

HITC Prayer Guide for Austin

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14

This is simply a guideline to help you think of ways to pray for the city. Use it as a 'springboard', but let the Holy Spirit guide your prayers for the things that stir your heart personally in Austin.

- **Begin by praying that Jesus will be exalted over Austin.**

But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself. John 12:32

Think of His characteristics and declare them over our city - His love, His mercy, His righteousness...

- **Pray that we, His sons and daughters, will represent Christ in Austin...**

As His fragrance	<i>2 Cor. 14-16</i>
As His light	<i>Matt. 5:14-16</i>
As His Salt	<i>Matt. 5:13</i>
As His disciples	<i>John 13:35</i>
As His 'sent ones'	<i>John 17:1; John 3:17</i>

- **Pray that Christians in Austin will be filled with Jesus' compassion for the people in this city and that we will be known as those who 'make a difference'.**

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field. Matthew 9:36-38.

- **Think of specific things that Austin is known for:**

- The University of Texas
- The State Government
- The Music and Entertainment Industry
- The High Tech Industry
- Parks (2nd in nation with park land in city)
- Lakes & hill country
- Health & Fitness
- Biking (Lance Armstrong)
- Social Conscience (*Did you know that Austin has more non-profits per capita than any other city in the nation???*)
- Think of other things (besides bats ☺) ???

What kind of influence do these things have on our city? Envision now how God can use these influences for His Kingdom to come to Austin? Who are the people involved in these areas? Can you think of other influential people in our city? Pray for them to have a revelation of Jesus' love. Pray for the Kingdom of God to come to Austin through the redemption of each of these areas...

- **Now, what do you think God would want Austin known for? Dream with God and pray His dream...**

- **Think of some specific strongholds that Satan has in this city.**

Pray that the roots of these strongholds of Satan will be exposed, removed in the Spirit and replaced by God's awesome Kingdom plans and purposes for this city.

- **Pray that God will bring down the walls of racism and all forms of injustice in our city.**
“For He himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the wall of separation...”
Ephesians 2:14-17
Historically, Waller Creek was the dividing line between the Anglos and the other races in Austin. Then IH35 became the 'line'. Let us pray that these dividing walls will come down. Pray that the churches across these lines will come together to bring justice and unity to this city. Ask God to show us our action points in this prayer!
- **Pray that the power of the Holy Spirit will be demonstrated through supernatural healings and miracles in Austin so that God will receive maximum glory.**
And Jesus went to ALL the cities and villages, teaching and preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom and healing EVERY sickness and EVERY disease. Matt 9:35
The cry of the early church...
“Stretch out your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”..and then the building was shaken....Acts 4:31
 - Heal all broken lives
 - Heal all mental & emotional illness
 - Heal all disease

Do it here, Lord, do it here!

Pray for God's blessing on our city. Can you find Scriptures of blessing to pray for Austin?

FYI: Intercessors have been gathering and praying over Austin for decades. Through the years, **they have consistently prayed from Isaiah 35 (IH35) and Isaiah 62 over our City** (put in 'Austin' in place of 'Zion'). They have also linked some specific historical roots and locations to some of the 'strongholds' unique to Austin. Some of this information is available in the prayer room if you are interested in agreeing with others in our city for breakthrough.

People to Pray For in Austin

(This list is not exhaustive. Add those God brings to your mind!)

Pray for specific family, friends and co-workers. of yours in Austin.

(If you have a problem with focus, get out a pen & paper and write down names.) Ask the Lord how to pray for each one. Pray that God will personally reveal His love to them - That He will use YOU to show them his love.

Business People Deut. 8:18

Think of businesses you frequent. Pray God's blessing on these businesses. Pray for righteous employers & managers and peaceful work environments in these places. Ask for creative, godly entrepreneurs to rise up and create more jobs in this city as well as use their influence in the marketplace.

News Media People Prov. 1:24-26

Do you watch the news on TV or listen on the radio or read a particular newspaper ? Pray for the reporters whom you've become familiar with. Pray that they will be seekers of 'truth' and that God will bring people across their paths who will reveal His truth - and love to them.

Educators Luke 6:40

Do you personally know any teachers or professors in Austin? Pray for a divine revelation of God's love for them. If they are already Christian, pray that they will have a fresh touch of His love. Pray also for God to provide for all their needs according to His riches in glory.

Students 2 Tim 2:15 100,000 university Students; 81,000 AISD Students; ? Private School & Home-schooled - What students do you come in contact with weekly? Pray that a move of God will spread through every campus! Pray that students who know God will share his love to others around them. Pray that students will form godly lifestyles and shape their careers & ambitions to fulfill God's plan for their lives.

Healthcare workers Psalm 41:1-2

Pray God's blessings on your personal physicians & nurses or any others whom you know. Pray that they will be equipped with loving hearts as they serve others; that pressures of their profession would not overwhelm their families and friendships; that they will realize that in their limitations, God can do the impossible. Pray for stamina during long days and for places of success and celebration.

Homeless People Psalm 107:41

Watch on the street corners or under bridges for those needing help. Look in their eyes and smile. Pray for them to have immediate relief for their primary needs of food, shelter and health care. Pray that Christ will restore hope for their future. Ask God what He would have you do.

Elderly people Psalm 92:14-15

That God's strength will be poured out on everyone who is advanced in years in Austin. They they will be honored, cared for and that loneliness will be banished through family bonds & lasting friendships.

Government Leaders 1 Tim 2:1-2

That they will be examples of righteousness to our society; that they will experience wisdom from God in their deliberations; That they will be free from corruption but will advance justice and truth in our society.

Military

Do you know any military personnel? If not, pray for all our men serving in danger zones that they would daily have wisdom in times of stress & crisis; That God would fortify their families stretched by long separations. Pray that God will protect our soldiers on the battlefield. And pray for their chaplains and Christians in their companies that the gospel message will flow clearly & powerfully.

Immigrants and Ethnic Communities Psalm 22:27

Austin is such an international city. Pray that churches would demonstrate the beauty of God's love toward these people. Pray that they will not face discrimination or be taken advantage of, but would be shown honor and sincere love. Pray that all their needs would be met.

Law Enforcement officers Psalm 106:3

Instead of cringing when you see a patrol car, thank God for these upholders of justice. Pray that they will have righteous wisdom at all times. Pray for their protection. That their hearts will not become hardened, but will remain tender. Pray that each one will be a true seekers and defenders of justice. Pray that their families will be provided for.

Pastors

What pastors in the city do you know? Pray specifically for them - and for all the pastors in Austin that they will have a fresh, intimate relationship with Jesus and a powerful infilling of the Holy Spirit. Pray that they will begin to look outward and call their people to love others in this city. Pray that they will have close friendships and that they and their families will be protected from the evil one.

Prisoners Psalm 69:32-33

Pray for those men and women in the Del Valle jail. Pray for Tommy McIntosh and his team of chaplains that God will show them how to reveal Christ's love to these broken ones. Pray that they will be protected from violence & evil. That they will be set free from their addictions. That their families will be sustained, protected and provided for.

Physically Disabled Isaiah 63:9

Watch for people parking in 'handicapped places'. Pray for these precious ones that they will be surrounded by loving friends and family who will honor and befriend them. Pray that they will have physical and emotional stamina to face the increased challenges of their lives. Pray for them to experience God's love and healing touch!

Those Living in Poverty

Pray that their physical & spiritual needs will be met. Pray that God will release them from intergenerational cycles of oppression and despair. That God will reverse every curse and multiply blessing in their lives.