

Jigsaw Intercessions



If you have a jigsaw at home, you might like to choose a piece to hold in the palm of your hand. Otherwise, picture a jigsaw piece in your mind.

Pray for yourself.

- Thank God for the good things in your life.
- Ask him to help you see the big picture of the plan he has for your life.
- Spend a few minutes asking God about your role in the 'big picture' of Battle Baptist Church. Is there anything God wishes to affirm, challenge, prompt or confirm?

Look at the parts of the jigsaw piece that reach outwards.

- Pray for the people whom you reach out to.
- Pray for those you know who reach out and help show love to others. Pray about our ministries, local community initiatives you are aware of, local hospitals and health providers and national campaigns.
- Thank God for the people who help you and show love to you.

Look at the parts of the piece that have spaces waiting to be filled.

- Pray for people who have lost something or someone, or who feel that they have something missing in their lives. Ask God to help them to know that they are loved by Him.
- Pray for our church. There may be ministry areas that have gaps when we return. Ask God to show us which ministry areas we should 'fill' and focus on. Are there others it is time to lay down?
- Focus your attention wider afield to the local community and the world. What 'gaps' is God putting on your heart to pray about? It might be groups of people who don't have enough resources or those for whom every day is a struggle because of ill physical or mental health. Or it could be the environment, local businesses or the financial implications of lockdown.
- Reflect on the spaces in your own life (e.g. loss and grief, times when God has seemed silent or distant, times of uncertainty or waiting). Hand the confusion, your hurts and worries to the Lord again.

Imagine trying to fit a piece into the wrong place in the puzzle.

- Pray for people who find it hard to fit in, people who have moved to a new place, people who feel they have no friends, people who are being bullied. Pray that they will find peace, friends and happiness.
- Think of someone from your community, your friends or family that you would like to pray for. Thank God for that person and ask God to bless and help them.

Imagine the jigsaw completed.

- Thank God for our church, the other churches in Battle and the church worldwide. Pray that God's Kingdom will come.