

Praying for our Nation, State, and Community

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If you're wondering how exactly to pray for the United States, your state, and your community, you aren't alone. Start with the following Scriptures and list of topics as inspiration for prayer and see where your hearts leads you.

THROUGH THIS PRAYER GUIDE you will read some sample prayers for our leaders, our nation, and our neighbors. You will have an opportunity to petition God on behalf of our leaders and those who are in authority over us, as we are instructed to do in 1 Timothy 2:1-2. As you humbly come before the Lord and seek His face, please pray that these men and women will be granted divine wisdom, guidance, and strength to fulfill their important roles.

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If My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. ~ 2 Chronicles 7:14

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people He chose for His inheritance (v. 12). ~ Psalm 33:12-22

I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by My Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in My name, there am I with them. ~ Matthew 18:19-20

Then Jesus told His disciples...that they should always pray and not give up. ~ Luke 18:1

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, 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. ~ Philippians 4:6-7
I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. ~ 1 Timothy 2:1-4

A Prayer for Steadfast Leaders

Father God, everyone who is in a position of serving others can easily feel overwhelmed with burdens and events happening in their country and worldwide. Strengthen each leader with resolve to do what is best for their country.

Lord, please cause each leader to be steadfast, immovable, and always abounding in Your work. May they not be distracted, discouraged or doubtful with the headlines or news about the virus. May they be a beacon and a voice of peace, reason, and hope to nations in despair.

Grant them the tenacity to take great pains to maintain the path You have cleared for them. Protect their positions in You. Direct each leader to draw near to Your throne of grace with confidence for their every need. Amen.

A Prayer for Leaders to Heed God's Wisdom

Father God, we thank You that when we are in need, we can come to You. Your word reminds us Your powerful hands hold our lives and our world leaders who have you set up. Because they are in positions of leadership, they are more vulnerable to the enemy.

Let no plan of the enemy stand in their lives. Whatever has risen against them be thwarted.

Give each leader Your wisdom, discernment, and guidance as they lead the world through this pandemic. James 1:5 tells us that if you ask for wisdom, God will give it generously without finding fault: "If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him."

I pray that world leaders would seek after wisdom and justice, mercy and truth, freedom, godly grace and a desire to know You more and more. I pray that those that are deliberately opposing Your will would find that their plans and purposes would be exposed and become ineffective. Amen.

A Prayer for Those Treating the Sick

Father, We come to pray for those who are caring for the sick. It takes a kind and selfless heart to care for those who are sick, and so Father we pray for them. We pray that You would be their source of rest, their source of replenishment when weary, and their source of hope in such overwhelming times. Lord we know in Luke 6:38 that whosoever pours out shall be given back in proportion, so we pray blessings upon these caregivers. We also pray for their health that they may not fall ill. Father protect them with a hedge of protection against the germs of coronavirus and help those who are giving to be protected as they nurse others back to health. Bless them, oh Lord. In Jesus' name, Amen

A Prayer for Those Facing Job Loss

Lord, you are the God who Provides. Help me to trust in you as I look for new work. Lead me to the right job. Help me to be patient in the waiting. I know it's in the waiting where you do your greatest work in my heart. I will rest in your goodness. Help me to be steady and strong for my family yet help me remember to be honest about my fears and how I am putting my trust in you.

Help me as I seek to find, apply, and interview for each position. I trust you will close the doors that need to be closed and open the doors that need to be opened. Let this uncertainty be a chance to strengthen my faith in you. Let this job loss be the opportunity for you to re-arrange my life for the better. Let it be a chance to pursue you more. Lord, I ask for more than a wage, let it be a job where your light will shine through me.

Lead me to a position where I will feel valued, respected and part of a team. Please watch over me and my family in this time of waiting. Though times are uncertain, remind us to be generous. Help us share what we have and support each other the best way we can. Help me to be confident in knowing your will. Amen.

Pray for Federal Leaders

- President: Donald Trump
- Vice President: Mike Pence
- Secretary of State: Michael R. Pompeo
- Secretary of Defense: Patrick M. Shanahan
- Secretary of the Treasury: Steven Mnuchin
- Attorney General: William Barr
- Secretary of the Interior: David Bernhardt
- Secretary of Agriculture: Sonny Perdue
- Secretary of Commerce: Wilbur Ross
- Secretary of Labor: Rene Alexander Acosta
- Secretary of Transportation: Elaine L. Chao
- Secretary of Energy: Rick Perry
- Secretary of Education: Betsy DeVos
- Secretary of Veterans Affairs: Robert Wilkie
- Secretary of Health & Human Services: Alex M. Azar II
- Secretary of Housing & Urban Development: Ben Carson
- Secretary of Homeland Security: Kirstjen Nielsen
- All Branches of the Armed Forces and U.S. Supreme Court

Pray for State Leaders

- U.S. Senator
- U.S. Representative
- Governor
- Lt. Governor
- State Senator
- State Representative
- State Supreme Court Justices

Pray for Local Leaders

- County Officials
- Court Official
- City Officials
- Judges
- Mayor
- Police Department
- Fire Department
- School Authorities (public & private)