

## May 4, 2023 National Day of Prayer (Prayer Guide)

(Note: This is only a suggested guide. Leaders should feel free to pray for needs specific to their areas as they are led.)

Welcome – Thank participants and welcome Holy Spirit.

Purpose – We are gathered here today not to hear speeches or sermons but simply to pray.

**II Chronicles 7:14 NKJV** says, “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 I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

We want to see God transform America through prayer.

We recount our pledge of allegiance that says we are “one nation under God”. We declare the phrase stated on our currency, “In God we trust” and we agree with...

**Amos 4:13 NIV** *He who forms the mountains, who creates the wind, and who reveals His thoughts to mankind, who turns dawn to darkness, and treads on the heights of the earth – the Lord God Almighty is His name.*

### Invocation

Let us invoke God’s presence here today. Join with me in inviting His Spirit to join us and others across our low country and across our nation to help us in this season of prayer.

(Pray accordingly)

# NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER - HOW TO PRAY FOR AMERICA

We will now pray into the 7 centers of influence in our nation.

## **GOVERNMENT**

Choose one or more of these scriptures to pray. *(1 Timothy 2:1-2; Proverbs 11:3; Romans 13:1-2)*

### **Federal Government**

Pray for our President, Vice President, Cabinet Members, Congressional Leaders, Supreme Court Justices

### **State Government**

Pray for your Governor, Executive Leaders, Legislative Leaders, Judicial Leaders

### **Local Government**

Pray for your Mayor, City Counsel, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Judges, County Officials

## **MILITARY**

*"He appointed military officers over the people and assembled them...and encouraged them with these words: 'Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged because of the king of Assyria and the vast army with him. With him only is the arm of flesh, but with us is the Lord our God to help us and to fight our battles...'" (2 Chronicles 32:6-8)*

Perseverance to endure hardship (Isaiah 43:2; Deuteronomy 31:6)

Wise leaders who inspire respect from those under their command (Romans 13:1)

Protection and support for the families they have left behind (Romans 1:8-10)

## **MEDIA**

*"...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." (Philippians 4:8)*

The decision makers within the media to realize they can make a profit by producing uplifting projects (Proverbs 8:10-11)

Christians in media to find favor and be filled with creative ideas that bring kingdom principles and life-giving messages to the public (Proverbs 2:1-15)

## **BUSINESS**

*"I have filled him with the Spirit of God, giving him great wisdom, ability, and expertise in all kinds of crafts. He is a master craftsman, expert in working..." (Exodus 31:3-4)*

Impartation of ideas and resources to open principled businesses, especially in areas that need an economic boost (Psalm 132:15)

Christian workers to display Christ-like humility and service to their co-workers (Philippians 2:3)

## **EDUCATION**

*“If you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. For the LORD gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.” (Proverbs 2:3-6)*

Pray for a safe atmosphere conducive to learning.

Pray for Excellence in educators. (Exodus 18:20-21)

Pray for Equal opportunities for every student to achieve their full potential. (Philippians 1:9)

## **CHURCH**

*“So then, just as you received Jesus Christ as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ.” (Colossians 2:6-8)*

The church would find a new zeal and commitment to the mission and purpose of Jesus Christ (Matt 22:37)

Unity with and among churches that reveal God’s love to the world (John 17:23)

Integrity—that God’s people look and act differently from the world (I Peter 2:11; 1 Corinthians 13:6)

## **FAMILY**

*“If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand.” (Mark 3:25)*

Pray for unity and love in individual families that reach out in hospitality toward others. (Romans 12:9-13)

Pray that God will establish healthy relationships between parents and children. (Malachi 4:5-6)