



## National Day of Prayer

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*In His name the nations will put their hope. Matthew 12:21*

### **THE CHURCH**

Heavenly Father, we ask Your blessing on Your Church. Create in us a renewed desire to love You wholeheartedly and to love others in Your Name. Grant us the grace, wisdom, and courage to make an impact on our nation and our world for Your glory (Mat.22:37-39; 28:18-20; Joh.17:17-19; Mat.5:44; Col.3:15-17).

#### **We pray that:**

- The Church would boldly embrace and proclaim Your truth
- Your people would be united as Jesus prayed in John 17:20-26
- Believers would love one another, their neighbor, and their enemies
- The Church would be characterized by surpassing righteousness through the empowering of the Holy Spirit and the Word of Christ dwelling in us richly

### **MILITARY**

Lord of Hosts, forgive us for giving to strategies, weapons, and individuals the glory that belongs to You alone. And yet, help us to be grateful for the soldiers who lay down their lives for our freedom (Psa.20:7; 2Ki.18:20; 2Ch.32:6-16; Rom.16:3-4).

#### **We pray for:**

- Wisdom before the nations
- Strength and courage for those in the armed forces
- The families of those serving in war
- Our military to conduct themselves well even under duress

### **MEDIA**

Almighty God, forgive us for allowing secular media to take over our homes, our time, our thoughts and our families. We repent of sending mixed messages to Hollywood by watching and purchasing things that are unwholesome or blatantly immoral. Help us to speak only what is helpful for building up others so that it may benefit those who listen. (Eph.4:29; Phi.4:8; Mat.12:36-37).

#### **We pray for:**

- Salvation of industry executives and performers
- Truth in news reporting
- Media to be used to encourage life-giving principles in our society

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## **GOVERNMENT**

Lord, we lift up our elected leaders to You and ask that You would grant each one wisdom and discernment. We pray that believing leaders would be bolstered and strengthened in their roles, and that unbelieving leaders would, through the work of Your Spirit, fix their eyes on You. May our legislators and courts honor You as they confront the myriad challenges facing our cities, states, and nation (Exo.18:21-22A; Pro.11:3; Rom.13:1-2; 1Ti.2:1-4).

### **We pray for:**

Wise decisions that bring about Your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven  
President Trump, Vice President Pence, Cabinet Members  
US Senate and US House of Representatives  
US Supreme Court Justices, for righteous Judges and righteous judgments  
State and Local Leaders, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives; godly and dignified in every way

## **FAMILY**

Holy Father, we acknowledge ways we have allowed a breakdown of the family. We confess allowing things in our home that do not honor You. May you redeem families across our nation (Gen.2:24; Eph.5:22-27; 6:1-4; Deu.6:5-9; 7:26; Mar.3:25).

### **We pray for:**

The hearts of parents and children to be returned to each other  
The sanctity of marriage to be honored  
A return to family activities that unify rather than divide  
Family worship, devotions, prayer, and church involvement to be re-established

## **EDUCATION**

Father God, forgive us for allowing You and Your Word to be marginalized in our schools, and for our passivity as Your Truth is replaced with lies. Please guide our teachers, our students, and our schools, across the nation (Psa.34; Mat.11:28-30; 19:14).

### **We pray for:**

Protection in all schools across the nation against violence  
For the youth of our nation to find their hope in Christ  
School boards, parents and teachers to work together  
Students and teachers across the land to turn to the Lord

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*Holy Father,*

*In a world where so many are hungry, You give us food in abundance;  
In a world where so many are hurting, You bind up our wounds; In a world  
where so many are lonely, You offer us friendship; In a world longing for  
peace, You give us hope and peace in Christ. Yet, we are so stubborn and  
resistant. Have mercy upon us, Lord. You, oh Lord, are our strength and  
shield. Give us wisdom from above so that our hope may be strengthened  
and our blessings be treasured both now and forevermore. Amen.*

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