

Although his beloved nation was in Babylonian exile, Daniel believed the Word of God from the prophet Jeremiah—that the desolation of Jerusalem would last 70 years. So, he prayed with hope for restoration!

Daniel acknowledged the disobedience of Judah and offered prayers of repentance for the sins of his nation. He recognized that disaster had come because God's people did not seek Him and embrace His truth. He pleaded with God for His forgiveness and favor.

Daniel's prayer reflected his heart:

"Give ear, our God, and hear; open your eyes and see the desolation of the city that bears your Name. We do not make requests of you because we are righteous, but because of your great mercy" (Daniel 9:18).

This month, we acknowledge that our nation has strayed from God. But we pray with hope, appealing to God's mercy. We seek His favor for revival and the restoration of our nation—and specifically in seven streams of society: government, military, family, media, business, education, and church.

May we plead as Daniel did: "Lord, listen! Lord, forgive! Lord, hear and act!" (Daniel 9:19).

1 Today is the National Day of Prayer. Pray that the God of hope will fill His Church with joy and peace, overflowing with the power of the Holy Spirit. Ask for an awakening that touches every stream of society and draws lost people to Jesus (Romans 15:13).

2 In the government stream, pray for leaders to have "wisdom from God to administer justice." Pray that our president, his Cabinet, Congress, and our courts will legislate in adherence to God's truth and purposes (1 Kings 3:28).

3 Pray for leadership in your community and state to be capable people who fear God and are trustworthy because they "hate dishonest gain." Pray for a revival of truth and justice on all levels of government (Exodus 18:21).

4 Pray for a cleansing of our government from corruption and abuse. Pray this truth for leadership: "The integrity of the upright guides them, but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity" (Proverbs 11:3).

5 Pray that our leaders will understand their authority exists only because it is granted by God. Pray for humble recognition that God establishes nations that are subject to His rule and reign (Romans 13:1-2).

6 In the military stream, pray that our leaders will seek God for wisdom in our strategic role in the world. Pray for decisions based on the humble prayer that "with us is the LORD our God to help us and to fight our battles" (2 Chronicles 32:6-8).

7 Pray for members of our military to be "strong and courageous" because their faith and trust is in the one true God. Pray that members are drawn to Jesus (Deuteronomy 31:6).

8 Pray for a spiritual awakening in our military that causes men and women to declare, "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble" (Psalm 46:1).

9 In the family stream, pray for the restoration of the family as foundational in our nation. Pray for families to grow and prosper with unity in Christ, knowing that "if a house is divided against itself, the house cannot stand" (Mark 3:25).

10 Pray for families to "be devoted to one another in love" with honor for each other and spiritual fervor to serve the Lord together (Romans 12:10-11).

11 Today is Mother's Day. Pray for a refreshing for faithful and believing mothers who can declare as Mary did, "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior." Pray that mothers will know how their love for the Lord impacts generations to come (Luke 1:46-48).

12 Pray for fathers to understand the critical role they play in their families, and that God will use them to bring their children up "in the training and instruction of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4).

13 Pray that families throughout our nation will be “devout and God-fearing,” regularly praying together and growing in their love for Jesus and for each other (Acts 10:2).

14 Pray for families to be strengthened through the power of forgiveness. Pray for restoration of relationships as family members seek to “forgive as the Lord forgave you” (Colossians 3:13).

15 Pray that parents will lead their households to “keep the way of the LORD by doing what is right and just.” Our nation desperately needs healthy families that honor God and impact their communities. Pray for families to have a renewed love for Jesus (Genesis 18:19).

16 Pray that families across our nation are awakened to their desperate need to “choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve”—and may their declaration be “as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD” (Joshua 24:15).

17 Pray for a Spirit-led revival in homes across this nation that leads families to obey God, speak of Jesus often in daily conversation, and devote themselves to journeying together in Christ (Deuteronomy 6:6-7).

18 In the media stream, pray that influencers in our nation will be awakened to truth and embrace those things that are true, noble, right, pure, lovely, and admirable. Pray that God will use them to impact our culture with excellent and praiseworthy expressions (Philippians 4:8).

19 Ask God to raise up godly men and women with skills to fill key positions throughout the media. Pray that believers who are trustworthy will be given responsibilities to shape our media in ways that honor the Lord through truth (Exodus 35:35).

20 Pray for leaders in media who will seek the Lord for wisdom, knowledge, and understanding rather than agendas and biased narratives. Ask God to use media to report on moves of the Spirit in our nation (Proverbs 2:6).

21 In the business stream, pray for godly leaders to act not out of selfish ambition, but rather “in humility value others above [themselves].” Pray that businesses will operate with integrity and bless their employees (Philippians 2:3).

22 Pray that the business community in your city will prosper and provide people with “abundant provisions,” demonstrating that integrity and honesty in work leads to blessing (Psalm 132:15).

23 Pray for Christian business leaders to be filled “with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, with

understanding, with knowledge and with all kinds of skills” to create employment opportunities that add to the prosperity of their cities (Exodus 31:3-4).

24 In the education stream, pray for a refreshing of our system to provide students with healthy learning environments that will equip them with appropriate knowledge and insight. Pray for godly values to be foundational (Philippians 1:9).

25 Pray for education in our nation to be marked by effective teaching that shows students “the way they are to live and how they are to behave” according to biblical principles. Pray for trustworthy teachers to lead well in their classrooms (Exodus 18:20-21).

26 Ask God to use public, private, and homeschool settings to show children the right and godly way to live, equipping them with life skills that prepare them for hopeful futures (Proverbs 22:6).

27 In the stream of the church, pray for believers to be voices of hope in the Lord, who renews their strength. Pray that no matter the schemes and strategies of Satan, followers of Christ will be revived to “run and not grow weary ... walk and not be faint” (Isaiah 40:31).

28 Pray that nonbelievers will look to a revived church, see complete unity in Christ, and be convinced that Jesus truly is the only hope for our nation (John 17:23).

29 Pray for revival in the Church in our nation, that with one voice we will declare the one true God, repent of sin, and return to Him. Pray for boldness to share the gospel with the lost (Jeremiah 24:7).

30 Pray for the Church in our nation to call upon the name of the Lord, be revived and restored, and experience the favor of the Lord in ways that impact our culture and transform society (Psalm 80:18-19).

31 Jesus lives—and so do we—because “...the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you...” Pray that believers will reflect that resurrection power to everyone they encounter. Pray that Christ radiates through His Church to impact our nation (Romans 8:11).