

Prayer

FOR OUR NATION

PRAYER GUIDE

Thank you for joining us in praying for our nation. 1 Peter 3:12 says, “For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer.” We can rest in the assurance that God hears and answers the prayers of his people.

We are focusing our prayers today on our country, our leaders at every level, and each person who makes this country their home. Below is a guide along with prayer prompts that may be helpful for you.

1. Begin with a time of praise.

- a. “Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.” Psalm 103:1
- b. “Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.” Psalm 145:3

2. Spend some time in confession. Ask God to reveal any areas of sin in your life. Ask for forgiveness for yourself and also on behalf of our country.

- a. “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1:9
- b. “This is what the Sovereign Lord, the Holy One of Israel, says: ‘In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength.’” Isaiah 30:15

3. Spend time in thanksgiving for all that he has done for us and our nation.

- a. “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” Philippians 4:6
- b. “I will give to the Lord the thanks due to his righteousness, and I will sing praise to the name of the Lord, the Most High.” Psalm 7:17

4. Pray for our nation.

- a. Pray for government officials at the national, state and local levels: president, vice president, members of congress, judges, governors, mayors, council members.

“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.”

- 1 Timothy 2:1-2

- I. That they will turn their hearts toward God
- II. That they will seek wisdom and direction from God
- III. That they will have unity with one another
- IV. That they and their families will be kept safe and healthy

- b. Pray for our military and first responders.

“For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.” Psalm 91:3-4

- c. Pray for a spiritual awakening in our nation.

“If my people who are called by my name 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.” 2 Chronicles 7:14

- I. That God will forgive our sins.
- II. That God will heal our land.
- III. That God will pour his Spirit on us.

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- d. Pray for the marriages and families in our nation.
“Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother (this is the first commandment with a promise), that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land. Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.” Ephesians 6:1-4
 - I. That God will heal, restore and strengthen every marriage and family
 - II. That parents will raise their children in ways that honor God
 - III. That children will respect and obey their parents
 - IV. That all stages of life will be valued and respected
- e. Pray for racial reconciliation that we will be a nation that shows love for every person regardless of color or ethnicity.
“For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him.”
-Romans 10:12
- f. Pray for an end to the pandemic and healing for those with COVID.
“Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for you are my praise.”
-Jeremiah 17:14
- g. Pray for the election and for God’s will to be done on earth as it is in heaven. “Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”
-Matthew 6:10
 - I. Pray for wisdom to exercise the civic duty of voting
 - II. Pray for peace and unity regardless of the elections outcome