## PRAYING ON THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

*We PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE who live, worship, learn, work, serve, sacrifice, create, and consume in every area of life in our community and country. We commit to pray, love, and share the testimony of our hope; the gospel of Jesus, as we pray for all people to believe and follow Jesus as Lord.*

*Lord, continue to reveal Yourself so that all would realize and receive all that You are and all that You have done as our Creator, Teacher, Savior, Redeemer, the Lion and the Lamb and the King of Kings who is Sovereign and Supreme everywhere and over everyone. Let no man or woman believe they are God; despising God's image in them, His design of them, or authority over them. But You call us to be imitators of You Lord, as Your children speaking and acting as You have written and walked. We pray that the Lord would be blessed by all people in everything we think, feel, say and do; that Jesus would be glorified and His love multiplied through His followers wherever He has established them in the Church, Family, Education, Business and Workplace, Military, Government, and in Arts, Entertainment and Media.*

## THE EFFECTIVE, FERVENT PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN AVAILS MUCH.
JAMES 5:16B

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*We come with fervent hearts to praise You Lord. You are The Word, the Way, Truth and Life. The Alpha and Omega, Lion of Judah, Almighty God who was, and is, and is to come. You clothed Yourself in flesh and dwelt among us, to remove our sin and clothe us in Your righteousness that we might dwell with You forever and ever.*

*With broken, humbled hearts we repent of our sins. Confessing to You our faithlessness, prayerlessness, and disobedience. Forgive us for our doubt, our prideful and quarrelsome words that reveal our unclean hearts. Cleanse us and renew a right and steadfast spirit within us we pray.*

*With grateful hearts we thank You fervently for the blessings in our life and throughout America; they are more than we are able to count. We will remember Your grace and testify to Your goodness in all generations. Help us to refrain from complaining, but instead be prompted to pray faithfully in every circumstance. Teach us to have a content heart knowing You are always enough for our every need.*

*As the Church we commit to pray and love our neighbor and nation as You loved us, that our reputation in this world would be rooted in Your love. Holy Spirit work and overflow through us in every prayer, thought, word, and deed. May our character, conversations, and conduct reflect the righteousness in which You clothed us and command us to live.*

*With an obedient heart we put on the full armor of God; Your breastplate of righteousness guards our heart from which flows the springs of life. We pray fervently for our communities and country; the people who are in the Church, Family, Education, Business and Workplace, Military, Government, Arts, Entertainment and Media. Every person is Your workmanship, fearfully and wonderfully created and loved. With hopeful hearts we pray that all would choose to receive Your love and follow You. We pray that America would confess, "Jesus is Lord" and reflect Your righteousness in every sphere of influence, and every aspect of our lives. We ask that heavenly hope would flood our hearts, silence hate, and that You will heal our land.*

*Believing You; all You are, all You said, and all You have promised, we pray fervently in righteousness and avail much. In Jesus Name we pray, Amen!*

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# PRAY FERVENTLY IN RIGHTEOUSNESS AND AVAIL MUCH

## FAMILY

*We pray fervently for the Family; each person created by God, to live in relationship with Him and one another. We pray for the family to be a place where we learn to honor our parents, and parents nurture their children with love, and train them up to know and follow Him. He created marriage for a man and woman to be bound in a covenant with Him, and live as a family that follows Him. He knit us together in the womb, fearfully and wonderfully making us in His image. We pray that people would know that they are His workmanship; not one person is a mistake. He establishes generations of families by marriage, birth, foster care, adoption and more, as people share their lives and love according to His Word, will, and way. He invites us to be a part of His family, the eternal family of God. He calls us His children; having believed we are born again into His family. We pray that all people would draw near to Him as their perfect Heavenly Father, no matter what kind of example or experience with their earthly parents. May He bring families closer to Him, prompting them to pray, study Scripture, serve actively in church, and love their neighbors together. We pray that the Holy Spirit fill our hearts and our homes, binding us together in love, honor, joy, and trust.*

John 1:12-13, Deut. 6:6-7, 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, 1 John 3:1

## CHURCH

*We pray fervently for the Church; the people called by His name, as they learn, love, worship, and follow God together. We pray for those who are members and leaders of His body, set apart by their relationship with Him as Lord and Savior, sent to show and share His love and Good News. Helping them and us remember that we are the Church, people not a place, His body not a building, and that we come together to grow in our knowledge and love of Him and who we are in Him. That we gather to love and encourage one another to be filled with His Word and Spirit inside the walls of the church, so that everywhere we go, we overflow as His ambassadors. We pray that we His people, called by His Name, be known by His love and the spiritual fruitfulness that manifests in our lives and glorifies Him. Causing us to care for our neighbor and nation, our communities and country in such substantial and sacrificial ways, that every person we encounter would know that we follow Him - and they would want to know and follow Him too.*

Romans 12:4-5 & 10, Hebrews 10:21-25, 2 Tim. 3:16-17, Acts 2:42, Col. 1:18

## BUSINESS & WORKPLACE

*We pray fervently for the Workplace; for the people and the places where God calls us to work each day. We pray that the Holy Spirit would remind us that we are God's ambassadors, representatives of righteousness sent to run with the message of reconciliation. We seek the blessings from heaven's glorious riches, not longing for counterfeit cultural abundance, but the abundant life authored by Jesus. We pray that each person would work unto the Lord, not disrespecting or despising man but knowing that the workplace is their mission field. Working in integrity, humility, excellence, and diligence in order to walk in all that has been received in Christ. Not seeking to gain the whole world but seeking to magnify and glorify God who will supply every need. We pray that the Lord will keep people from being slothful and selfish, keeping pride and greed far from each person as they labor in the fields, where He sends them for His harvest. May each person in the workplace know that their value is found in Him and from Him.*

Gen 2:15, Ecc 3:9-11, Col 3:23-24, Psalm 90:17, Proverbs 12:14

## EDUCATION

*We pray fervently for Education; for those who learn, teach, serve, and support every area and aspect. We pray that God helps students to obtain and retain true knowledge and understanding while seeking wisdom from Him. That no one be hindered from coming to Him, and that no evil agenda or wicked word be taught that comes against God, His Word, will and ways. We pray that God protects our campuses from violence and vileness; making them a safe place to learn and to prepare students to thrive throughout life on the path that He has prepared for them. Filling their minds with the wonder of Him, as they learn the beauty and complexity of His creation in science, His heart and hand throughout history, and a desire to study Scripture as they learn to read. May He prompt teachers, staff, families, and students to pray for one another, and grow Christian clubs on every campus.*

Mark 10:14, Colossians 1:9-10, Proverbs 22:6, Col. 1:28, Titus 2:7-8

## MILITARY

*We pray fervently for our Military; for the men and women in uniform, and their families who serve and sacrifice with them. We pray that Almighty God would avail much as we pray fervently for our military; for the men and women in uniform who serve and sacrifice to defend freedom around the world, as well as their families who serve and sacrifice with them. We pray that God would keep them strong, courageous, and safe in the shadow of His wings. That He would be their sun and shield; their direction and protection at all times, on the home front and the frontlines. We pray that they put on the full armor of God as they put on their uniform each day. Being filled with His wisdom and discernment as decisions and plans are drawn up, in peace and on the battlefield. May God go before them and surround them as every battle on earth reflects a war in the heavenlies; thwarting evil schemes and defeating wickedness. We pray that our nation would gratefully serve those who served us, letting no veteran go without services and shelter. Bringing peace and healing to the wounded, and holding their marriages and families close in His care, as we keep them near in our thoughts and prayers whether at home or away.*

Zechariah 4:6, Psalm 91:4-5, 2 Cor. 10:3-4, Eph 6:11-13, Psalm 138:7

## GOVERNMENT

*We pray fervently for all who serve in Government; legislative, executive, and judicial. We pray first for their salvation, that they would believe and follow Jesus all of their days. We pray that they would trust in the Lord with all their heart, and lean not on their own understanding, that they would acknowledge Him in all their ways and hide His Word in their heart. Scripture records the worth of a King's reign by stating that they "did what was right or what was wicked in the sight of the LORD." So we pray that they seek His face, His heart, and His hand in all they do to manifest and magnify His glory. May He lead them, as they lead our cities, states, and nation. May our laws reflect our loyalty and love to Him and His ways, and cause His justice to flow from our courts.*

Romans 13:1-2, 1 Timothy 2:1-4, Isaiah 56:1, 2 Chronicles 19:6-7, 2 Chronicles 19:9

## ARTS, MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT

*We pray fervently for Arts, Media and Entertainment; for all who use their talent and gifts to compete, inspire, entertain and inform us. We pray that God would avail much as we pray fervently for all who use the talent and gifts He has given them to compete, inspire, entertain, and inform us. We pray that they would see this beautiful world through God's eyes and through His heart as the Creator of all that exists. For those who write, that He reveal Himself as the Word who was in the beginning with God, and was God who Created the universe. May they understand the power of words, and seek Him to choose them carefully, truthfully, in wisdom, knowledge and understanding; to build up and not tear down, to speak life and not death. We pray for those who work in front of and behind the cameras and curtains, screens, stadiums, and stages. We lift up those who dance, train, compete, paint, sculpt, and sing with the gifts and beauty He has poured into them, as they experience His strength and splendor around them and towards them. We pray that they see and project life and love through His light and lens. Living the lives He has written for them from beginning to end on earth, while sensing and sharing glimpses of the sounds and sights of heaven given them as they seek and create through Him. May they live humbly, pointing their audience, fans, and social media followers to see through them and follow God.*

1 Corinthians 9:24-25, 2 Timothy 4:8, Jeremiah 31:13, Exodus 31:2-5, Eph. 5:1-5