



# Let's Pray for Ashland!

Downtown Team Led by Anita Alvarez at Corner Park Lot

## Read Together: Beginning Scripture and Prayer

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Phil 4:6-7

We know we are weak, Lord, so we ask you to carry us. We struggle to think clearly, so we depend on your Word to lift us. Where we feel darkness, we look to your light. Strengthen us as we give you each burden. Humble us as we give you praise. Lead our thoughts and help us to listen as we walk and pray. Amen.

### Prayer Points for Downtown Team:

- For unity, understanding, and love for those with differing political or cultural viewpoints
- For our city's financial stability and economy
- For business owners and nonprofit organizations with increasing financial burdens and difficult decisions to make
- For direction for all city and state officials and employees as they plan for the future
- For future growth and development of Ashland
- For safety and protection of our first responders—firefighters, EMTs, police, and others
- For the well-being of those who are furloughed or unemployed or working in new environments
- For the entrepreneurs who are trying to develop our downtown area
- For a stronger sense of community and care for one another that only You can provide

### General Prayer Points for All Teams:

- For fear to be overcome by hope and trust in the Lord who still is in control.
- For Christians and all churches in Ashland, we pray for patience and fortitude; for God to reveal the next steps; for hearts to be open to God's work and purpose; for transformation and renewal in our churches and throughout Ashland
- For protection and healing from illness, specifically Covid-19
- For direction for all decision makers and leaders
- For peace and unity, especially where there are cultural and political differences
- For the Lord's strength and victory in all aspects of spiritual warfare
- For thankful hearts that we may gather and pray to our Lord who hears every prayer
- For us to be life-givers, depending on the Holy Spirit and spreading the Lord's joy and love!

## Read Together: Ending Scripture and Prayer

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Phil 4:8

Lord, You are with us, surrounding us with Your love. Help us to remember Your goodness and trust in Your saving grace. May we have joy! May Your light shine through us! Thank You for hearing our prayers and guiding us.

In Jesus' name, Amen.



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## Scripture References

**Meditate on one or two passages or read through all of them.**

The LORD is my shepherd; I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He guides me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me. Your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil. My cup runs over. Surely goodness and loving kindness shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the LORD's house forever. Psalm 23

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Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by your name. You are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they will not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned, and the flame will not scorch you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. Isaiah 43:1b-3a

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Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. Romans 5:3-5

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Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you. 2 Corinthians 13:11

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May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

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For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11

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And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. 1 Peter 5:10

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We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thes 1:3

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Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. Hebrews 10:23

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But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not be faint. Isaiah 40:31

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Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Phil 1:6

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I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope. Psalm 130:5

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And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Rom 8:28

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Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Col 3:12