

DAY 1

Humility, Repentance, And Unity During These 40 Days

“Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace”

Ephesians 4:2-3 NIV

Today, as you join thousands of others in 40 Days of Prayer for the USA leading up to Election Day, let's first remember that our future is not determined by any human outcome on November 5th. Our lives and futures aren't about who governs in the White House, but about the Sovereign God who governs in heaven! Our mandate is not to worry or become anxious about the outcomes of an election. But, as the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, we must come together in unity like John 17 states. We are to PRAY for His will to be done and His kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven

Psalm 133:1 says: “Behold (or look and see), how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity!” May we dwell together and intercede together in unity on behalf of this nation so that all will know the goodness of our God within our communities and see His love flowing out across the nation!

Almighty Lord of lords, with deeply repentant hearts, we, Your people, humbly ask that with one heart and mind, we will seek You on behalf of our broken nation. Our hope is in You alone, O Lord! Help us to walk in such unity that those apart from You will deeply desire and long for the hope You have given us! We ask for the church to be so saturated with Your perfect and holy presence that our culture is transformed by Your power, Your grace, and Your loving mercy! May our hearts be aligned with Your purposes during this election season, seeking for Your kingdom to come into our midst! Revive Your people, O God, so that we may rejoice in You!

PRAYER POINTS:

- ✓ Pray that all will bow before the Father in humble repentance, willing to yield to His will throughout this season of prayer.
- ✓ Pray for a repentant church to come together to cry out collectively for God's plans to be accomplished through our elections so that He receives glory and honor.
- ✓ Pray for humility among God's people to not think of ourselves more highly than we should.
- ✓ Pray for unity among churches in every community so God's love will be seen in and through them as they serve and meet needs together.
- ✓ Pray that God will revive His people and that a widespread spiritual awakening will take place in our nation!

DAY 2

Praying For Sanctification And Turning From Our Wicked Ways In The Church

"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 NIV

Dr. Graham Scroggie once said, "...there has never been a spiritual revival which did not begin with an acute sense of sin. We are never prepared for a spiritual advance until we see the necessity of getting rid of that which has been hindering it, and that, in the sight of God, is sin."

James 4:7-8 gives us powerful direction to overcome sin so that we can be set apart for the purposes of God: "So give yourselves humbly to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. And when you draw close to God, God will draw close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and let your hearts be filled with God alone to make them pure and true to him."

Father, may we, Your Church, search our hearts for what displeases Yours. May we give ourselves humbly to You so that we will clearly recognize when the devil is trying to stop us or divert us from Your mission for us. Help us to draw closer to You so that You, as promised, will draw closer to us. We want our hearts to be filled with You alone. Purify us, Father, and set us apart for Your good purposes. Our nation desperately needs Your holy people, purified and ready to reveal the character of Christ!

PRAYER POINTS:

- ✓ Pray with a thankful heart that our Father desires His people to have communion with Him.
- ✓ Ask God to give us deeply broken and repentant hearts, recognizing that sin so easily entangles us.
- ✓ Ask forgiveness for any time you have not humbled yourself before the Lord and pride has overtaken you.
- ✓ Commit yourself to deeper levels of seeking after His heart rather than your own selfish desires.
- ✓ Ask God to hear from heaven, forgive our sins, and heal our land!

DAY 3

Repentance From Idolatry And Materialism

“This is what the Sovereign LORD says: ‘Repent and turn away from your idols, and stop all your detestable sins’”

Ezekiel 14:6 NIV

D. L. Moody, when talking about the state of our nation, once said: “You don’t have to go to heathen lands today to find false gods. America is full of them. Whatever you love more than God is your idol.” It’s true that there are many distractions and temptations in our culture today, drawing attention away from time with and attention to the things of God. Satan is very sly and manipulative and wants to rob us of our devotion to Christ by any means possible. Even “good” things such as serving the Lord can turn into idolatry if we’re not careful. A. W. Pink illustrates this point: “An ‘idol’ is anything which displaces God in my heart. It may be something which is quite harmless in itself, yet if it absorbs me, if it be given the first place in my affections and thoughts, it becomes an ‘idol’. It may be my business, a loved one, or my service for Christ. Any one or any thing which comes into competition with the Lord’s ruling me in a practical way, is an ‘idol’.”

Take some time to examine your life today and ask the Father to identify the idols in your life and any selfishness or materialism that has crept in! Martin Luther encourages us: “I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God’s hands, that I still possess.”

Sovereign Lord, You desire nothing less than total devotion from me, and yet, I have placed so many things, people, and even serving in the church ahead of You! Forgive me for allowing the enemy to distract me from Your presence. Keep me from selfish greed, and help me to be generous whenever possible. Show me how to place everything in Your hands so that I can focus first on what is eternal.

PRAYER POINTS:

- ✓ Pour out thanksgivings to the One who has blessed you abundantly beyond all you could ever think or imagine.
- ✓ Confess any idols in your life that have become more important than cultivating the presence of God.
- ✓ Ask God to help you quickly recognize any greed or selfishness and show you how to live a more generous life.
- ✓ Ask God to bring people into your path with needs you can meet.

DAY 4

Repentance From Strife And Division In The Church

"I have a serious concern to bring up with you, my friends, using the authority of Jesus, our Master. I'll put it as urgently as I can: You must get along with each other. You must learn to be considerate of one another, cultivating a life in common"

1 Corinthians 1:10 MSG

It's a sad commentary on the church in America today, that there are so many disagreements, moral failures, and church splits. We are so often known for what we are against rather than Who we are for! We say we want revival – even praying for revival, and yet, God cannot and will not send it into the midst of a divided people. D.L. Moody stated: "I have never yet known the Spirit of God to work where the Lord's people were divided." Curtis Thomas adds: "The more fractured we are, the greater we become spectacles to the world." But he then offers hope through the antidote to division: "The more we are united in love, the more the world sees Christ."

God designed His Church to represent Jesus in and to the world. We are to love others as we love ourselves. Let's pray that we can once again be salt and light for the sake of His kingdom on earth!

Lord Jesus, when You left this earth, You established Your Church to carry on Your work. We confess that we have been less than what You desire us to be. We are not representing You with honor when we have division and strife in our midst. Forgive us, Lord, and set our feet upon the path of peace so that our communities and indeed, our nation, will once again shine with Your glory!

PRAYER POINTS:

- ✓ Ask the Father to show you if there is anyone in your life that you are at odds with and do what is necessary to bring healing and/or resolution.
- ✓ Jesus has given His church in America opportunities to make a difference to the world. Ask Him to heal any strife or division in your church community.
- ✓ Pray for God's hand of healing to be upon the division in our nation. Ask Him to pour out a spirit of love and forgiveness across our land.
- ✓ Ask God to help you to become a peacemaker who consistently lives a life of peace.

DAY 5

Repentance From Lethargy And Complacency

"I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth"

Revelation 3:15-16 NIV

America has always been seen as "the land of opportunity" and, until more recently, a Christian nation. When did things begin to slide towards what Will Graham describes as "spiritual complacency"? It seems much like what the Israelites experienced when time after time God provided, rescued, and led them. Through it all, they still allowed themselves to slip away from Him in favor of other second-rate things.

One anonymous author describes our situation well: "Complacency is a blight that saps energy, dulls attitudes and causes a drain on the brain. The first symptom is satisfaction with things as they are. The second is rejection of things as they might be. 'Good enough' becomes today's watchword and tomorrow's standard. Complacency makes people fear the unknown, mistrust the untried, and abhor the new. Like water, complacent people follow the easiest course -- downhill."

What will draw God's people back to the foot of the Cross? What needs to happen for us to cry out to the Father for mercy, and to bring an awakening to our land? Father, forgive me for my apathy and for being satisfied with less than Your best for my life. Forgive Your church for being lukewarm instead of on fire with the gospel of Jesus! We cry out to You, asking for Your Holy Spirit power to restore the light of the life of Jesus in our midst so that we might bring honor and glory to Your name as a nation once again!

PRAYER POINTS:

- ✓ Ask the Holy Spirit to prompt you when/if apathy and complacency creep into your day-to-day life.
- ✓ Ask the Lord to give you a renewed passion to pursue His purposes for your kingdom life!
- ✓ Pray that the Devil will be thwarted from any attempts to slow down or distract God's people.
- ✓ Ask the Father to awaken His people and pour out fresh fire on His church for the sake of the gospel!

DAY 6

Repentance From Self-Sufficiency And Pride

"When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom"

Proverbs 11:2 NIV

King Hezekiah was a godly king of Judah who did much good for his kingdom and people. Following the miraculous defeat of the Assyrians, Hezekiah fell mortally ill. The prophet Isaiah told him that he would die from this illness; but rather than accepting this word from God, Hezekiah began to weep and beg for healing. God granted Hezekiah an additional 15 years of life.

On the surface, this sounds like a wonderful answer to prayer; however, a door to pride was opened instead. 2 Chronicles 32:25 says: "But Hezekiah's heart was proud and he did not respond to the kindness shown him; therefore the Lord's wrath was on him..." These last years of the king's life were catastrophic for the kingdom of Judah. In his pride, Hezekiah showed delegates from the king of Babylon all the contents of the temple treasury which was then taken. In addition, Hezekiah had a son, Manasseh, who became an extremely evil king. What could have been a great life-long legacy for Hezekiah was marred by pridefulness because he failed to honor God through the gift of time he was given.

Even the church, with the best intentions, can experience pride and self-sufficiency! There was a Chinese underground church pastor who reportedly remarked, after being shown some of the largest churches in our nation, "It's amazing how much they can accomplish without God."

Today, pray this prayer by Charles Spurgeon from a sermon on pride:

"Lord, [protect] me everywhere! Keep me in the valley that I murmur not of my low estate! Keep me on the mountain that I become not giddy through pride at my being lifted up so high! Keep me in my youth, when my passions are strong! Keep me in my old age, when I am conceited of my wisdom, and may therefore be a greater fool than even the young! Keep me when I come to die, lest at the very last I should deny You! Keep me living, keep me dying, keep me laboring, keep me suffering, keep me fighting, keep me resting, keep me everywhere, for everywhere I need You, O my God."

PRAYER POINTS:

- ✓ Ask God to give you a heart of humility and take time to repent of self-sufficiency.
- ✓ Pray that your church will demonstrate complete dependence upon God alone!
- ✓ Pray that you and your church will take to heart the truth that nothing can be accomplished apart from God.
- ✓ Pray that your church will do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, and will, with great humility, count others more significant than yourselves. (Philippians 2:3)

DAY 7

Praying For Repentance Over Pornography And All Sexual Impurity

"No temptation has seized you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out so that you can endure it"

1 Corinthians 10:13 NIV

In the movie, *The Shawshank Redemption*, a wise, long-term inmate named Red (played by Morgan Freeman), makes a fascinating and telling statement about prison: "Funny thing, these walls. First, you hate 'em, then you get used to 'em. After a while, you start to depend on them." Basically, he was saying that once you live long enough inside of a prison (even one of your own making), you can adjust so well that you forget how to live on the outside. That's what sin can do once we cross the line of purity God intended.

When pornography and other sexual sins occur, it is destructive and damaging. But when such sin happens among God's people, it is especially grieving. Too often we hear of "moral failure," even among pastors and leaders. What will it take for God's people to honor Him as He has asked – that we respect our bodies as temples of the Holy Spirit and guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus?

Holy One, Your Word says that the weapons we fight with are spiritual and have the divine power to demolish anything that's against the knowledge of God. Let us take every thought captive and make it obedient to Christ. You have given us the tools and Your divine way of living on this earth. Start with me, Lord! See if there is any wickedness in my life that displeases You in this area! Please transform me, and all Your people by renewing our minds so we can stand firm against any temptation and fully obey You!

PRAYER POINTS:

- ✓ Bow before the Holy Creator in prayer and repent of any sin that has kept you from living less than the holy life He has designed for you.
- ✓ Thank the Father that whenever you are tempted He has provided a way out and provided the weapons you need to fight against the Tempter.
- ✓ Ask God to give the people in your church His great love, as well as creative and divine ways to minister to those caught up in pornography and sexual sin.

DAY 8

Praying For Pastors And Church Leadership

**“Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the Word of God.
Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith”**

Hebrews 13:7 NIV

There is a well-known story about Charles Spurgeon, an English preacher in the 19th century known as the “Prince of Preachers.” One day, a group of young ministers came to visit his church as thousands of people were coming to Christ through his preaching.

The young men asked Spurgeon about the effectiveness of his powerful preaching and the “secret” of the success of his ministry. Before answering, he ushered them down to the “boiler room” in the basement of the church. There were about 100 people earnestly praying under the area where his pulpit was located on the floor above. He said to the young men, “Now you know the ‘secret’ of my ministry. My people pray for me.”

The ministry of your church’s leadership will only be as effective as the prayer that fuels it. If you want joyful, Spirit-filled shepherds, who confidently lead their congregations into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ, then you must pray for them – and for their families!

Father, pour out an urgency to pray over my pastors and church leadership daily! They sit on the front lines of battle and the enemy wants to do damage to them and ultimately the body of Christ! Help me to intercede for these leaders and their families so that You will continually guard their hearts and minds in Christ Jesus! Keep them strong and protect them from temptation! Give them all the tools they need to lead, disciple, encourage, and train our church to be all You are calling us to be!

PRAYER POINTS:

- ✓ Ask God to prompt you to intercede daily on behalf of your church leaders.
- ✓ Pray that your pastors and leaders will deepen their passion to know Christ more intimately.
- ✓ Pray that your pastors and leaders will minister from the Spirit’s power, being persons of prayer and doers of the Word (Acts 6:4).
- ✓ Pray for the marriages and families of your pastors and leaders to be strong and fulfilling.
- ✓ Pray for deep friendships and wise counsel for your church leaders, as well as protection against the temptations and schemes of the Devil.

DAY 9

Praying For A Revival For The Word Of God And Prayer

"And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the Word of God with boldness"

Acts 4:31 NIV

Peter and John had been released by the authorities with warnings not to preach in the name of Jesus or they would face certain death. When the believers heard this, they "raised their voices together in prayer" – but not to cry out for help, as most of us would be tempted to do! Instead, they prayed the Word of God from Psalm 2! They asked God to help them preach and share the gospel with even greater boldness than ever before! God amended their prayer by shaking the building!

In Acts 6, we read a powerful declaration from the disciples after they had been presented with the complaint that widows were being overlooked in the daily serving of food. Instead of taking care of this issue themselves, they summoned other leaders and tasked them with the responsibility saying, "It is not desirable for us to neglect the Word of God in order to serve tables... we will devote ourselves to prayer and the ministry of the Word" (Acts 6:2, 4). May prayer and the Word of our holy God characterize the lifestyles of every leader in every church, home, school, business, and government position.

Lord, please give me a deeper passion for Your Word and for prayer! I confess that I have often wandered from Your purposes because I have not adequately grounded myself in Your Word and a lifestyle of continual prayer. Forgive me for putting other things first – even on the busiest of days when Your wisdom and guidance are most needed. I have tried to do much in my own strength when I know that apart from You, I can do nothing! Direct my desire towards You continually, Father, that I might walk in holiness and yield myself to Your purposes instead of my own.

PRAYER POINTS:

- ✓ Thank the Father that His Word is a lamp to your feet and a light to your path (Psalm 119:105).
- ✓ Ask Him to awaken you to a fresh desire to grow deeper in love with Him through prayer.
- ✓ Ask the Father to increase the desire of your church leadership to be people of prayer, immersed in His Word.
- ✓ Ask God to pour out a fresh awakening upon the people of God for more of His presence through prayer and the Word.

DAY 10

Praying For Revival In The Church

"For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: 'I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite'"

Isaiah 57:15 NIV

Oswald Smith relates: "Several members of Jonathan Edwards' church had spent the whole night in prayer before he preached his memorable sermon, 'Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God.' The Holy Ghost was so mightily poured out, and God so manifest in holiness and majesty during the preaching of that sermon, that the elders threw their arms around the pillars of the church and cried, 'Lord, save us, we are slipping down to hell!'"

Not many churches are calling their people to spend an entire night in prayer seeking God in preparation for Him to show up in their midst. Yet, here we find a powerful example of just a few members of a church "preparing in prayer" prior to the preaching of a message about sin. And, the Spirit showed up so powerfully in Jonathan Edwards' church that even church leaders were convicted of their sins.

Merciful Father, we are a sinful people saved by the grace of our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ! You made this salvation possible through Your kindness and love. Help us not to be conformed to the patterns of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of our minds, so that by testing, we may discern Your good, acceptable, and perfect will. May the churches in our nation repentantly cry out to You as the Psalmist in Psalm 85:6: "Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you!"

PRAYER POINTS:

- ✓ Ask the Spirit to help you understand the power of the One we are addressing in prayer so that our faith will grow and we will begin to pray in a way that moves the hand of God towards reviving His people.
- ✓ Confess any sin that has compromised your life with God.
- ✓ Ask God to have mercy on His people and move in power in your church in response to repentant, fervent prayer!
- ✓ Pray through revival Psalms such as Psalms 63, 64, and 80 and petition the Lord for revival with both variety and the power of Scripture behind your requests.
- ✓ Ask God to awaken His people to the reality of His presence in our midst and in doing so, transform and shape our lives into the character of Christ.

DAY 11

Praying For The Lost To Know Christ

“To open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me”

Acts 26:18 NIV

Jesus ties together prayer and evangelism in Matthew 9:37–38: “Then He said to His disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field.’” The instruction of Jesus to His disciples regarding reaching the lost is that it begins with prayer. There is certainly more to do after we have prayed. But evangelism will never be truly effective apart from the biblical beginning place of prayer.

Dick Eastman said it this way: “God’s ultimate purpose for mankind, the completion of Christ’s bride and the establishing of His eternal Kingdom on earth will result only from the release of the prayers of God’s saints.”

In his book, *Revival! A People Saturated with God*, Brian Edwards emphatically states: “In times of revival Christians go out spontaneously. You cannot stop them. Nobody can stop them. Revival is a spontaneous combustion of evangelism. And this is one of the things we must long for when we long for revival.”

Lord of the Harvest, You love every person on the planet, and You have called us to go and make disciples of everyone we can! Show us how to focus on lost people in our families, neighborhoods, workplaces, schools, and those across our nation! Give us the overwhelming love that You have for the lost, Lord Jesus. We want to see the lives of people transformed and our society changed because of it! We long for You to receive Your inheritance from the Father – the nations!

PRAYER POINTS:

- ✓ Pray for the salvation of those who have yet to attain an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ. (2 Peter 3:8–9)
- ✓ Pray that God will remove the blinders that the Devil tries to put on the eyes and minds of unbelievers. (2 Corinthians 4:4)
- ✓ Pray to the Lord of the Harvest to raise up more workers to send into His harvest field. (Matthew 9:36–38)
- ✓ Pray that the Father will draw lost people to Himself. (John 6:44)
- ✓ Pray for the blessing and peace of God in every person’s life. Pray prophetically that God will work in every new believer’s life, and that the Holy Spirit will enable them to fulfill their redemptive purposes. (Philippians 2:13)

DAY 12

Praying For Unity And Against Division In Society

"Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. For "Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil"

1 Peter 3:8-12 NIV

Author, Brian Edwards, says: "One of the greatest benefits of revival lies in its effects upon human relationships. In society, those converted to Christ are reconciled not only to God but to neighbors, workmates, and others. Family feuds are healed, gossiping and slanderous tongues are silenced and class and social barriers are pulled down. The gospel that makes us 'all one in Christ Jesus' and the Savior, in whom there is 'neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female' (Gal. 3:28), unite those who are unnecessarily divided."

As believers, we long to see Jesus invade our culture; but, are we earnestly and urgently asking Him to transform it? Imagine what society might look like if Christian communities in every town and city would come together to seek His face in unity for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit and for every believer to actively share the love of Christ with the lost!

God of endurance and encouragement, please help us to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, so that together we may give glory to You! Help us to welcome one another as Jesus Christ has welcomed us, for Your glory Lord! (From Romans 15:5-7) Give us the hearts of harvesters, who plant, water, cultivate, and harvest. May we long for the life-giving love that attracts the lost to You and may we earnestly engage in Your work to seek and save them (Luke 19:10).

PRAYER POINTS:

- ✓ Pray for God to fill people's hearts and minds with truth, and to breathe a fresh wind of unity over the nation.
- ✓ Pray for God to help believers walk in love and unity so that others may see the power of God.
- ✓ Pray for God to heal people from their differences and unite them with a common purpose: to love and value people from different cultures, backgrounds, and perspectives.
- ✓ Pray for God's people to break down barriers that divide. Pray that they fill communities with the love and compassion of Christ.

DAY 13

Praying For Families

“Wives, understand and support your husbands by submitting to them in ways that honor the Master. Husbands, go all out in love for your wives. Don’t take advantage of them. Children, do what your parents tell you. This delights the Master no end. Parents, don’t come down too hard on your children or you’ll crush their spirits”

Colossians 3:18–21 NIV

God has a divine design for families. The passage in Colossians covers everything quite simply. We all know that God–designed families are under assault in our culture today. In fact, there are many who are attempting to dismantle the traditional family structure completely. It’s true that families look very different today than they did a few short decades ago. However, what hasn’t changed is the way God intends for families to function. The assault is filled with deceptive lies that culture wants to embed into the hearts and minds of every person: Men are toxic, women are abused by toxic men, marriage is a form of bondage, and children are disposable.

Here are some facts from the Pew Research Center and the Census Bureau:

- “In 1960, just 5% of all births occurred outside of marriage. By 1970, this share had doubled to 11%, and by 2000 fully one-third of births occurred to unmarried women. Currently, it’s around 40%.
- “While marriages are less stable than they once were, they remain more stable than cohabiting unions. ... About one in five children born within a marriage will experience the breakup of that marriage by age 9. In comparison, fully half of children born within a cohabiting union will experience the breakup of their parents by the same age”.
- “Today 28 percent of households have just one person living in them—an increase from 13 percent in 1960”.

Creator God, You designed families perfectly to function in love and not chaos. Thank You that Your Word is very clear about our roles as husbands, wives, and children. Protect us from the deceptive lies of the enemy that assault our families from every area of society! Keep us strong in the truth of Your Word! Forgive us for our failures in our relationships and homes, and help us to reflect the image of Christ in our homes.

PRAYER POINTS:

- ✓ Pray that God will strengthen Christian homes to be an example and a light to those who have never experienced a loving family.
- ✓ Ask the Father to protect your home from the attacks of the enemy who wants to see all families damaged and destroyed.
- ✓ Pray that the families in your church will be godly examples to those apart from Christ.
- ✓ Pray that the nuclear family structure is once again honored and recognized as God’s perfect design for life in our nation.
- ✓ Pray that parents and children will honor the instructions of the Lord and that their relationships will be holy, pure, and respectful.

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DAY 14

Praying For Marriages

“Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, ‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’”

Matthew 19:4–5 NIV

The devil has been very successful at undermining marriage in our nation and culture has dictated many reasons: easy divorce; women who place career and success above a committed marital relationship; men who are being increasingly viewed as weak or foolish; the increase of marriage outside of God’s design; economic downturns that discourage couples from marrying; and more.

Brian Osborne writes, “So how do we deal with today’s attack on biblical marriage? By understanding the foundational nature of the fight and following the example of Jesus. When the dominant thinkers in the culture of his day questioned him about marriage, he did something radical. He quoted the Bible as the authority!

How did Jesus define and defend marriage? He quoted from Genesis and demonstrated that the doctrine of marriage is based on the truth of Genesis’ history and biology. Following this example, Christians can say authoritatively, uncompromisingly, and lovingly that marriage is between one man and one woman for life. Why? Because the God who created marriage designed it that way, and he defined it—in Genesis. But if that history in Genesis is not true, or God’s Word is not the authority, then why not redefine marriage into whatever you want it to be? That is exactly what our culture is doing today.”

Lord, You created marriage with a perfect design so that all people everywhere would thrive in a loving environment, and so our culture would function according to Your purposes. We come against the evil intent of Satan to pervert what You intended to bring glory to Your name and as a picture of the relationship of Jesus and His Church. Wash over our nation with Your Holy Spirit, so that we, Your people, will renew commitments to follow and not compromise Your holy and perfect plan for marriage.

PRAYER POINTS:

- ✓ Pray for Christians to stand firm on the Word of God as they enter into a marriage covenant.
- ✓ Pray for marriage to once again be viewed in terms of biblical truth.
- ✓ Pray for moral, economic, and social changes that allow even unbelieving couples to feel that it is okay to say “yes” to the commitment of marriage.
- ✓ Pray that the deception and lies about marriage would be exposed and that God’s plan will once again be revealed in all of its original intent and beauty.

DAY 15

Praying For Widows, Orphans, And Foster Kids

“Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world”

James 1:27

Michael Brown of The Christian Post stated: “Satan is not just trying to silence the next generation. He is seeking to wipe it out, declaring an all-out war on our children. They are being slaughtered in the womb. They are being kidnapped and sold into sex slavery. They are being raped and abused and neglected and used. They are being brainwashed by their teachers and bullied by their peers. They are lost and lonely, depressed and suicidal. They cut themselves and kill themselves. Their innocence is being robbed and their security is being stolen. Without exaggeration, we can say that no generation in American history has been subject to such a concerted, demonic attack.”

Current culture has not been kind to our children and youth. Believers must go to the mat with Satan in this hour by praying fervently and continually for the next generations. Whether you have children or not, the church must pray! The only way to have victory and free our children from destruction is to pray and act as God guides us.

Lord Jesus, You have already won the ultimate victory over the devil, but in our broken culture, we are watching our children and youth suffer and turn away from You. Help Your people to become passionately involved in the lives of youth both in prayer and action. Give us Your divine strategies for bringing a stop to every destructive plan of the enemy.

PRAYER POINTS:

- ✓ Pray Joshua 1:9 and Deuteronomy 31:6 over the youth in your church: that they will be strong and courageous, that they will not be frightened, and that they will know that the Lord God is with them wherever they go. Ask that they will always know that God will never leave nor forsake them.
- ✓ Pray that God will protect the minds and hearts of youth from hopelessness, fear, and anxiety.
- ✓ Pray against the spirit of suicide.
- ✓ Pray for every youth to be encouraged, mentored, and loved by Jesus lovers in their families, churches, and communities.
- ✓ Pray for boldness, courage, strength, and wisdom for our Christian youth to share and live out their faith wherever they find themselves. Ask the Lord to help them grow into Christlike leaders.

DAY 16

Praying For Our Youth

“Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity”

1 Timothy 4:12 NIV

Michael Brown of The Christian Post stated: “Satan is not just trying to silence the next generation. He is seeking to wipe it out, declaring an all-out war on our children. They are being slaughtered in the womb. They are being kidnapped and sold into sex slavery. They are being raped and abused and neglected and used. They are being brainwashed by their teachers and bullied by their peers. They are lost and lonely, depressed and suicidal. They cut themselves and kill themselves. Their innocence is being robbed and their security is being stolen. Without exaggeration, we can say that no generation in American history has been subject to such a concerted, demonic attack.”

Current culture has not been kind to our children and youth. Believers must go to the mat with Satan in this hour by praying fervently and continually for the next generations. Whether you have children or not, the church must pray! The only way to have victory and free our children from destruction is to pray and act as God guides us.

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DAY 17

Praying For Transformation In Schools And Universities

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths”

Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV

Only one-third of young adults believe they know a caring adult who believes in them. A huge percentage of Generation Z is missing a biblical worldview. Reports also show a high percentage of young people who grew up in church walking away from their faith when they leave their homes, either going to college, or entering the workforce. The next generation needs our prayers!

But we have seen God move and there is great hope among our schools and college students! Most of us heard about the Asbury revival and the effect it had on students at other colleges across, not only the nation but the whole world. Here is a hope-filled commentary:

“What’s happening at Asbury is not everything but it is something, and right now we need something to shock the system so that this generation can experience for themselves the life-changing power of God,” wrote the founder of 24-7 Prayer International Pete Greig. “We need repentance and holiness. We need the kind of outpouring of the Spirit on campuses that can incubate and detonate a new generation to preach the gospel with greater confidence, fight injustice with greater defiance, and transform society with greater intelligence.”

God of the generations, keep us focused on praying and mentoring our youth. Help the testimonies happening in schools and on college campuses to be more broadly seen across the media so everyone can have hope for the youth! Keep the enemy far from them and guard their hearts and minds in Christ! Thank You, Jesus, that You are on the move in the hearts and lives of young people! Help all believers to run alongside them with encouragement and much prayer!

PRAYER POINTS:

- ✓ Pray Jeremiah 29:11: God knows the plans He has for them – plans for good and not for evil, to give them a future and a hope.
- ✓ Pray that when students lack wisdom they will ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach (James 1:5).
- ✓ Pray that these young people will trust in the Lord with all their hearts rather than leaning on their own understanding (Proverbs 3:5).
- ✓ Pray that in all their ways they will acknowledge God so that He will make their paths straight (Proverbs 3:6).

DAY 18

Praying For The Poor, Homeless, Depressed, And Sick In America

“Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked”

Psalm 82:3-4 NIV

Jesus was very pointed when He spoke about the “least of these” to His followers. He was also clear (James 2:15-17) that faith without works is dead. We can be concerned for the least and the lost in our nation without actually doing anything for them. But Jesus offers a promise for those who will act in faith: “One who is gracious to a poor person lends to the Lord, and He will repay him for his good deed” (Proverbs 19:17).

One incredible truth about prayer is that when we seek God on behalf of others, He gives us a fresh depth of compassion and love for them. The act of prayer is a conduit for the Holy Spirit to speak kindness, generosity, and the desire to care and comfort into our lives. Prayer changes our trajectory of activity to focus on those whom God puts into our lives to bless. Our nation is filled with people who are in desperate need of a touch from Jesus through His people! “And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it for one of the least of these brothers or sisters of Mine, you did it for Me’” (Matthew 25:40).

God of comfort, forgive my lack of compassion for the forgotten, the needy, the sick, and the disenfranchised people all around me. Renew my heart to look at people as You see them, and to care for them as You desire me to. Wake up Your church, Lord, to see with fresh eyes the needs before us. May the Holy Spirit prompt and urge us to step up and care for those in need so that more people in our nation will see You at work and put their trust in You.

PRAYER POINTS:

- ✓ Ask the Holy Spirit to give you a purposeful life of compassion, filled with the joy of giving.
- ✓ Pray that you are quickly able to see the needs around you and respond as God leads.
- ✓ Ask God to help you encourage people in your family and in your church towards love and good deeds (Hebrews 10:24).
- ✓ Ask the Father to give creative solutions to His people to meet the needs of their communities with love and compassion so that His glory will be evident to all.

DAY 19

Praying For Life To Be Respected And Protected

"For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well"

Psalm 139:13-14 NIV

Marshall Segal, in an insightful article, Pro-Life from Womb to Tomb, said: "Human life — from the very moment it begins to its very last breath — is the pinnacle of God's creative imagination and power. "God said, 'Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth' (Genesis 1:26).

Developing a heart for human life, all human life, from a vision and reality like this, will radically transform and inspire how we treat people of every age, every ethnic background, and every socioeconomic status. The cause for life began at creation when God made man and woman in his image and gave us dominion over every other created thing. And God punctuated the cause for life when he chose to enter the womb himself for our sake. Can you imagine an ultrasound of the living God at two weeks, or twenty weeks, or full term?"

Segal's visual of imagining Jesus in the womb is powerful! He was the Living God before time...and now, a fetus in the womb of a young virgin...who would one day grow up, give up his human life on a cross, and be raised to His divine life forever...so that, we too, might have everlasting life!

Father, we repent that our culture has not fully stood up to protect life. We have compromised our principles for political correctness and backed off when challenged. You created us in Your image and, no matter if it is a baby in the womb, or an aged person at the end of his or her life, every life to You is precious and sacred. Forgive us, Lord, and give us boldness to stand for those who cannot defend themselves against the cultural sinfulness in which we find ourselves, where life is cheap and hearts are hardened. Wake us up to earnestly pray for life to be honored and protected, as You designed it to be!

PRAYER POINTS:

- ✓ Give praise to the Creator of all life...and the Creator of your uniquely designed and purposeful life!
- ✓ Thank God that He has made us in His image to reflect His glory.
- ✓ Ask the Father to forgive you when you have not had a broken heart for children whose lives are being aborted, for the lives of the sick and elderly, or for special needs individuals.
- ✓ Ask God to give you boldness and courage in standing up for and honoring all life from "womb to tomb."
- ✓ Ask God to give you and your church the courage to make the sanctity of life a primary issue for prayer and action!

DAY 20

Praying For Truth And Accountability In The Media

“Whoever speaks the truth gives honest evidence, but a false witness utters deceit”

Proverbs 12:17 NIV

“He who controls the media controls the culture” – Ted Baehr, American Media Critic
In answer to the question: “Is all truth God’s truth?” Got Questions Media responded by saying: “In order for something to be declared true, it must be discoverable, transcultural, unchanging, unaffected by attitude, absolute, and knowable. For example, $2+2=4$ is a truth that can be discovered (not created by one person), transcends all cultures, never changes, cannot be affected by feelings, is absolute in its factualness, and is knowable by all of humanity.

These same qualities and attributes can be ascribed to the God of the Bible. God is Truth. He made Himself discoverable throughout history and through the Bible (Exodus 8:10); He transcends all cultures in His very attributes (Job 38); His existence cannot be affected by our feelings or attitudes (Psalm 25); He is absolute as the Alpha and Omega (Revelation 1:18); and He is knowable through Scripture and personal revelation by the Holy Spirit (John 16:13).”
Our lives as believers should never be determined by the media we consume. The Bible affirms the existence and importance of objective truth rooted in God’s character, creation, and the Gospel story. Therefore, we, as His people, should determine not to spend more time absorbing untrustworthy information than meditating on God’s true and trustworthy Word. This is the only truth that sets us free and keeps us free.

Lord Jesus, You alone are the Way, the Truth, and the Life! Give Your people the wisdom to discern truth amid a culture that relies on its own definition of what truth is. Guard our hearts and minds as we navigate the lies that assault us. Help us to judge everything we are fed by the media against the truth of Your holy Word. Bring healing to the hearts of those with jobs in media who truly want to tell the truth and are being threatened with losing their jobs or being censored if they do not “toe the line” of whatever narrative is being pushed – even if it’s untrue. Give them the courage not to compromise what they know is right. Show Your people how to pray effectively for media and against the damage the Devil wants to inflict through them.

PRAYER POINTS:

- ✓ Pray John 8:32 over yourself, your family, your church, your community, and your nation: “And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”
- ✓ Ask the Holy Spirit to lead you in His truth and teach you, for God is the God of your salvation. (Psalm 25:5)
- ✓ Pray that you, and all believers, resolve to be bold and courageous by not staying silent when truth is being attacked.
- ✓ Ask God to expose the deeds of darkness in the media and turn the hearts of those who are tasked with being truth-givers to His truth-filled purposes.
- ✓ Ask the Father to flood the media with truth-telling Christians who are filled with boldness and who will not bow down to a culture bent on deception. Pray that they will take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead, expose them. (Ephesians 5:11)

DAY 21

Praying For Transformation In The Entertainment Industry

“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect”

Romans 12:2 NIV

The Hollywood Prayer Network (HPN) unifies and mobilizes Christians around the world to pray for the people, the projects, and the issues in the entertainment industry. It is their passion to challenge global Christians to engage in culture, pray for the media, and help transform the spiritual climate of Hollywood with hearts of love and compassion.

Karen Covell, founding director of the HPN is convinced that Hollywood itself should be looked at as Ninevah rather than Sodom and Gomorrah. She firmly believes that if God’s people will replace any anger, fear, or frustration toward the media with prayer, a cultural revival will come! Karen says the only way projects coming out of Hollywood will change is if the hearts of the people producing them change.

God of transformation, we confess that we have sometimes given up on the entertainment industry rather than seeing it as the catalyst for spiritual awakening in our nation and across the earth. Change our hearts and our prayers to focus on the lost men and women who work in this industry so that they will give their hearts fully to Your purposes and turn from the deceptions and lies of the devil. Transform them by renewing their minds, Lord Jesus, so that Your glory will encompass the nations of the earth using this industry as Your instrument.

PRAYER POINTS:

- ✓ Pray that believers across the earth will awaken to the need to intercede for the entertainment industry.
- ✓ Pray for a godly attitude towards those who produce content you don’t agree with or like. Ask God to show mercy and put people into their paths who demonstrate the love of Jesus to them.
- ✓ Pray for the spiritual protection of the believers in Hollywood – that they would find a godly community to help keep their faith strong and vibrant. Ask God to increase their numbers!
- ✓ Pray for more godly content to come from the entertainment industry and that these projects will be wildly successful! Ask God to prosper the films and shows that bring Him glory.

DAY 22

Praying For Our Economy, Jobs, And Our Daily Provisions

“Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you”

Matthew 6:31-33 NIV

“And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:19).

Christian philosopher, Dallas Willard, writes, “God is not worried He is going to run out of something. It is so important to remember this when we are fretting over a perceived need. At such a time, we may be tempted to think that maybe God is as stingy and small as we are. He is not. God loves to give.”

The Bible is filled with accounts of people trusting God during moments of financial difficulties or when the need was greater than the supply on hand. One example is when the fish and loaves of bread were multiplied to feed the crowd of thousands. The crowd was in need and the supply was much less than the demand of the hungry men, women, and children. The food was miraculously multiplied so that everyone in attendance ate and was satisfied.

Author, Susan Ball says, “When we put our trust in Him rather than our jobs or wealth, we can relax and live in peace regardless of what is happening in the world. The privilege of calling Christ your Lord involves walking with the One who holds your future in His hand. ‘Command those who are rich in this age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy’ (1 Timothy 6:17).”

Father God, so many of Your people are concerned about the current state of our economy, keeping or finding jobs, and providing for even the most basic needs. Perhaps for such a time as this, You remind us of how often Your Word tells us not to be anxious or afraid...and how You have repeatedly assured us of Your proficiency to provide for our daily needs. Help us to trust in Your ability instead of our own and to look to Your endless resources rather than remain worried about what we think we lack. You are able when we are not – we are simply to trust in You!

PRAYER POINTS:

- ✓ Pray that God will help our struggling economy to recover and grow strong again.
- ✓ Pray for someone you know who is searching for a job or lacks the resources to care for basic needs.
- ✓ Ask God to help you remember that He is ultimately the owner of everything. “The earth is the Lord’s, and all it contains, the world, and those who dwell in it” (Psalm 24:1).
- ✓ Ask the Father to help you live generously. “Give, and it will be given to you...” (Luke 6:38)
- ✓ Ask God to help you practice good stewardship of all He has blessed you with.

DAY 23

Praying That Business In America Would Glorify God

"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ"

Colossians 3:23-24 NIV

"Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established" (Proverbs 16:3).
At the beginning of the millennium, Billy Graham said, "I believe that one of the next great moves of God is going to be through the believers in the workplace."

His words have proven to be the case in our culture today. Consider this example of one such businessperson. Successful restaurateur, Peter Demos's understanding of his mission and purpose was clarified when a trusted mentor told him that he isn't actually the managing director of his company—God is. Ever since then, Demos has viewed himself as a steward. He reads Scripture every day and fills a board at his office with prayer requests that he believes God has asked him and his fellow Christian employees to pray for. He listens to the needs that arise among his 500+ employees so that he can ask God for ways to help them. He has truly made his business his mission field and place of ministry. This same scenario is playing out all across our nation as God becomes the CEO of many high-profile and small businesses.

Lord Jesus, I pray for every business owner in America – that You would establish the work of their hands to bring glory and honor to Your name. Prosper those who have determined to build and run their businesses upon Your principles and who genuinely care for and about their employees, staff, and those they serve. May You bless those who put their trust in You to be a blessing to many in their communities and beyond. Fight for those whose businesses are being attacked by the culture if they don't "toe the line" and bend to the will of the woke. Help believers across our nation to stand up for righteousness in the business realm across America!

PRAYER POINTS:

- ✓ Humble yourself in a posture of prayer before God and surrender your business or work journey to Him. Tell Him that you trust Him and His plans rather than your own.
- ✓ Pray for others you know who are struggling in their businesses or jobs. Ask the Father to give them peace and to trust in His ability to work all things out for their good.
- ✓ Pray that every believer who is in business in our nation will follow God's principles so that the economy can improve and so every community in America will thrive.
- ✓ Pray for Divine protection from attacks of the enemy by those who would try to damage business by not following the "rules" of the current culture.
- ✓ Pray for godly creativity in the American economy and business owners who are willing to mentor those who struggle and the next generation of business owners/workers.

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DAY 24

Praying For Exposure Of Malicious Intent In Government

“Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. By their fruit, you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus, by their fruit, you will recognize them.”

Ephesians 4:2-3 NIV

Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. (Ephesians 5:11)
One of the best biblical accounts of the exposure of malicious intent is the story of Esther, who was raised up “for such a time as this” in order to expose the evil plan behind a plot to kill the Jewish people.

The Persian king’s evil official Haman was bent on the total eradication of the Jews (very much like the enemies of the Jews today), simply because of his hatred for one Jewish man, Mordecai, who had refused to bow before him. The plot was discovered and Queen Esther was tasked with saving her people. She heroically risked the king’s anger by appearing before him without being officially summoned. Esther very cleverly revealed the plot to the king, the edict to kill the Jews was reversed, the evil official Haman was exposed and hanged, and Mordecai was elevated to the most important position as second to the king. Even though His name is not mentioned, God’s hand was very clearly at work throughout the story of Esther.

Merciful Father, You have the good of those who love You in Your heart, and You love those who do not yet walk in Your ways or who have turned their backs on You. Please work in my heart and the hearts of all of Your people to expose anything that displeases You. Help us to quickly repent before You. Then, Lord, would You work in our nation as You did through Your servant, Esther? Would you root out and expose the dark deeds, intents, and plots that are so evidently at work in the government of America? Send revival, Father! Use us to bring light to the darkness like never before!

PRAYER POINTS:

- ✓ Pray in the powerful name of Jesus that God will push back the forces of darkness and bring evil into the light.
- ✓ Pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in your life and the lives of everyone in our nation to recognize and resist the influence of evil.
- ✓ Pray that you and the church in our nation can boldly declare faith in God’s protection and unfailing love.
- ✓ Pray that the rotten fruit of evil intent and evil deeds in our government can be clearly seen and turned away from.
- ✓ Pray that God will raise up godly men and women to take the places of those who seek to do evil.

DAY 25

Praying For Justice And Accountability In Government

"He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God"

Micah 6:8 NIV

Author, Steve Johnson, wrote an insightful article about the biblical role of government. Here are some excerpts from "What Is the Role of Government According to the Bible?":

According to the Bible, "all authority comes from God, and those in positions of authority have been placed there by God" (Romans 13:1). This means that it is God who has ordained the institution of government and that the role and purpose of government is mandated by Him.

It is also important to understand that only God is sovereign, and the role of government is limited. This is because God has not only ordained the government but also the church and the family. They have their own authority structures and the state should only interfere in exceptional circumstances in order to carry out justice.

The essential role and purpose of government is to exercise justice. Government is to seek, serve, and promote the common good of the people, not the good of the rulers (Romans 13:4). It must promote and never prevent progress toward the peace and prosperity of the society. It is to preserve human dignity. Harm done to another person is a violation of human dignity.

Although God has ordained government and its purposes it does not have the solutions for all the problems and troubles in society. Those who govern are fallible people just like us needing God's wisdom just as much as we do.

Sovereign Lord, You have ordained government for the sake of justice for Your people so that we may walk humbly and in peace together before You. Help us to pray for our government officials more than we criticize them. Give us love for those who are not governing according to Your principles, and through our prayers, turn their hearts towards You. May our nation once again be a shining light on a hill for Your glory.

PRAYER POINTS:

- ✓ Ask God for biblical justice to once again rule in our nation.
- ✓ Pray for the eyes of those who have been deceived or blinded by the devil to be opened to the truth of Your true justice.
- ✓ Pray that all people, including our government officials, will do justice through loving kindness and walk humbly with You.
- ✓ Pray that all government officials will be held accountable and that those who continue to govern with evil intent will be removed.
- ✓ Pray that justice will be fair and equitable for all people in our nation.

DAY 26

Praying For The Protection And Return To The Constitution And Bill Of Rights

"So speak, and so act, as those who are to be judged by the law of freedom"

James 2:12 NIV

The Constitution sets forth how the government of the United States should work. It establishes a Congress, a President, and an independent court system. It stipulates what the government can and can't do. It guarantees basic treasured rights. This system, founded on godly principles, has worked well for over 200 years.

On March 23, 1798, less than 12 years after the signing of the U.S. Constitution, our 2nd President, John Adams, called for a day of national prayer: "The safety and prosperity of nations ultimately and essentially depend on the protection and the blessing of Almighty God, and the national acknowledgment of this truth is not only an indispensable duty which the people owe to Him but a duty whose natural influence is favorable to the promotion of that morality and piety without which social happiness cannot exist nor the blessings of a free government be enjoyed."

Supreme Court Justice Earl Warren (1891–1974) stated: "I believe the entire Bill of Rights came into being because of the knowledge our forefathers had of the Bible and their belief in it: freedom of belief, of expression, or assembly, of petition, the dignity of the individual, the sanctity of the home, equal justice under law, and the reservation of powers to the people...I like to believe we are living today in the spirit of the Christian religion. I like also to believe that as long as we do so, no great harm can come to our country."

Our government is facing tremendous opposition to the godly principles upon which it was founded. Let's pray for America to repent and return to God's design for our nation.

Heavenly Father, our nation was founded on Your Word and the divine guidance You have so clearly given us. We pray for our leaders in each branch of government who have sworn an oath to "faithfully execute" the duties of their respective offices. Help them to "preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States of America."

PRAYER POINTS:

- ✓ Pray that our nation's government officials will return to the principles of unity, justice, peace, safety, the welfare of all, and the blessings of liberty.
- ✓ Pray that those holding government offices in our nation will be continually convicted by the Holy Spirit to honor God.
- ✓ Pray for the protection of believers in our government who deeply desire to walk uprightly before You as they serve and protect the Constitution of our nation.
- ✓ Ask God to help our nation's citizens to more fully understand the principles established in our Constitution and Bill of Rights so that they will be more willing to defend it.

DAY 27

Praying For Congress

“Every kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and every city or household divided against itself will not stand”

Matthew 12:15 NIV

Near the Rotunda of the Capitol, there is a small prayer room. It is a quiet place where individual Representatives and Senators may withdraw to seek Divine strength and guidance, both in public affairs and in their own lives.

Inside the Congressional Prayer Room is a stained-glass window with George Washington kneeling in prayer as the focal point. Surrounding him are the words from Psalm 16:1, “Preserve me, O God, for in thee do I put my trust.” Above him are the words from Lincoln’s Gettysburg address: “This Nation Under God.”

Every Wednesday morning, Senate Chaplain Barry Black leads a prayer time and shares breakfast and fellowship. These meetings are currently spearheaded by James Lankford, a Republican, and Chris Coons, a Democrat. In a tradition dating back to 1943, Senators have met weekly to pray with and for one another. Close to 25% of the Senators participate in this season of prayer. Talking politics is off-limits, but hearing one another’s hearts is paramount.

People attend the weekly Senate Prayer Breakfast for a variety of reasons. The meetings offer a spiritual respite from an otherwise hectic life. Then there’s the literal breaking of bread – uninterrupted visiting time over pastries and coffee. It’s about seeing each other as more than colleagues but as friends.

Senator Coons states, “If we actively choose to seek out those that we’re likely to disagree with, whose backgrounds and profiles are different than our own, we’re more likely to see our assumptions about them proven wrong than confirmed. We’re more likely to find a person not so dissimilar from ourselves, with their own perspective but a shared humanity.”

Prince of Peace, we lift up the men and women who represent all Americans in the Senate and House of Representatives. In a fiercely divided political climate, we ask that You would help our Congress work together and compromise in godly ways for the good of our nation. By Your miraculous power, would You speak to the hearts of our government leaders so that they can put agendas aside to work together in humility and to serve for the good of our nation?

PRAYER POINTS:

- ✓ Pray that our Congress would have a desire and unity of heart to do what is best for America.
- ✓ Pray for members of Congress who do not call upon Jesus as Lord and Savior to have a divine encounter with Him.
- ✓ Ask God to help our lawmakers seek Your wisdom so they don’t try to govern in their own strength.
- ✓ Ask the Father to expose and remove those who have evil intent for our nation.
- ✓ Ask for God’s protection over every Congressional family and that those who call upon Your name would be able to stand in the face of persecution and ridicule by those who are attempting to vilify the children of God.

DAY 28

Praying For The Supreme Court

"He appointed judges in the land, in each of the fortified cities of Judah. He told them, 'Consider carefully what you do, because you are not judging for mere mortals but for the LORD, who is with you whenever you give a verdict. Now let the fear of the LORD be on you. Judge carefully, for with the LORD our God there is no injustice or partiality or bribery'"

2 Chronicles 19:5-7 NIV

"For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding; he stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk in integrity, guarding the paths of justice and watching over the way of his saints" (Proverbs 2:6-8).

James Wilson was appointed as an original justice on the U.S. Supreme Court by President George Washington. Wilson was very influential during the founding of America; however, he has been known as the Lost Founder, due to his obscurity in modern times.

In recent years, the federal courts have become more and more unfriendly to Christianity and religious faith in general. However, under Justice Wilson, it was the opposite. In fact, he started America's first organized legal training while serving on the Supreme Court.

Here is a quote from one of his law teachings: "Far from being rivals or enemies, religion and law are twin sisters, friends, and mutual assistants. Indeed these two sciences run into each other...All [laws], however, may be arranged in two different classes. 1) Divine. 2) Human... But it should always be remembered that this law, natural or revealed, made for men or for nations, flows from the same Divine source: it is the law of God...Human law must rest its authority ultimately upon the authority of that law which is Divine."

God of Justice, You have said in Your Word that judges should carefully consider what they do as they are not judging for "mere mortals", but for You! You are the one who gives wisdom and understanding to judges if they put their trust in You and not in their own "good judgment and common sense" (Proverbs 3:5). Help the judges in our nation, especially those who sit on the highest court in our land, to be people of courage and integrity. Turn the hearts of those whose lives aren't fully committed to You so that they will approach every decision in ways that honor You and bring glory to Your name.

PRAYER POINTS:

- ✓ Pray that those who make decisions that go against the Lord's Word will have a supernatural encounter with You through the power of the Holy Spirit.
- ✓ Pray that each person sitting on the Supreme Court would make decisions based on their trust in You.
- ✓ Pray that the disrespect and damage being done to the Supreme Court justices would be stopped and that their decisions would be honored.
- ✓ Pray for God's protection over these men and women and their families so they can focus on their work and not be anxious about their safety.

DAY 29

Praying For The President

"May all kings bow down to Him and all nations serve Him."

Psalm 72:11 NIV

In 1986, Ronald Reagan made a speech to the American people, saying: "To preserve our blessed land we must look to God...It is time to realize that we need God more than He needs us...We also have His promise that we could take to heart with regard to our country, 'If my people, which are called by my name shall 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 will heal their land.'

Let us, young and old, join together, as did the First Continental Congress...in humble heartfelt prayer. Let us do so for the love of God and His great goodness, in search of His guidance and the grace of repentance, in seeking His blessings, His peace, and the resting of His kind and holy hands on ourselves, our nation, our friends in the defense of freedom, and all mankind, now and always.

The time has come to turn to God and reassert our trust in Him for the healing of America...Our country is in need of and ready for a spiritual renewal. Today, we utter no prayer more fervently than the ancient prayer for peace on Earth.

If I had a prayer for you today, among those that have all been uttered, it is that one we're so familiar with: 'The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace...' And God bless you all."

Father, for many of us it is difficult to know how to pray in these days leading up to the election. Your Word says to pray for those in authority, so we continue to pray for our President – that You will turn his heart towards Your plans and purposes. Protect him from evil and harmful influences, and turn his heart completely over to You. We know that whoever is in the White House is not as important as that You are the true Commander in Chief and in ultimate control over our nation.

PRAYER POINTS:

- ✓ Pray for God to move powerfully in the hearts and lives of our Presidential candidates.
- ✓ Pray that God will give wisdom and discernment to our President and those who advise him in this critical season.
- ✓ Pray that God will give His people eyes to see and ears to hear as His Spirit guides us in the midst of this election season.
- ✓ Ask God to protect our Presidential candidates and their families as tensions and divisiveness cause open hostility among the different political parties.
- ✓ Ask God to raise up the person who will lead our nation in righteousness, looking to You for guidance.

DAY 30

Praying For Your State Governor And leadership

“Submit yourselves for the Lord’s sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right”

1 Peter 2:13-14 NIV

In the fall of 2004, after listening to a sermon on praying for political leaders, God placed a burden on the heart of Matthew Barnes to begin a ministry in the Indiana Statehouse. A short time later, he founded Public Servants’ Prayer and soon was named Chaplain.

Barnes states, “I have been ministering in the Indiana Statehouse since 2004. God has opened more doors than I would have ever imagined, and it all started with God impressing on my heart to pray for leaders. I found that it is impossible to hate someone for whom you earnestly pray. I can honestly say that I love politicians! They are simply people who hurt, feel, and bleed the same as you and I. Some of them know Christ, others do not. The political arena has a vacuum of pastoral care.”

Barnes continues: “Too often, it’s easy to forget about the person behind the political decisions they make. If we take a moment to remember their humanity, it allows us to see each one as an individual, created in the image of God, who needs prayer, just like you and me. Use this simple mission statement to guide you as you pray for your politicians: I will PRAY, I will HONOR my leaders, I will SERVE my community.”

Father God, we pray for our governors and state and local officials. Grant them grace to face their unique challenges regarding secure voting measures, political unrest, financial crisis, law enforcement, racial division, and more. Please give them insight into the needs of their communities and discernment to make wise decisions as they lead their states and communities well.

PRAYER POINTS:

- ✓ Ask the Father to watch over and protect the hearts and minds of the governors in our nation and their families.
- ✓ Pray for each governor and state legislator to depend on God for every decision, agenda, and meeting if they are believers. Draw those who are governing apart from His purposes to Him and transform them into men and women who desire God to be their Savior and Lord.
- ✓ Pray for the eleven gubernatorial elections taking place this year, asking God to give favor to those who will accomplish His purposes.
- ✓ Ask the Lord to surround each governor and legislator with competent staff who have strong integrity and wisdom.

DAY 31

Praying For The Armed Forces And Veterans

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go”

Joshua 1:9 NIV

“General George Patton believed that God was on the side of the Americans in World War II. He was a deeply religious man who reportedly read the Bible every day, yet he used profanity regularly in referring to his enemies and urging his men forward. The generals who served with Patton, such as Omar Bradley and Harry Semmes, testified to Patton’s deep faith and his reliance on prayer. As General Bradley said of Patton: ‘He strutted imperiously as a commander, but knelt humbly before his God.’

In December 1944–January 1945, Patton’s armies were fighting both Germans and the inclement weather. So he asked army chaplain Father James O’Neill for a prayer to end the “immoderate” weather and enable his troops to defeat the Germans. This was Father O’Neill’s prayer: ‘Almighty and most merciful Father, we humbly beseech Thee of Thy great goodness, to restrain these immoderate rains with which we have had to contend. Grant us fair weather for Battle. Graciously hearken to us as soldiers who call upon Thee that, armed with Thy power, we may advance from victory to victory, and crush the oppression and wickedness of our enemies and establish Thy justice among men and nations.’

When the weather briefly cleared, paving the way for Patton’s forces to gain ground, Patton awarded Father O’Neill the Bronze Star. He was the only man to be awarded a medal in World War II for writing a prayer.”

Adapted from the book Patton’s Prayer by Alex Kershaw.

Merciful Father, we honor You as the God who hears and answers prayer! Thank You for those who have served our nation since the beginning by standing in the face of fear, danger, and great evil, often at the cost of their own lives. Help our men and women currently serving, as well as our veterans, to continually find refuge under Your wings. May Your faithfulness be wrapped around them as a shield and may Your angels protect them in all their ways. We ask that their sacrifices never be forgotten and that we would be a people who keep our service members uplifted in prayer continually!

PRAYER POINTS:

- ✓ Pray that those currently serving in the military would give their lives completely to Jesus, living to serve Him first as they protect and defend our nation.
- ✓ Pray for the families of active-duty service members who are separated from their loved ones. Ask the Father to meet their needs and keep them strong and safe.
- ✓ Pray for our veterans who are homeless and/or who struggle with addiction, hopelessness, and loss. Ask Jesus to meet them in their need with help from people who will step up to assist them.
- ✓ Pray for policies that make our military strong and not weaker. Ask the Father to prompt the hearts of those making decisions that affect our national security to be wise – not in their own eyes, but in Yours.
- ✓ Ask God to raise godly leaders in our military who will make strong, courageous decisions for the good of our nation.

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DAY 32

Praying For Police, Firefighters, And First Responders

“...if anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ”

1 Peter 4:11 NIV

“Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me...” (Psalm 23:4).

First responders operate with the daily juxtaposition of the reality of urgency, risk, facing injury or possible death, and a deep commitment to serve. Their rigorous training is ongoing, their exposure to stress is repeated, and their sense of duty is unwavering. Their instinct to help others overrides the natural human impulse for self-preservation.

First responders are disciplined under pressure and have a unique ability to remain calm and follow their protocols and orders under extreme pressure. Repeated exposure to traumatic events requires a level of psychological resilience that is cultivated over time. They often witness the darker side of humanity; however, in situations that would make the average person too angry to act rationally, first responders are called upon to maintain their composure and judgment.

As people of faith, and as a nation, it is important to appreciate the depth of mental toughness paired with compassion that make up the first responder’s “call to duty.” Their mindset is not merely a professional requirement, it’s a testament to their character and their unwavering commitment to serve their communities.

Father, please keep our first responders emotionally strong, yet spiritually tender when they are confronted by the evil and brokenness around them. May You always be their refuge in difficult situations. Help them to trust in You completely and continually, moment by moment. Give them Your peace as they deal with the pain and suffering of others and whenever they experience injustice. May they have compassion for those whose lives are broken and may they demonstrate kindness to them. Help them to recognize that when others express hate and anger toward them, they can find their security in You. May they serve You and their communities with honor and keep them safe for the glory of Your Name!

PRAYER POINTS:

- ✓ Ask the Father to prompt you to pray for the men and women who work diligently for our safety and well-being, even when their jobs are difficult and often thankless.
- ✓ Pray for first responders in your community who have not yet made Jesus their Savior and Lord. Ask God to use you in some way to share His love with one or more of these public servants.
- ✓ Ask God to help first responders make wise decisions, especially in difficult or spur-of-the-moment situations.
- ✓ Pray that communities will be supportive of their first responders instead of critical. Bring encouragement when they are treated with a lack of respect, or when less-than-ideal policies are put in place that make their jobs more difficult.
- ✓ Ask God to guard the hearts of family members who deal with the day-to-day reality that their loved one may be put in dangerous situations. Strengthen family relationships and bring peace into every one of their homes.

DAY 33

Praying For Fiscal Responsibility In Government

“For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’”

Luke 14:28-30 NIV

We expect our politicians and appointed officials to uphold their fiscal responsibilities. This includes fundraising, allocating funds, and spending money appropriately. However, the United States government is currently weighed down by an immense deficit.

Senator Rand Paul, in his Festivus Report for 2023, identified over 900 billion dollars of wasteful government spending by both parties. Paul states, “It doesn’t take a genius to predict the dangers that come with spending money that the government just doesn’t have. When the government overspent by \$1.7 trillion in FY2023, we were left with a whopping \$659 billion in interest payments. You read that right. In Fiscal Year 2023, the U.S. Department of the Treasury spent \$659 billion just to pay the interest on the national debt. Because we don’t have the funds to pay that, we have to borrow it — a large portion from China. We borrow from China to pay the interest on funds we couldn’t afford to spend in the first place.”

Our nation needs prayer to live within our means through responsible financial governance. Our God can help us if we look to His principles for fiscal responsibility.

Father, our nation has lost its way financially. We don’t follow Your guidance and wisdom when it comes to fiscal responsibility, and so, we are drowning in debt we cannot repay. Forgive us for this foolishness, Lord, and help our leaders look to Your solutions instead of fighting amongst themselves. We pray for a deep repentance among our government leaders – that they would bow before You and confess the sinfulness of the waste and foolish spending, and turn their faces toward You. Teach our leaders how to get the nation’s finances under control and back to a healthy place.

PRAYER POINTS:

- ✓ Pray that America’s government officials will recognize the damage they are causing, and bow before You in humility and deep repentance.
- ✓ Pray that these men and women will stop their wastefulness and seek purposeful and responsible solutions based on Your wise counsel.
- ✓ Pray for a united determination to set America back on solid financial footing for the good of the entire nation.
- ✓ Pray that we will, again, be a prosperous nation with a balanced budget and equitable tax structure.
- ✓ Pray that our government will soon be able to be generous out of the overflow of prosperity because we are a nation that honors You and the financial principles outlined so clearly in Your Word.

DAY 34

Praying For The Peace And Protection Of Israel

"Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep"

Psalm 121:4 NIV

"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: May those who love you be secure. May there be peace within your walls and security within your citadels. or the sake of my family and friends, I will say, "Peace be within you. For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your prosperity" (Psalm 122:6-9).

Author and American-Israeli strategist, Joel Rosenberg, has written a commentary on the current situation in which we find ourselves in the world:

"The significance of this moment in history cannot be overstated. But the big question is this: Are Israelis just going through a bad patch and our fortunes will brighten again soon, or are we beginning to see Bible prophecies unfold in which the entire world turns against Israel and Jewish people in the 'last days'?"

The Bible indicates that all of the leaders of the world will essentially get drunk on the notion that Israel – Jerusalem – is the problem the world must solve. Yet, God also makes it clear that all the nations that turn against Israel will themselves face Divine Judgment and be 'severely injured.'

Have we arrived at the prophetic point in history in which the entire world is turning against Israel and the Jewish people? No, not yet – but that's definitely where we are trending.

And it certainly appears that the chess pieces are being arranged on the board for such a war. The dictator of Russia is building alliances with the leaders of Iran, Turkey, and Sudan, to name just a few. The nations of the world are increasingly turning against Israel and the Jewish people. Even the leaders of Israel's most trustworthy ally – the United States of America – are abandoning Israel.

In light of all that is happening spiritually and geopolitically in the world today, my question is this: What will the Church do?"

God of Israel, Your Word has prophetically announced things that are to come regarding Israel and the rest of the world. Help us to be awake and alert amid world events we have never experienced before. Raise up Your Church to stand strong in this moment and align ourselves with Your plans and purposes for Israel. Help us to be characterized by great love and compassion and to be known as houses of prayer for all nations (Isaiah 56:7, Mark 11:17). May the Church shine like a beacon for Your name in this moment.

PRAYER POINTS:

- ✓ Ask God to grant the people of Jerusalem, including Jews, Christians, and Muslims, the wisdom and patience to build a safe city where all can live in peace and freedom.
- ✓ Ask God to bless Israel, shield it with love, send light and truth to Israel's leaders, and strengthen the hands of those who defend the land.
- ✓ Ask God to protect Israel's cities and borders, and to empower its leaders with wisdom and strength. Ask Him to display His glory as He defends Israel.
- ✓ Ask God to bring truth into our nation's discourse, and that evil will be revealed for what it truly is. Ask Him to uncover blinded eyes!
- ✓ Ask God to cause our government to be unified behind Israel and to defend the Jews in our nation and all over the earth unequivocally!

DAY 35

Praying For The Protection Of Religious Liberty

“Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is freedom”

2 Corinthians 3:17 NIV

Religious liberty is enshrined in the text of our Constitution and numerous federal statutes. It encompasses the right of all Americans to exercise their religion freely, without being coerced to join an established church or to satisfy a religious test as a qualification for public office.

The First Amendment to the United States Constitution begins, “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof ...”

Religious freedom prevents the cultural majority from using the power of the state to impose their beliefs on others. This protects everyone—religious and nonreligious alike—from the government becoming so powerful that it can tell people what to think and how to act. Conscience has been considered the individual’s most sacred right. A government that intrudes on conscience will not hesitate to intrude on our other freedoms.

Additionally, forcing individuals and faith-based organizations to choose between living out their religious beliefs or serving their neighbors actually harms our communities.

An estimated 350,000 religious congregations operate schools, pregnancy resource centers, soup kitchens, drug addiction programs, homeless shelters, and adoption agencies. These efforts serve 70 million Americans each year, and the value of their services is estimated at over a trillion dollars annually. Ultimately, everyone benefits from religious freedom.

It covers all people equally—Christians, Jews, Muslims, agnostics, and atheists. Religious freedom preserves America’s diversity, where people of different faiths, worldviews, and beliefs can peacefully live together without fear of punishment from the government.

--Excerpts from the Heritage Foundation

Lord, You desire Your people to live in freedom and peace. Yet, because Your great love is not the current language of our nation, many people are being unjustly silenced, manipulated, and damaged because of their religious beliefs. Awaken Your people and give us strength to live powerfully and shine brightly for righteousness! May those who live apart from You have their eyes opened to see the unjustness being perpetrated on those who are trying to love and do good for the sake of others. May the wrongs perpetrated against them be exposed and made right.

PRAYER POINTS:

- ✓ Ask God to reveal and reverse the unjust acts taking place against Christians as well as those from other religions who are trying to serve those who are in need.
- ✓ Pray for businesspeople who are being punished for placing You first instead of bowing to the agenda of those who are trying to damage our nation.
- ✓ Pray for families who want to do foster care or adopt, but are being turned away simply because they love and honor You in their homes.
- ✓ Ask God to strengthen His Church to stand up against injustice perpetrated against Christians in this nation.

DAY 36

Praying For Protection & Wisdom With Domestic & Foreign Threats & Wars

“...This is what the Lord says to you: ‘Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God’s’”

2 Chronicles 20:15 NIV

Our nation is in the midst of a serious spiritual battle. British prayer leader, Brian Mills, states: “Satan undermines truth, is full of self-importance, has revealed that children are a legitimate target, is vehemently anti-Jewish and anti-Christian, and seeks to interrupt our communication with God, and with one another. In short, satan is a terrorist!”

We know God is in control during this age where wars and threats are ramping up across the earth, and we put our hope fully in Him. Here are some practical ways to engage in this spiritual battle:

Know Your Enemy. Ephesians 6:12 tells us to fight the right battles against the right enemy – the prince of darkness. “For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.”

Armor Up (Ephesians 6:10–18) And Use God’s Weapons. “It is true that I am an ordinary, weak human being, but I don’t use human plans and methods to win my battles. I use God’s mighty weapons, not those made by men, to knock down the devil’s strongholds” (2 Cor. 10:3–4 TLB).

Watch And Pray! As in all our warfare, prayer becomes a major weapon in our arsenal. Jesus calls His disciples to “Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak” (Matthew 26:40–41). Through our watchful, alert prayer, we release the powerful light of Christ into the battle. When we read or watch the news, we are to pray. As we engage in social media, we are to pray. We are not to be passive observers or victims of temptation.

Blessed be the LORD, our rock, who trains our hands for war and our fingers for battle. Help Your people to be strong in the strength of Your might and to put on the whole armor of God to stand against the schemes of the devil. (Ephesians 6:10–11). Give our leaders the wisdom that comes only from above and guide them in making wise decisions for our nation. We know, Lord, that You are a faithful God. Show us how to be watchmen on the walls of our homes, our communities, and our nation. We take heart because YOU have overcome the world!

PRAYER POINTS:

- ✓ Ask God to give His people a battlefield mentality and to pray militant prayers to thwart the attacks within and around our nation. Employ Romans 8:31: “What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?”
- ✓ Ask the Father to put a hedge of protection around your household, around those on the frontlines of every battle (including intercessors), and around our nation (Job 1:10).
- ✓ Ask the Lord to move out against the enemies of God so the purposes of God would be fulfilled amid every threat.
- ✓ Pray that those who do not follow God will listen to those who do.
- ✓ Ask the Father to help His people to demonstrate His peace amid threats and turmoil.

DAY 37

Praying For Integrity In The Election

“The integrity of the upright guides them, but the crookedness of the treacherous destroys them”

Proverbs 11:3 NIV

Benjamin Franklin, on departing the Constitutional Convention, was asked what the convention’s delegates had proposed. Franklin responded, “A republic, if you can keep it.” The American system of self-government rests on the capacity of Americans to govern themselves in political terms and to exercise personal self-government (good character) in their own lives.

The key facets to preserving free government involve citizens being knowledgeable, morally upright, spirited, and free to use their minds, voices, and possessions to maintain liberty and the rule of law. Schools, religion, civic organizations, and the family are the key institutions by which citizens are formed to be able to govern themselves. (Adapted from: Necessities for Freedom and Self Government – Hillsdale College 1776 curriculum)

Mollie Hemmingway states, “The trust in free, fair, and transparent elections is the bedrock of our country.” Americans need to depend on and trust the process and results of having free and fair elections. Government has a vital role in ensuring the electoral process is safeguarded and every citizen’s right to cast a ballot is protected. It is the only way to protect the future of our republic.

Lord, we honor You as the highest authority in heaven and on earth. Our nation, founded on Your Word and Your principles, has been in spiritual decline. Father, we confess our lack of dependence upon You and the lack of moral clarity that has happened on our watch. Show us how to guard the integrity of our upcoming election and walk in peace, no matter the outcome. We trust in Your ability to bring anything dark or evil into the light and that Your people will stand for righteousness in the election process.

PRAYER POINTS:

- ✓ Ask the Father to keep His people on their knees during this election process – that we will pray and not lose heart. (Luke 18:1)
- ✓ Pray that poll workers and election officials will walk blamelessly, do what is right, and speak the truth in their hearts. (Psalm 15:1-2)
- ✓ Pray that the Father will be able to take pleasure in the uprightness of His people during this election process. (1 Chronicles 29:17)
- ✓ Ask the Lord to expose any evil-minded people who might be trying to damage or undermine the integrity of our nation’s election, and that the Holy Spirit will prompt many Christians to work the polls.
- ✓ Ask God to preserve the integrity and uprightness of our nation, and that we would wait only for Him. (Psalm 25:21)

DAY 38

Praying For God's People To Turn Out To Vote

"Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor"

1 Peter 2:13-17 NIV

Evan Carter wrote an article for Hillsdale College in 2014 that provides some significant insights into the importance of exercising our right to vote. Here are some excerpts:

"Voting is important. Upright citizens with sufficient political will can effect political change. Citizens could turn their backs on voting. But President Coolidge knew this choice could only lead to one end: 'Unless citizens perform their duties [by voting], such a system of government is doomed to failure.' Coolidge also said, 'If the people fail to vote, a government will be developed which is not their government.'"

"Because government protects our life, liberty, and property, we cannot neglect government and political activity. By staying aloof of the political system, you're tacitly saying that voting and the direction of governance isn't important to you. Therefore, a responsible citizenry must be educated about current issues and consistently vote in elections."

Grace-filled Father, we know that You alone are the highest authority but that You also put leaders in place for Your purposes. We trust You to guide us, and our nation in these next days so that Your purposes will be accomplished perfectly. Prompt Your people to go to the polls and vote as You give them wisdom. Show us how to be Jesus to every person we come in contact with, whether it's someone in line or a poll worker. Urge Your people to be in place at every election venue so that Your kindness and glory can be demonstrated through us!

PRAYER POINTS:

- ✓ Ask the Holy Spirit to continually remind you that you must still be a responsible citizen in the world even though this world is not your home. Thank Him that your citizenship is in heaven, and from it, we await the second coming of Jesus (Philippians 3:20).
- ✓ Pray that people will not be apathetic or discouraged about voting and that they will inform themselves well before heading to the polls.
- ✓ Ask God to bring millions of believers to the polls and make their voices heard!
- ✓ Pray that every excuse people make to stay home from the polls or any obstacle in the way will be removed!

DAY 39

Praying For People To Have Wisdom On How To Vote

"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him"

James 1:5 NIV

Debbie Wuthnow from ivoterguide.com describes how politicians often deceive with their words and discusses the importance of wisdom in making policy and candidate choices. She states, "Ephesians 5:6 warns us: 'Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient.' And, Proverbs 15:4 tells us that 'The soothing tongue is a tree of life, but a perverse tongue crushes the spirit.' How incredible it is that our words hold the power to be a fruitful source of life, or a crushing source of hopelessness. Because of the weight that words can carry, faith-based voters must ensure that we are using our words wisely, but also interpreting the words of others in truth, no matter how they may be presented."

Nicole Ault wrote an article published by Hillsdale College in which she says, "A good citizen is charged with the task of seeking the best for his community...Rather than voting for its own sake, citizens should seek to educate themselves and others so that informed concern, not ignorant conformity, drives election participation.

Voter ignorance is widespread and well documented: More than a third of Americans can't name any of the rights guaranteed by the First Amendment, and only 26 percent of Americans can name the three branches of government, according to a 2017 study from the Annenberg Public Policy Center." She goes on to stress the importance of taking the time to understand what candidates stand for and why they are running for office.

All-Wise God, You change the times and the seasons, You remove and set up kings, You give wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding (Daniel 2:21). Help me to trust in You with all of my heart so that I don't try to lean on my own understanding. May I acknowledge You in all my ways so that You will make my paths straight (Proverbs 3:5-6) as I approach my responsibility of voting wisely in this upcoming election.

PRAYER POINTS:

- ✓ Ask the Holy Spirit to open your eyes to deception and give you discernment as you determine how to vote.
- ✓ Pray Proverbs 2:10 – that wisdom will come into your heart and that knowledge will be pleasant to your soul.
- ✓ Pray James 1:5 – ask God for the wisdom you lack. He promises to give it to you freely.
- ✓ Pray Colossians 1:9 – that you and all who are voting will be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding.
- ✓ Ask for the wisdom from above that is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere (James 3:17).

DAY 40

ELECTION DAY! Praying For God's Will To Be Done In The 2024 Election

"This, then, is how you should pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven"

James 6:9-10 NIV

Andy Stanley wrote an article published in Time Magazine before the 2020 election. Here are some excerpts to inform how we approach this election day with our God:

"Nothing divides like politics, because nothing divides like fear. But what exactly, in the context of our current election, are we afraid of? The answer is the same for everyone at the macro level: we fear loss. We are afraid of losing control, safety, power, opportunity, status, rights, freedom."

He continues: "Our hope is not in the perfect political party. Our hope is the message and teaching of Jesus. During our oh-so-short history as a nation, both of our current political parties and their leaders have gotten it wrong; they have failed us morally; they have failed us in terms of their leadership. Why would we as followers of an eternal king allow ourselves to be divided by temporary political systems, leaders or platforms? And why would we allow ourselves to be divided by fear? Jesus' most oft-repeated command was fear not, fear not, fear not. Instead, we must love one another as we struggle and sacrifice for the unity Jesus prayed for."

Lord God, during this election, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/state/country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community.

We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, as well as deceit and poverty. We ask for ears that will hear the cries of the unborn and those abandoned. We ask our minds and hearts to be open to the voices of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom. We pray for discernment so we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace. We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit.

- Author Unknown

PRAYER POINTS:

- ✓ Pray that God's will be done in our election on earth as in heaven.
- ✓ Pray that all believers would make requests, prayers, intercession, and give thanks on behalf of all people – especially those who are in authority over us in our nation today. (1 Timothy 2:1-4)
- ✓ Pray that we might lead tranquil and quiet lives in all godliness and dignity. (1 Timothy 2:1-4)
- ✓ Pray for lost people who are running for office and those voting for our leaders, because it is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth! (1 Timothy 2:1-4)
- ✓ Pray for the Holy Spirit to stir a desire for truth, justice, and peace in the hearts of all Americans, and ask God to pour out revival on His people and spiritual awakening across our land!