

K I N G A N D K I N G D O M

Prayers for our Nation

We need the King and His Kingdom to come rule and reign in our personal lives, families and our city and nation. God invites us to partner with Him in prayer for our nation, its people and its leaders. Jesus said we should pray in this way, ***Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.***

The promise of prayer is that God moves on behalf of those who know their need, who ask for help from heaven and who believe with thanksgiving that God hears and responds.

In **2 Chronicles 7:14**, God calls us to pray and He promises to hear, forgive and heal! 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, will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

We	God
Humble Ourselves	Hears
Pray & Seek God	Forgives
Repent of Sin	Heals

What follows is a list of issues that are pertinent both personally and for our nation as a whole. As we seek to know God's heart on each of these issues, we've listed a few scriptures on each topic along with a crafted prayer. There are many more applicable scriptures than listed that can guide you in your own prayer life. We encourage you to search the Scriptures and allow His Word to shape your worldview. Join us in cultivating an atmosphere of intercession unto the King and His Kingdom in these days of great need.

TRUST AND SUBMISSION TO GOD

“For My hand made all these things, Thus all these things came into being,” declares the Lord. “But to this one I will look, To him who is humble and contrite of spirit, and who trembles at My word.” **Isaiah 66:2**

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 your paths straight. **Proverbs 3:5-6**

And he said to man, ‘Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, and to turn away from evil is understanding.’ **Job 28:28**

And He said to him, ‘YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.’ **Matthew 22:37**

Lord, we acknowledge that You are sovereign over everything and trustworthy with every aspect of our lives. We want to love You with all our heart, soul and mind in these days. We ask that Your perfect will be done in our nation. We pray that as a people we would continually submit our hearts to You and seek Your will and Your ways. Would our leaders be led not by their own wisdom and understanding, but by Your Spirit.

SALVATION FOR ALL MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN

This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. **1 Timothy 2:3-4**

Jesus answered and said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” **John 3:3**

The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance. **2 Peter 3:9**

Lord, we thank You that it is Your desire that none should perish. We pray that today would be the day of salvation for all who are far from You. We ask that those in our family, those in our city and those in our nation who do not know You would encounter You in a real way and submit to You as Lord. As these men, women and children come to You, fill them with the Holy Spirit to do Your will and bring Your kingdom everywhere they go.

HEALING AND DELIVERANCE

Jesus was going through all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness. Seeing the people, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd.

Matthew 9:35-36

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives, And recovery of sight to the blind, To set free those who are oppressed, To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord.” **Luke 4:18-19**

This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah, ‘He took up our infirmities and bore our diseases.’ **Matthew 8:17**

Today, we pray healing over all who are sick and fighting diseases of every kind. Bring restoration to their physical bodies and peace to their hearts and minds. For all who are hurting, oppressed and held captive, we proclaim Your freedom – be their deliverer in these days, Jesus. Would Your supernatural healing sweep across this nation!

PURITY OF HEART, MIND AND BODY

Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. **2 Corinthians 7:1**

Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance, but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; because it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.” **1 Peter 1:13-16**

Be gracious to me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; According to the greatness of Your compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity And cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, And my sin is ever before me. Against You, You only, I have sinned And done what is evil in Your sight, So that You are justified when You speak And blameless when You judge.

Lord, You are holy and You delight in righteousness. Make us a people who are clean before You and before one another. Sanctify us by Your Spirit that we would cast off the desires of the flesh and choose to honor You in our hearts, minds and bodies. Help us to love purity and righteousness as You do.

R I G H T E O U S L E A D E R S

First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.

1 Timothy 2:1-2

It is He who changes the times and the epochs; He removes kings and establishes kings; He gives wisdom to wise men and knowledge to men of understanding. **Daniel 2:21**

“You shall appoint for yourself judges and officers in all your towns which the Lord your God is giving you, according to your tribes, and they shall judge the people with righteous judgment. **Deuteronomy 16:18**

The king’s heart is a stream of water in the hand of the Lord; he turns it wherever he will. **Proverbs 21:1 ESV**

Father, we pray for Your kingdom to come and Your will to be done with the leadership of our land. We ask that You raise up leaders in our government that will fear You and uphold laws that bring You honor and bring peace in our land for our sake and our children’s future.

E C O N O M I C P R O V I S I O N

Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me. **Philippians 4:11-13**

Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf; for in its welfare you will have welfare.’ **Jeremiah 29:7**

And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. **Philippians 4:19**

You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. **2 Corinthians 9:11 NIV**

For there was not a needy person among them, for all who were owners of land or houses would sell them and bring the proceeds of the sales and lay them at the apostles’ feet, and they would be distributed to each as any had need. **Acts 4:34-35**

God, we pray that You would provide jobs, resources, as well as guide our leaders in righteous and compassionate decision making in caring for the poor. May our prosperity be provision and blessing for all in need.

EDUCATION

And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. **Deuteronomy 6:6-7 ESV**

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it. **Proverbs 22:6 ESV**

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because you have rejected knowledge, I reject you from being a priest to me... **Hosea 4:6**

People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. **Mark 10:13-14 NIV**

Lord, we ask Your favor and blessing on all of our educators who serve the youth in this nation. We pray You would give our national, state and local leaders wisdom to develop, refine and expand our education system in way that honors You and serves all with justice and compassion. We pray for a system where the next generation is successfully trained in skills and knowledge in order to serve others and to provide for their families.

OUR ENVIRONMENT

Then 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.” God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. God blessed them; and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” **Genesis 1:26-28 ESV**

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. **Genesis 2:15 ESV**

You have given him dominion over the works of Your hands, you have put all things under his feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. **Psalms 8:6-8 ESV**

Lord, please help us to be wise stewards of Your magnificent creation that You've entrusted into our care. May we rule over it with diligence and wisdom. We pray You would guide us in these days so that the earth You've created would flourish and continue to provide for future generations.

CARING FOR THE SICK

Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. **Romans 12:15**

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. **Galatians 6:2 ESV**

But whoever has the world's goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him? **1 John 3:17**

For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."
Galatians 5:14

Lord Jesus, please look down on us and divinely inspire those who can bring ethics and excellent healthcare to our country. May those who suffer with health problems and financial worries be drawn to You for solace. We pray for Your incredible work through scientists, doctors and administrators to eradicate disease and to provide compassionate care for the sick.

IMMIGRATION & THE REFUGEE

Thus says the Lord of hosts, "Render true judgments, show kindness and mercy to one another, do not oppress the widow, the fatherless, the sojourner, or the poor, and let none of you devise evil against another in your heart." **Zechariah 7:9-10 ESV**

"Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in; naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me.' **Matthew 25:34-36**

"You shall not oppress a stranger, since you yourselves know the feelings of a stranger, for you also were strangers in the land of Egypt. **Exodus 23:9**

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it. **Hebrews 13:2**

Lord, we ask that we would be a nation that welcomes and shows compassion to the refugee seeking a place of peace. Help us love our neighbor in every way possible in order to show them Your kindness and Your gospel. We pray that the leaders of our nation would have the wisdom of God to make just decisions for our nation and the peoples of the earth.

ISRAEL

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! “May they be secure who love you! Peace be within your walls and security within your towers!” For my brothers and companions’ sake I will say, “Peace be within you!” For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good. **Psalm 122:6-9 ESV**

Lord, You have not forgotten or rejected Your ancient people, Israel. You are a faithful God who keeps Your covenant and loves unconditionally. Thank You for showing Your compassion to the Jewish people. We ask that all peoples and nations in the Middle East will live as peaceful neighbors and that rulers in the region will operate in wisdom and humility as they navigate conflict over land and resources.

PROTECTION OF LIFE

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. My frame was not hidden from you when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

Psalm 139:13-15 ESV

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, And before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you a prophet to the nations.” **Jeremiah 1:5**

But when God, who had set me apart even from my mother’s womb and called me through His grace, was pleased. **Galatians 1:15**

You shall not murder. **Exodus 20:13**

Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law. **Romans 13:10**

So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets. **Matthew 7:12**

Father God, we pray that we would value every life that You have created, both those that are still in the womb and those that are living upon the earth. We ask for conviction of sin in areas of anger, malice and murder that we have allowed to rule our hearts and minds. Deliver us. And, God, give us Your perspective on the sanctity of life....that every person has been made in Your image and filled with breath by Your design.

SANCTITY OF MARRIAGE

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. **Genesis 1:27 ESV**

For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh. **Genesis 2:24, Matthew 19:5**

Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. **Hebrews 13:4 ESV**

They said to Him, “Why then did Moses command to give her a certificate of divorce and send her away?” He said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart Moses permitted you to divorce your wives; but from the beginning it has not been this way. And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery.” **Matthew 19:7-9**

God, You have ordained marriage as a representation of Your heart and a picture of Your steadfast love. Lord, let our laws reflect your design and your commands for biblical marriage. We are asking for the covenant of marriage to be honored and every marriage relationship to flourish. We pray for marriages that are struggling to find fresh humility, healing and victory.

SEXUALITY / IDENTITY

God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. **Genesis 1:27**

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. **Galatians 3:28**

Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them. For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error. And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper, **Romans 1:24-28**

Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance? **Romans 2:4**

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. **2 Corinthians 5:17**

Creator God, thank You that our value and personhood is based on being created by You, in Your image and that we are created fearfully and wonderfully. We pray for mercy and compassion for every person that is struggling with how You have designed them. Lord, let truth and love fill our hearts to trust in Your goodness and in Your perfect design.

THE POOR

“Thus has the Lord of hosts said, ‘Dispense true justice and practice kindness and compassion each to his brother; and do not oppress the widow or the orphan, the stranger or the poor; and do not devise evil in your hearts against one another.’ **Zechariah 7:9-10**

For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in; naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me... Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.’ **Matthew 25:35-40**

Woe to those who enact evil statutes
And to those who constantly record unjust decisions,
So as to deprive the needy of justice
And rob the poor of My people of their rights,
So that widows may be their spoil
And that they may plunder the orphans.
Now what will you do in the day of punishment,
And in the devastation which will come from afar?
To whom will you flee for help?
And where will you leave your wealth?
Isaiah 10:1-3

But whoever has the world’s goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him? **1 John 3:17**

Father, we ask for wisdom in how to care for the poor in a way that honors You and every individual. We desire to show compassion and care for the needy among us. We pray for salvation, deliverance and empowerment for the poor of our nation.

RACE RELATIONS

The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us . . . **Acts 17:24-27**

After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands; **Revelation 7:9**

“I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word; that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me. **John 17:20-21**

For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances, so that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, thus establishing peace, and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity. **Ephesians 2:14-16**

Father, we enter into the pain around us. We ask You, Lord, to humble us as a community, to turn from our sins of racism and of our sins of indifference and passivity. We need You to come and invade our hearts. We invite You into our relationships to help us honor one another and live in unity and restore all things that are broken.

FREEDOM FOR THE CHURCH TO FLOURISH

I am writing these things to you, hoping to come to you before long; but in case I am delayed, I write so that you will know how one ought to conduct himself in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth. **I Timothy 3:14-15**

and to bring to light what is the administration of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God who created all things; so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the [eternal purpose which He carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, **Ephesians 3:9-11**

I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it. **Matthew 16:18**

Lord, we desire for Your church to flourish during these times, as salt and light in the earth. We pray that You would preserve our ability to worship freely and to honor You fully in all of your ways so that many will hear the Good News in our land. We ask that rulers and lawmakers in our land allow the church to be all that it has called it be.

In closing, pray this prayer from **2 Chronicles 7:14**

King Jesus, in the midst of the chaos and the crisis, we believe You have an answer for us. You told us that if we humble ourselves, pray, seek Your face and repent, then You would hear us, forgive us and heal us and our land.

So Jesus, we humble ourselves before You. Give us a broken and contrite heart. You are God and we are not. We submit to Your Word and Your Spirit. We humble ourselves under Your mighty hand.

Lord, make us a people who pray and seek Your face. Above all, we want to know You. Be our One Thing. Be our First Love. Take first place in all things. Jesus, teach us to pray and make us a house of prayer for all nations, that Your kingdom would come and Your will would be done, in our hearts and in our land just as it is in Heaven.

And Lord, we repent of our wicked ways. Show us where we are wrong in our actions, thoughts and attitudes, that we might turn and walk in Your righteous ways. We also repent on behalf of our nation, for we have chosen our own ways instead of Your ways. God, we turn back to You and Your ways.

Lord, we thank You for Your promise that as we humble ourselves, pray, seek Your face and repent, You are hearing us, You will forgive us and You will release healing in our hearts and in our land. We love You, King Jesus. May Your kingdom come and Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Amen.

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