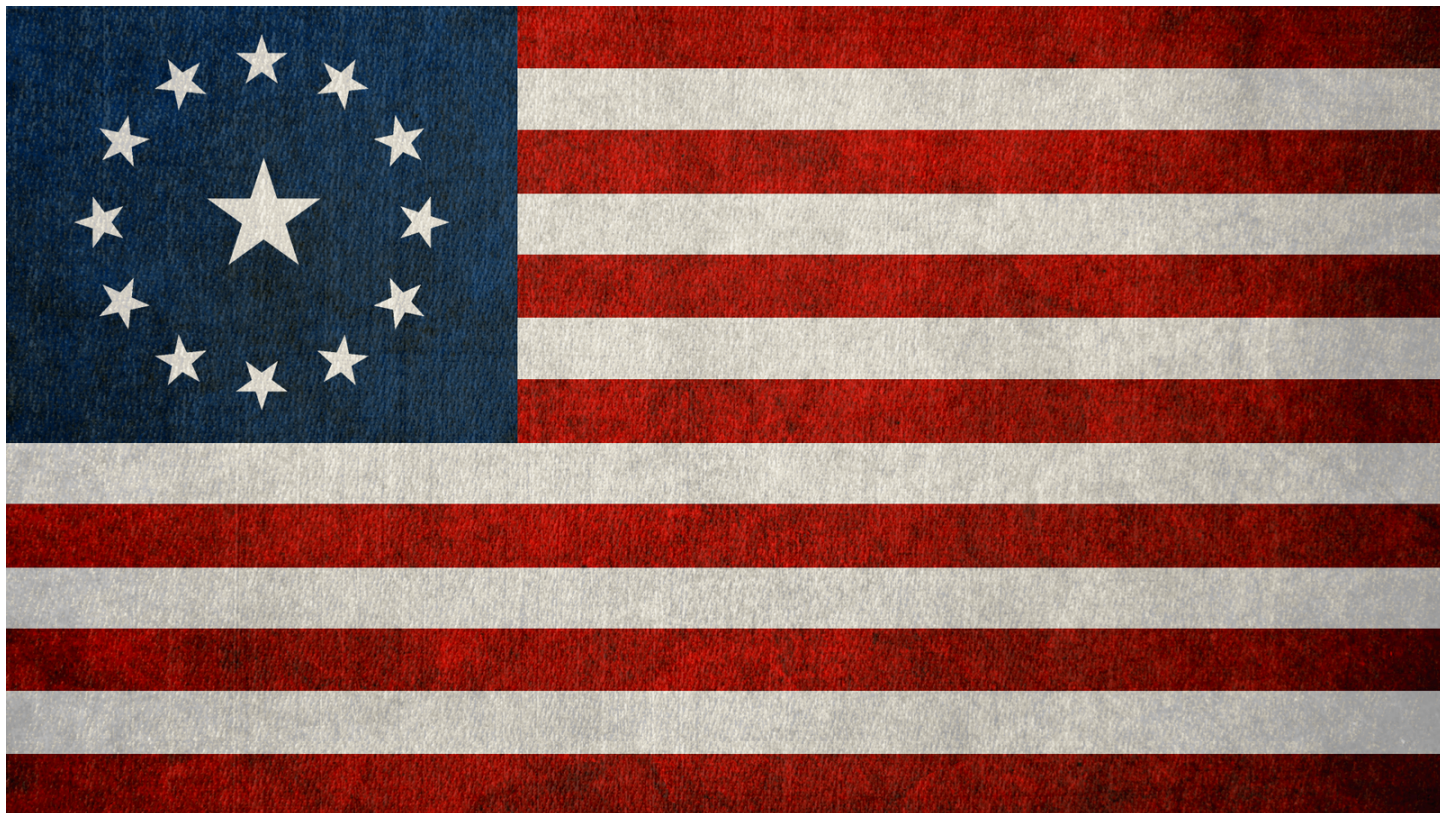


31 DAYS OF PRAYER FOR OUR NATION



DAY 1 - WHY PRAY FOR OUR NATION?

Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace.

EPHESIANS 4:3

Unity is our only hope for all that divides us. Jesus prayed, "I pray that they be one, just as you and I are one-as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me" (John 17:21).

The call for unity is a common theme in the Bible, and John 17:21 is just one example of this. Jesus prayed for unity among his followers, knowing that it would be crucial for their mission of spreading the Gospel and reaching others with the love of God. He prayed that they would be one, just as He and the Father were one, so that the world would believe in Him.

Unity is indeed our only hope for all that divides us. In a world that is increasingly polarized and divided, it can be easy to focus on our differences and to allow them to create divisions and conflicts. However, as followers of Christ, we are called to a different standard. We are called to love one another, to forgive one another, and to work towards unity and reconciliation, even in the face of differences and disagreements.

When we strive for unity, we demonstrate to the world the power of God's love to overcome even the greatest divisions and conflicts. We show that it is possible to put aside our differences and come together in common purpose, working towards a greater good. As Paul wrote in Ephesians 4:3, we should "make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."

In a world that often values division and conflict, let us be a light for unity and love. Let us seek to build bridges rather than walls, to listen and understand rather than to judge and condemn. As we strive for unity, may we reflect the heart of Christ and bring hope to a world in desperate need of it.

☆ **Lord, regardless of our own preferences or traditions, draw each of your followers together as a witness of Jesus to the entire world. Let us unite together as one body in Christ, setting aside our differences and seeking to serve Him with all of our heart, mind, soul, and strength. May we be a powerful witness to the world of the love and grace of Jesus Christ, and may our unity in Him bring glory to God the Father.**

☆ **Father, use your church to serve as the unifying body of people in our nation. We pray that your church would be a shining example of unity in our nation. Help us to set aside our differences and come together as one body, following the example of Jesus Christ who prayed for his disciples to be united (John 17:20-23). May your church be a beacon of hope and love in a divided world, showing that your love transcends all barriers and brings people together in harmony. Empower us to serve as ambassadors of your peace and reconciliation, bringing healing and wholeness to our communities and our nation.**

☆ **Holy Spirit, wake up your church to spiritual revival, experiencing the manifest presence of God as a people. May the Holy Spirit awaken and revive the church, so that we may experience the manifest presence of God in our midst. May we be filled with the fire of your love and be transformed into the image of Christ, shining as a light in the darkness and bringing hope to the hopeless. May we be empowered to proclaim the gospel with boldness and compassion, and may our lives be a living testimony to the transforming power of Jesus Christ.**

Our leaders must turn toward His Word and will: "The king's heart is like a stream of water directed by the LORD; he guides it wherever he pleases" (Proverbs 21:1).

Proverbs 21:1 reminds us that ultimately, it is God who directs the hearts of our leaders. As followers of Christ, it is important for us to pray for our leaders and to encourage them to seek God's will and guidance in their decision-making. We can trust that when our leaders seek God's direction, He will guide them towards what is right and just.

As citizens, we also have a responsibility to hold our leaders accountable and to speak out when we see injustices or violations of God's commands. We should strive to be a voice of truth and compassion, advocating for the vulnerable and marginalized in our society.

Ultimately, our hope is not in any political leader or system, but in Christ alone. He is the King of kings and Lord of lords, and His kingdom is not of this world (John 18:36). As we seek to live according to His Word and will, we can trust that He is at work in our world, even in the midst of tumultuous times. Let us put our faith and trust in Him, and pray for our leaders to do the same.

☆ **Lord Jesus, we ask you to turn the heart of our president, vice president, and both houses of Congress toward your Word and your ways. We ask you to turn the hearts of our nation's leaders towards your Word and your ways. We pray that they would seek your wisdom and guidance in all their decisions and actions, and that they would govern with justice, mercy,**

and compassion. Help them to prioritize the well-being of their constituents above their own interests, and to work towards unity and peace in our nation. May your will be done through their leadership, and may they be a reflection of your love and grace to all they serve.

☆ Father, we ask you to inspire and lead the hearts of our political leaders to come together for the good of our nation. We pray for our political leaders, that you would inspire and guide them to work together for the good of our nation. We ask that you would give them wisdom, discernment, and humility to seek the common good and to put aside personal agendas and partisan politics. Help them to prioritize the needs of the people they serve, and to work towards solutions that will benefit all. May they be examples of servant leadership and may they be willing to listen to one another and work towards compromise and unity. We pray that your will would be done in our government and that our leaders would be guided by your Word and your ways.

☆ Holy Spirit, we ask you to place God's armor upon each of our leaders, protecting them and their families in every way. We come before you to ask for your divine protection over our leaders and their families. We pray that you would place your armor of protection around them, shielding them from harm and danger. Guard their minds and hearts from the schemes of the enemy, and grant them discernment to make wise decisions. Lord, we ask that you would strengthen our leaders with your power and wisdom. Give them the courage to stand for what is right and just, even in the face of opposition. Help them to lead with integrity, honesty, and humility, and to always seek your will in all things. We also pray for their families, that you would surround them with your love and protection. Give them peace and strength as they support their loved ones in their leadership roles. May your Holy Spirit guide and empower our leaders, as they navigate the challenges and responsibilities of their positions. We pray that they would be a blessing to our nation, and that you would use them to accomplish your purposes and bring about positive change.

The truth is that the next great spiritual awakening can usher in the fulfillment of the Great Commission. This is why Paul reminds us, "This is all the more urgent, for you know how late it is; time is running out. Wake up, for our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed" (Romans 13:11).

Paul's message in Romans 13:11 is a reminder that time is short and urgent action is needed to fulfill the Great Commission. The Great Commission, given by Jesus in Matthew 28:19-20, commands us to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything Jesus has commanded us. This is the mission of the Church, and it is urgent because we do not know when Jesus will return.

The next great spiritual awakening has the potential to bring about the fulfillment of the Great Commission. This awakening will ignite a passion for evangelism and disciple-making, leading to the spread of the Gospel throughout the world. As followers of Christ, we must be ready and willing to participate in this great work of God. We must be awake and alert to the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead.

It is important to remember that our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. This should motivate us to live for Christ, to share the Gospel with others, and to disciple new believers. The urgency of the times requires us to be diligent and faithful in our mission.

As we work towards the fulfillment of the Great Commission, we can be encouraged by the promise of Jesus that He will be with us always, even to the end of the age (Matthew 28:20). Let us press on in faith, hope, and love, knowing that our labor in the Lord is not in vain (1 Corinthians 15:58).

☆ **Father, we ask that your sovereign will be for the next great spiritual awakening to occur in our generation. As we pray for our nation, we ask for your grace and mercy to be poured out upon us. We ask that you would soften the hearts of our leaders and bring about true unity in our country. We pray that your light would shine brightly through us, drawing others to you and bringing about a revival that would transform our communities and our nation. We ask that you would guide us and give us wisdom as we seek to make a positive impact in our world. We pray that you would protect us from all evil and keep us safe in your loving care. We trust in your goodness and your faithfulness, and we thank you for hearing our prayers.**

☆ **Lord Jesus, because of your grace, pour out your power upon our nation, bringing forth a spiritual awakening that will result in millions coming to faith in Jesus Christ. We ask that you pour out your grace and mercy upon our nation. We pray that you would send a spiritual awakening that will result in millions coming to faith in Jesus Christ. We ask that you would stir the hearts of your people, that they may be bold in sharing the gospel with those around them. We pray that you would remove any barriers that may hinder the spread of the gospel, and that your word would go forth with power and authority. We pray that your Spirit would move mightily across our land, bringing conviction of sin and drawing people to repentance and faith in Jesus Christ. We ask that you would raise up a new generation of leaders who are committed to your truth and your ways. We trust in your sovereignty and your power, and we ask that you would work mightily in our nation.**

☆ **Holy Spirit, move your church to pray extraordinarily until we see the next great spiritual awakening in our generation. We pray that the Holy Spirit will stir the hearts of believers to intercede for our nation and to seek your face with fervor and persistence. Help us to remember that our battle 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 (Ephesians 6:12). We pray that the church will unite in prayer and worship, and that the light of the gospel will shine brightly in our nation. May your Word be proclaimed with power and authority, and may the truth of the gospel penetrate the hearts of those who hear it. Lord, we pray for our leaders, that they will be guided by your wisdom and that they will make decisions that are just and righteous. We pray that you will raise up men and women of integrity and honor to lead our nation, and that they will have a heart to serve you and to seek your will in all things. Finally, Lord, we ask that you would give us a heart of compassion for those who do not know you. Help us to share the love of Christ with others, and to be bold and courageous in sharing the truth of the gospel. We pray that the next great spiritual awakening in our nation will be marked by a great harvest of souls, and that many will come to know you as Lord and Savior. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

Praying for our nation is important for several reasons:

1. It aligns our hearts with God's will: When we pray for our nation, we are seeking God's guidance, wisdom, and intervention in the affairs of our country. We are acknowledging that God is sovereign and that His will is supreme. Praying for our nation helps us to align our hearts with God's will and purposes for our country.

Praying for our nation is important because it aligns our hearts with God's will. As Christians, we believe that God is sovereign and in control of all things, including our nation and its leaders. By praying for our nation, we acknowledge God's authority and our dependence on Him. Moreover, praying for our nation can bring about change. The Bible teaches us that prayer is powerful and effective (James 5:16). When we pray for our nation, we are asking God to work in the hearts and minds of our leaders, to guide them in making wise decisions, and to bless our nation with peace and prosperity. Prayer also helps us to focus on what is truly important. In a world that can be filled with distractions, praying for our nation reminds us of our responsibility as citizens and our duty to be faithful stewards of the blessings God has given us. It can help us to see beyond our own needs and desires and to work for the common good. Finally, praying for our nation can bring us closer to God. As we seek His guidance and wisdom, we deepen our relationship with Him and come to know Him more fully. We are reminded of His love for us and His desire to see us thrive, both as individuals and as a nation.

2. It helps us to love our neighbors: Praying for our nation helps us to love our neighbors, both those who are like us and those who are different from us. We are called to love our neighbors as ourselves (Mark 12:31), and praying for our nation is one way we can demonstrate that love.

When we pray for our nation, we are expressing love for our fellow citizens and neighbors. We are asking God to bless them and to guide our leaders in making decisions that will benefit everyone. Praying for our nation helps us to see beyond our own personal interests and concerns, and to think about the needs of others. It reminds us that we are all part of a larger community, and that we have a responsibility to care for one another. In Matthew 22:39, Jesus commands us to "love your neighbor as yourself." Praying for our nation is one way to put this command into action. It helps us to demonstrate our love for our neighbors and to show that we care about their well-being. Furthermore, praying for our nation can help to promote unity and reconciliation. When we pray for our leaders, we are asking God to work in their hearts and minds, to help them make decisions that will bring about peace and unity. By praying for our nation, we can help to create an atmosphere of love and understanding, and promote healing and reconciliation in our communities.

3. It brings peace: When we pray for our nation, we are asking God to bring peace and unity to our country. We are asking Him to help us work together for the common good and to overcome divisions and conflicts.

When we pray for our nation, we are asking God to intervene and bring peace to our land. We are asking Him to calm the hearts of those who are angry or fearful, and to bring understanding and reconciliation between different groups. Prayer has the power to transform hearts and minds, and to bring about healing and peace. It can help to reduce tension and conflict, and create an atmosphere of unity and love. In Philippians 4:6-7, the apostle Paul writes, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." When we pray for our nation, we are inviting God's peace to come and reign in our hearts and in our land. We are acknowledging that He is the ultimate source of peace, and that He is able to bring about transformation and healing in even the most difficult situations.

4. It brings hope: Praying for our nation gives us hope that God can bring about change and transformation. It reminds us that God is at work in our country, even in the midst of difficult and challenging times.

When we pray, we are expressing our trust and faith in God, and we are inviting Him to work in our nation in powerful ways. Prayer can help us to see beyond the current circumstances and to have hope for a better future. We can pray for our leaders to have wisdom and discernment, for our citizens to be united in love and respect, and for our nation to experience God's grace and mercy. In Psalm 33:22, the psalmist writes, "May your unfailing love be with us, Lord, even as we put our hope in you." When we pray for our nation, we are declaring our hope and trust in God's unfailing love and faithfulness. We can have confidence that He hears our prayers and that He is working all things together for our good and His glory (Romans 8:28). Prayer can inspire us to take action and to be a part of the solution in our nation. We can be agents of hope and change as we pray and seek God's guidance and direction for our lives and for our nation.

5. It is our responsibility as believers: As followers of Christ, we are called to pray for our leaders and those in authority (1 Timothy 2:1-2). Praying for our nation is a way we can fulfill this responsibility and honor God.

As believers, it is our responsibility to pray for our nation and its leaders. In 1 Timothy 2:1-2, Paul urges us to pray "for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." Our prayers can have a powerful impact on the course of our nation and the world. Furthermore, as citizens of our nation, we have a responsibility to seek the well-being of our fellow citizens and to work towards justice and righteousness in our society. We can do this through prayer, but also through action, seeking to make a positive difference in our communities and advocating for policies that promote the common good. Ultimately, as believers, our citizenship is in heaven (Philippians 3:20), and we must keep our eyes fixed on the ultimate hope and goal of the kingdom of God. But in the meantime, we have a responsibility to be good stewards of the blessings and opportunities we have been given in this life, including the opportunity to pray for and work towards the well-being of our nation and its people. Prayer has the power to bring about change and transformation in our nation, as we seek God's will and ask for His guidance and intervention in the affairs of our country.