

# PRAYING FOR YOUR CHURCH CUSTER ROAD UMC PRAYER GUIDE

Simply put, prayer is a conversation with God. It can be formal and easily recitable like The Lord's Prayer. Or it can be an urgent plea for God's intercession. It can be a simple, short note of thanksgiving or a loud, yet intimate note of praise. No matter how you express it, prayer is powerful. We invite you to remember your membership vows to support Custer Road with YOUR prayers. Please join us in unleashing the power of prayer as we pray for THIS church.

Below is a guide for you to use to pray for Custer Road. Whether it is praying silently in the Prayer Room or at home, join with the body of Christ in lifting up all these needs for our church.

## PRAY FOR THE CHURCH FACILITIES

Father, thank you for the opportunity to worship You at 6601 Custer Road. Thank you for this wonderful facility that allows anyone from infants to the elderly to come together in one place, to worship and learn about you! Bless this building with Your love so that all that enter would feel Your presence.

Allow parking to go painlessly and for all to be patient as they find their parking spot. Allow the weather to not impede those that walk from the east parking lot. Almighty God, ensure that there are no mechanical or plumbing issues each Sunday. Let there be a welcoming presence in The Commons with plenty of doughnuts and coffee. And may we be blessed with no technological issues with livestreaming or with our services within the building.

Lord, we are so thankful for You. For what You have done at Custer Road already and what You will do in the future. In Jesus' name, Amen.

#### PRAY FOR THE MINISTERS

Lord, pour out your blessings upon each minister that speaks this morning. Give them strength of voice, clarity of vision, and a spirit of humility. Allow their words to speak of wisdom, love and mercy. Give them confidence, knowing that You are speaking through them and use them to spread Your word and to bring more people to Christ through this morning's message.

Father, to lead a congregation is not an easy task. We humbly ask that you continue to sustain our ministers as they carry out their ministry. Guard their hearts each day and let them feel Your presence as a vivid reminder of the calling that You placed on their hearts. Amen.



#### **PRAY FOR THE SERVICES**

God of All, thank you for blessing Custer Road with a wonderful building and the resources to host five different worship services each Sunday. Whether it's a traditional service with organ music, a modern service with drums or a Spanish speaking service, we know that You are present in each one. We ask that these services go exactly as planned with no issues. We ask for your blessings to be poured out on the music team, the audiovisual team, and the hospitality team. To those that teach adults and students and children, giving them your wisdom, patience and grace.

We ask that Your Spirit be evident to those that are worshipping. We ask for a feeling of renewal and revival to be felt by all. We ask that the attendance at these services would multiply and that the message of Your love would be heard by so many more people. Thank you, Lord, for 45 years of ministry. You have been so faithful and generous. Amen.

### **PRAY FOR OUR GUESTS**

God who goes before us, bless each person as they arrive at Custer Road. Calm any anxieties, ease hurried hearts, and create a sense of welcome from the moment they enter Your church. May they feel that this is their home where they can truly learn about the love of Christ.

So many are longing for You, but yet, they do not know You. Let this church become their home where they will come faithfully to worship and praise Your holy name. Walk with them in their discipleship journey so that they may fully engage in the ministries of Your church. Bless us with members that multiply in great numbers so that we can continue to reach others in Your name. Amen.

#### **PRAY FOR OURSELVES**

Heavenly Father, thank you for Your church. Thank you for those that planted this church many decades ago and thank you for those that serve it today. Help me to be Your hands and feet and serve Custer Road well using my unique spiritual gifts. These wonderous gifts that you bestowed upon me specifically to serve Your Kingdom.

Please continue to bless Custer Road and help each of us to keep our focus on You. Help us to show the love of Jesus as we reach out to our community. Sustain us with Your grace and strengthen us for greater ministry. And as each of us continues to pursue You, show us Your way each day. In Jesus' name, Amen.