

## Prayer Focus for the Visual and Performing Arts

We pray for the redemption of the Arts (visual and performing) for the expression of the Christian faith in ways that facilitate deeper worship and more personal connections to the Godhead.

**Exodus 28:3** So you shall speak to all who are gifted artisans, whom I have filled with the spirit of wisdom, that they may make Aaron's garments, to consecrate him, that he may minister to Me as priest.

**2 Samuel 6:5** Then David and all the house of Israel played music before the LORD on all kinds of instruments of fir wood, on harps, on stringed instruments, on tambourines, on sistrums, and on cymbals.

**2 Kings 3:15** But now bring me a musician." Then it happened, when the musician played, that the hand of the LORD came upon him.

**Psalms 33:3** Sing to Him a new song; Play skillfully with a shout of joy.

**Psalms 149:3** Let them praise His name with the dance; Let them sing praises to Him with the timbrel and harp.

- ◆ We pray for pastors and leaders to become aware and promote the significance of the arts. We pray for them to have wisdom and understanding and discover creative ways to incorporate both visual and performing arts into the ministry of their churches.
- ◆ We pray for Christian artists within the churches. We pray that they find a way to use their gifts to give glory to God within the body. We pray that they are blessed as they use their gift for the purposes of edifying and encouraging the people of God.
- ◆ We pray that Christian artists understand their role and their potential to impact and influence our culture. We pray their vision and creativity is based on biblical values and as they use their gift that it infuses those values into the culture.
- ◆ We pray that artists are divinely inspired in their field. That as they trust you with the use of their gifts that they will begin to experience more creativity and greater skill than in the past.
- ◆ We pray for Christian artists to be protected in their field of work. We pray that they have courage to stand in the face of persecution, to be bold in sharing the gospel message, and that they live a life that validates the word of their testimony. We pray that they are a light that draws people to Jesus
- ◆ We pray for finances and financial strategies to be birthed so that worthy Christian artistic endeavors can be supported.
- ◆ We pray for prayer groups to rise up in theatres, orchestras, art academies, etc.. We pray for a revival among artists because you have gifted them with the ability to express thoughts and feelings and experiences in ways that uniquely connect to all types of people.
- ◆ We pray specifically for the visual and performing arts in Austin. Some specific areas that come to mind are: The Lyric Opera, the Theaters (Zachary Scott, Esther's Follies, and Paramount Theater), 6<sup>th</sup> street, people involved in the ACL event & SXSW, the art museums (AMOA, the Blanton, Umlauf Garden, etc..).
- ◆ Take a moment and ask God if there is a specific person, place or group that He would like you to pray for. Pray as the Holy Spirit leads you.