

2020 NATIONAL PRAYER

The mission of the National Day of Prayer Task Force is to mobilize unified public prayer for America.

The Theme for NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER May 7, 2020 is:

PRAY GOD'S GLORY ACROSS THE EARTH

Habakkuk 2:14 (NIV) *For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.*

WHY PRAY FOR AMERICA?

God is the only hope for America. Our hope does not rest in our economics, elections, or even education. It is only by the grace and goodness of God that He inclines His ear to hear our prayers. Philippians 4:6, "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."

In these days where anxious thoughts, words, and deeds darken our nation we can rejoice that God never changes. God is not shaken but shines in the darkness as He "is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ." 2 Cor. 4:6

Prayer taps into God's wisdom, strength, protection, and peace. He stands ready to respond to our needs when we humbly ask for divine intervention in the affairs of men. His glory shines and is spread across America as we humble ourselves in prayer and exalt Him in praise.

In humble prayer we turn from sin to seek God's face and the promises in 2 Chronicles 7:14, knowing that change, healing, and transformation only comes through prayer! Lord, we exist to give You glory. We exist because of Your glory, and in Your glory, as our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. We give you thanks and praise for every breath and moment You have given to us. We repent of our sin; for the shameful things we have done against You and for our silence when we did not speak up to proclaim Your Name, profess Your Word, or protect and practice Your will. We ask Your forgiveness.

We pray that the knowledge of the glory of the Lord will spread across our nation and the entire earth as we seek Your Kingdom and righteousness; as we walk in obedience to You, and in humble unity, love one another. Jesus, the Bible says that You are "the knowledge of the glory of the Lord." You have taught us to pray, commanded us to love, and commissioned us to share Your gospel of grace. Your glory fills our hearts and families, it overflows into our neighborhoods, workplaces, campuses, churches, in our entertainment and media. We give thanks for our military and ask that Your glory would spread to, and through them as they preserve freedom around the world. We pray for our government, that all of our leaders and laws would be filled with Your glory, that they would magnify Your Holy Word and honor Your will and ways. We pray that Your grace and glory would spread to bring hope to the hopeless, and love where there is hurt and hate. God, use us as we pray your promise, that "the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea." Amen! PRAY FOR GOD'S GLORY TO SPREAD ACROSS AMERICA.

CHURCHES

We pray Your churches be filled with Your glory.

1 KINGS 8:10-11 (NIV) When the priests withdrew from the Holy Place, the cloud filled the temple of the LORD. ¹¹ And the priests could not perform their service because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled his temple.

Jesus, we pray that your church would be saturated with your glory. We plead that your presence would fill the churches so that people will be drawn into and saturated in the experience of your presence in your church. That your word would be clearly and courageously taught and obeyed. We pray that our lives will be a faithful testimony of your goodness and would be known by our love as we live to give you glory.

- Churches would be houses of prayer, overflowing with prayer throughout its weekly services and in the lives of every believer.
- That all Pastors would be deeply rooted in the Word of God and would preach the Word of God with love and courage to guide and shepherd their flock.
- That Pastors' marriages and families would be strengthened, appreciated, and supported not criticized and exhausted.
- That every believer would understand that they have been called to pray, love and share the gospel as laborers in the mission field of the places they live, work, learn, worship and play

Colossians 2:6-8 So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.

Ephesians 4:11-12 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers,¹² to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers,¹² to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up

FAMILY

Heavenly father, we pray that you will extend and expand your glory through our families as we dwell in you.

EPHESIANS 3:14-17 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, He may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love.

- That husbands and wives would love and respect one another with faithfulness and ever-growing devotion for one another and God.
- That families would pray, read, and study the Bible, worship and serve together, building one another up in faith, love, hope and truth.
- That children would grow up in safe and supportive homes filled with the love and principles of Jesus and that they will respect and love their parents.
- That God would heal the wounds of abandonment and abuse; that all people would know that they are loved. May every person live in the abundant life and divine destiny authored and perfected by Jesus.

SCHOOLS

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We pray Lord give us wisdom, knowledge, and understanding we pray that all school campuses would be filled with Your Glory know that the fear of the Lord is in the beginning of wisdom. We pray that every student and educator would live reverence and relationship with You Lord.

EPHESIANS 1:17 ¹⁷I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know Him better.

- That all school campuses will be a safe place to learn
- That all curriculum taught in every classroom will be true and beneficial to the spiritual as well as the intellectual growth of students.
- That there will be at least one Christian club/area at every school/campus for prayer, Bible study, and fellowship that will strengthen student believers and glorify God.
- That the decision makers, administrations, and educators would be supported and make sound decisions that glorify God and serve our students in every area of education.

LUKE 18:16-17 ¹⁶But Jesus called the children to him and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not

hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.¹⁷ Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.”

PROVERBS 2:1-8 My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you,² turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding—

³ indeed, if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding,⁴ and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure,⁵ then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God.⁶ For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.⁷ He holds success in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless,⁸ for He guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones.

BUSINESS

Lord we pray that you will fill every workplace in our nation with your glory.

Colossians 3:23-24 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters,²⁴ since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

- We pray that all we do, that every word, planned strategy, goal, transaction, and relationship would bring you glory. We give you glory for our knowledge, talents, and opportunities.
- We pray every business owner and management would lead their employees with godly practices and equality.
- We pray that every worker would know that they have value an influence and therefore will work with excellence as working under God.
- We pray that every workplace from the school, military, home office, store, and more will be filled with those who are praying and living out their faith In Jesus Christ with love excellence and respect.
- We pray that believers would know that their work is a testimony to their worship of God

Philippians 2:13-15 for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose. ¹⁴ Do everything without grumbling or arguing,¹⁵ so that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.

GOVERNMENT

PSALM 102:15 So the Nations will fear the name of the Lord and all the Kings of earth your glory.

Lord god we pray your glory would break out like the dawn in and through our government. We seek to live under your authority as well as your blessings and so we pray that America would bless you with our leaders, laws and lives. Please reveal your presence and power to every person who serves in our local, state and federal governments, show them your glory and goodness, guide them in your ways so that our nation would give you glory.

- That all elected officials would serve in God's will with humility and justice. That every person would know the love and message of Jesus and follow Him as their Lord.
- That Light will shine into every government office and meeting, and all plans, deeds, decisions, strategies, and schemes will either be exalted or exposed according to the Word and will of God.
- That America would be God-fearing and glorifying; living worthy of the motto: "In God we Trust"

Isaiah 58:6-11 Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the

afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.¹¹ The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.

Romans 13 1-7 Let every person be subject to the governing authorities; for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God. ² Therefore whoever resists authority resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³ For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Do you wish to have no fear of the authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive its approval; ⁴ for it is God's servant for your good. But if you do what is wrong, you should be afraid, for the authority^a does not bear the sword in vain! It is the servant of God to execute wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵ Therefore one must be subject, not only because of wrath but also because of conscience. ⁶ For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, busy with this very thing. ⁷ Pay to all what is due them—taxes to whom taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is due, honor to whom honor is due.

MILITARY

Ephesians 6:12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Jesus, King of Kings, we pray that you will fill our military with your glory.

- We pray that you would lead our military in defending freedom and Liberty. We ask your protection in the battle of evil. We ask your shield for the weak and strengthen your Warriors in the Salvation only found in You. We ask You to guide and guard their families as well as their chain of command as they serve at home and on the front lines.
- We pray that all of our service members would be well prepared and trained spiritually as well as physically, mentally, and emotionally.
- We pray for marriages finances and their children would be strong spiritually, educationally, socially, and emotionally.
- We pray that the chain of command would be filled with wisdom, knowledge, and understanding in decisions in discerning intelligent information.
- We pray that God would guard and guide them at home and in the front lines that they would be filled with courage and not fear, knowing that God is near.

2 Chronicles 32:6-8 He appointed military officers over the people and assembled them before him in the square at the city gate and encouraged them with these words:⁷ "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged because of the king of Assyria and the vast army with him, for there is a greater power with us than with him."⁸ With him is only the arm of flesh, but with us is the LORD our God to help us and to fight our battles." And the people gained confidence from what Hezekiah the king of Judah said.

MEDIA

Lord Our creator we pray that sound, scripts, and screens would be filled with your glory.

John 7:18 Those who speak on their own seek their own glory; but the one who seeks the glory of him who sent him is true, and there is nothing false in him.

We give you thanks and praise Lord. You gave us the beauty of this world in sunsets and the sea Flowers mountains and in every person made in your image you give us gifts and talents that we steward for your glory. We pray you keep our hearts and minds filled with light as we choose the voices we listen to and the images we watch.

- We pray that all of those who work in Hollywood, New York, Atlanta and on every set studio and stage would know that Christ followers are praying for them.
- We pray that Christ followers would not be another critic in their lives who seeks to tear them down

but that we would be able to speak truth with love that draws them nearer to God.

- We pray that the truth and talent given by God and glorifying God will fill the screens, stages, scripts, stations, and songs of our nation.
- We pray that art, entertainment, and media would draw people closer to God as the first and flawless artist and creator and would give God glory for and with their talents.

1 Corinthians 10:31 whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God

Philippians 4:8 Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about^{it} these things.