

Upside Down Kingdom: Weekly Prayer Guide

Week 4 - The Measure You Use Luke 6:37-42

Prayer Focus: Our Nation

This week we pray not only for ourselves, but for the soul of our nation. Jesus' words confront how judgment, blindness, and pride take root not just in individuals, but in communities, cultures, and public life. As followers of Christ, we intercede for our nation—not from a place of superiority, but humility—asking God to begin His renewing work in us and extend it outward. We pray for mercy to shape our life together, and for hearts willing to be examined by the truth of the kingdom.

Sunday — A Prayer for Our Nation in Worship

Scripture: Luke 6:36

“Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.”

Prayer: Merciful God, we lift our nation before You. Where judgment has replaced compassion, teach us mercy. Where pride has hardened hearts, bring humility. Where voices shout louder than truth, help us listen again. Begin Your work in Your people, that Your healing may flow through us into our communities, our leaders, and our common life. Have mercy on us, Lord. Amen.

Monday — A Nation in Need of Mercy

Scripture: Luke 6:36-38

Pray for:

- Our nation to recognize its deep need for God's mercy
- Hearts softened by grace rather than hardened by fear
- A renewal of gratitude instead of entitlement

Prayer: God of mercy, pour out Your grace on our nation and teach us to receive it humbly. Amen.

Tuesday — Turning from Judgment to Grace

Scripture: Luke 6:37

Pray for:

- Healing from cycles of condemnation and blame
- Wisdom in public discourse marked by truth and compassion
- A spirit of forgiveness to replace hostility and division

Prayer: Jesus, free our nation from the grip of judgment and lead us into the way of grace. Amen.

Wednesday — Healing Our Blindness

Scripture: Luke 6:39-40

Pray for:

- Clarity where misinformation, fear, or pride distort vision
- Leaders shaped by humility and wisdom
- The church to be formed by Christ rather than cultural pressure

Prayer: Lord, give our nation eyes to see clearly and hearts willing to be led by truth. Amen.

Thursday — Honest National Self-Examination

Scripture: Luke 6:41

Pray for:

- Our nation to face its own brokenness honestly
- Repentance for injustice, neglect, and unfaithfulness
- The courage to look inward before assigning blame outward

Prayer: Holy God, reveal what needs healing in our nation and lead us toward repentance. Amen.

Friday — Repentance That Leads to Restoration

Scripture: Luke 6:42

Pray for:

- Genuine repentance that brings renewal, not shame
- Clean hearts and restored relationships across communities
- The church to model humility and hope

Prayer: God of restoration, cleanse our nation's heart and make a way toward healing. Amen.

Saturday — Becoming a People of Mercy

Scripture: Luke 6:38

Pray for:

- A generous spirit to mark our shared life
- Believers to embody mercy in everyday interactions
- God's kingdom values to shape the future of our nation

Prayer: God of abundance, shape us into a people who reflect Your mercy to the world. Amen.