

# National Day of Prayer Guide



## THURSDAY, MAY 2 | 2024

The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance in the United States where people of various faiths come together to pray for the nation and its leaders. Created by a joint resolution of Congress in 1952 and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman, the day encourages individuals to prayer for their local communities, state, national and issues that impact our world. Through this guide, we invite and encourage you to take part in this special observance by setting aside time to pray for our nation and its leaders. This guide offers specific topics to pray for, but you are encouraged to pray for whatever is on your heart and mind. May this guide inspire and focus your prayer time as we join together on this National Day of Prayer.

Through this prayer guide, you will have an opportunity to petition God on behalf of our leaders and those who are in authority over us, as we are instructed to do in 1 Timothy 2:1-2: "I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness."

### SOME SUGGESTED PRAYER THOUGHTS...

#### PRAY FOR PEOPLE IN NEED

- In your family.
- In your friendships.
- In your workplace.
- The hungry and the homeless.
- The lonely and the aged.
- The sick and the suffering.
- Those who are mourning the death of a loved one.
- Those looking for work.
- Those who have wandered from God.

#### PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE PERSECUTED FOR THE SAKE OF THE GOSPEL

- For strength and courage for Christians who suffer in prisons, labor camps and remote areas.
- For those who receive strong pressure from family, friends and neighbors to recant their Christian faith.
- For the safety and protection of Christians living in countries who encourage the persecution of Christians.

#### PRAY FOR OUR NATION

- Its leaders and those in authority.
- For those who serve in government locally, at the state level and nationally.
- For this election year, and the peaceful transfer of power.
- For good government.
- For peace in our land.

#### PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE AROUND THE GLOBE

- For men and women in uniform.
- For missionaries and medical workers.
- For those whose jobs and responsibilities have them scattered abroad.

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## PRAY FOR PEACE IN OUR WORLD

- For men and women suffering from war, those terrified, grieving and displaced.
- For the politicians for wisdom, diplomacy and peace-making.
- For medical professionals, aid workers, hospitals and volunteers, and needed resources to arrive.

## PRAY FOR THE MEDIA.

- For journalists to be fair and accurate.
- For entertainers to conduct themselves in a responsible manner.
- For where there is confusion, ambiguity, and falsehood, let there be truth.

## PRAY FOR PLACES OF LEARNING.

- Pray for schools...both public and private...preschool, elementary, high school, and higher education...that those who teach and those who learn would acknowledge God as the source of all wisdom and knowledge. Pray especially for Christian teachers at all levels...that the light of Christ would shine through them.
- For the safety and security of schools across the country.
- For the Redeemer Early Childhood Center. Bless our teachers and students with safety, love, joy and learning.

## PRAY FOR THE CHURCH THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

- For pastors, teachers, leaders.
- That division in the church would come to an end – that the Church might be one.
- For the Church's witness and mission in the world.
- That Christians would be "salt" and "light" in the world.
- For Redeemer's key partner mission efforts in Ethiopia, India, Hong Kong, the Holy Land, and Alaska.

## PRAY FOR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH.

- Its pastors and staff.
- Its board of directors, deacons and other lay leaders.
- For the various ministries to children, youth and adults.
- For those who give themselves to the mission of the congregation as volunteers.
- For the people of God who call Redeemer their home in Jesus Christ, that they would grow in God's grace and love, and be good stewards of all that he has given them.
- For the finances of the congregation, that there would be sufficient resources to carry out Redeemer's mission and ministry.
- That our church would remain focused on our mission of "connecting people to Jesus."

## PRAY FOR YOUR FAMILY.

- For all families.
- For your spouse [if married].
- For your children [if you have any].
- For your parents [if still living].
- For other family members.

## PRAY FOR YOURSELF.

- Your needs.
- Your personal weaknesses.
- That God would draw you ever closer to him...becoming a more committed Jesus follower.
- That you would have the heart of the servant.
- That you would be a living witness to Christ in word and in deed.