

Pray for America on the National Day of Prayer

WHY PRAY FOR AMERICA?

God is sovereign and nothing comes as a surprise to Him. Whether we face fluctuating economics, threats from abroad, unrest at home, or other troubling circumstances, our Heavenly Father is not caught unaware. Through prayer, we are able to tap into His 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.

As we Pray for America, whose pledge of allegiance recounts that we are “one nation under God” and whose currency states that it is “in God we trust,” we want Americans to encounter the God who rules over their country. “He is here: the one who forms the mountains, creates the wind, and reveals his thoughts to man, the one who makes the dawn out of darkness and strides on the heights of the earth. The LORD, the God of Armies, is his name.” —Amos 4:13

He is the One who gave this promise to Solomon and the nation of Israel in 2 Chronicles 7:14: “and if my people, who bear my name, humble themselves, pray and seek my face, and turn from their evil ways, then I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land.” May we, as His Church, also humbly and diligently seek Him and pray that we’ll see transformation in America and in our world!

HOW TO PRAY FOR AMERICA. *Pray for your leaders, as well as the judges in our courts. Ask God to grant them wisdom to act with integrity.*

- **Pray for Godly Wisdom. I Kings 3:28** “All Israel heard about the judgment the king had given, and they stood in awe of the king because they saw that God’s wisdom was in him to carry out justice.”
- **Pray for All in Authority. I Timothy 2:1-2** “First of all, then, I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all those who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.”
- **Vote for God-Fearing Leaders. Exodus 18:21** “But you should select from all the people able men, God-fearing, trustworthy, and hating dishonest profit. Place them over the people as commanders of thousands, hundreds, fifties, and tens.”
- **Pray for Integrity in Leaders. Proverbs 11:3** “The integrity of the upright guides them, but the perversity of the treacherous destroys them.”
- **Pray for Our Federal Government** including President Biden, Vice President Harris, Cabinet Members, Congressional Leaders, Supreme Court Justices
- **Pray for Our State Government** including Governor Pritzker, Executive Leaders, Legislative Leaders, Judicial Leaders
- **Pray for Our Local Government** including Mayor Buscher, City Counsel, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Judges, County Officials, School Teachers and Officials

- **Pray for Our Military** who face our enemies, defend, and protect.
- **Pray for Our Police & Emergency Responders** who risk their lives for our peace.
- **Pray for Our Enemies** who seek to do us harm.
- **Pray for Our Ministers** to hold out the Good News of Jesus to a lost world.
- **Pray for Unity as a Country** so we may live in harmony.
- **Pray for Our Media & Social Media** that truth may be upheld.
- **Pray for God to Use Lakeside** to impact our city, state, nation, and world.
- **Pray for Revival** that people may turn their hearts to God.

Teach Us to P.R.A.Y. Make it personal:

Praise – Thank God for what He has already accomplished in your life through Jesus.

Repent – Confess your sins and shortcomings. Repent personally and on behalf of our nation. The Lord is quick to forgive when we come to Him.

Ask – Ask God to reveal truth, turn our hearts back toward Him, and bring healing.

Yield – Yield to the Lord and recognize that He has heard our prayers and will answer according to His will. He is waiting to provide guidance and direction.