The Margins Matter: Vulnerable Children

- » Pray for every child in our city that does not have a safe place to call home.
- » Pray for the nearly 600 children in the Mecklenburg County foster and adoption system.
- » Pray for the leaders in the foster and adoption system, that they would be renewed and encouraged daily.
- » Pray that the Church would help find a forever home for every child in our community in need.
- » Pray that God would raise up loving, Christ following foster and adoptive parents who will open their homes to care for and love vulnerable children of all ages.

## The Margins Matter: Affordable Housing

- » Pray for the thousands of families in Charlotte that are without a permanent home.
- » Pray that the Church and leaders in our city will work together to find innovative ways to provide affordable housing options throughout our city.

## Millennials Matter

- » Give thanks to God that Charlotte is a vibrant, growing city that is a hub for younger generations.
- » Give thanks for the massive influx of millennials to our city, and for the life, innovation, and energy they bring.
- » Pray that the Church would prioritize developing intergenerational mentoring through discipleship relationships, and that through them, each generation in the church would be blessed.
- » Pray that churches would prioritize raising up millennial leaders.

## The Marketplace Matters

- » As a city filled with marketplace leaders, pray that we would see these leaders unleashed to lead in Christ's mission for the good of our city.
- » Pray that God would help you see your workplace as a unique mission field He has placed you in to share and show His love with those in your sphere of influence.

## Multiplication Matters

- » Pray for a revival within Christ's Church in Charlotte, evidenced by a deepening love and unity within the Church. And that through this unity, the Church would find new and creative ways to collaborate on Christ's mission in our city.
- » Pray that the Church would experience a renewed commitment to proclaiming and demonstrating the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- » Give thanks for the many diverse representations of the Church throughout the city. And pray that God would continue to raise up new churches and ministries to reach every language, people group, and culture in our city.
- » Pray for unbelievers in our city. Pray that they may experience the love of God, given in the person of Jesus. Pray that their eyes might be open to the hope and peace that exists perfectly in Jesus.
- » Pray that each follower of Jesus would recognize their role in the Great Commission, and work daily to make disciples for the glory of God.

For more information, and to view the 2018 State of the City Report, please visit [ForCharlotte.org](http://ForCharlotte.org)

