

## PRAY FOR OUR NATION

All over the U.S., people are facing historic uncertainty because of the coronavirus pandemic—and as believers, we're called to point them to the peace found only in Jesus Christ. He is the only hope for America. Will you commit to pray for your neighbors, your city, and our country? Below are suggested prayer points and accompanying Scripture passages for each day of the month.



## 30-DAY PRAYER GUIDE FOR AMERICA

**DAY 1:** Pray for God to open hearts all across our nation to His Gospel.

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me." (Psalm 51:10)

**DAY 2:** Pray for all evangelistic ministry taking place in the U.S. this year—especially online outreaches, as public gatherings and church services are postponed and cancelled.

" ... from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love." (Ephesians 4:16)

**DAY 3:** Today, more than a quarter of adults in the U.S. say they don't identify with any faith tradition at all—a number that has soared in the past decade. Pray for God to soften the hearts of these men and women so that they would be receptive to His truth.

"Open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me." (Acts 26:18)

**DAY 4:** Pray that men and women of God will be elected to public office in all levels of leadership—local, state, and national.

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!" (Psalm 33:12)

DAY 5: Pray that God's Spirit would empower His

church for ministry and enable us to pray for and befriend people who are far from God.

"Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for my soul." (Psalm 66:16)

**DAY 6:** Pray that Christians across our nation will take advantage of their God-given right and vote for candidates who will stand for Biblical values.

"When the righteous increase, the people rejoice, but when the wicked rule, the people groan." (Proverbs 29:2)

**DAY 7:** More than 50 percent of Americans say they believe abortion should be legal in all or most cases. Please pray that God will move in the hearts of these men and women, rescue unborn lives, and bring an end to this evil across our nation.

"Rescue those who are being taken away to death; hold back those who are stumbling to the slaughter." (Proverbs 24:11)

**DAY 8:** Pray for Jesus to be exalted as Lord in every heart and for each believer to be ready to share Christ—who He is and what He has done.

"But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect." (1 Peter 3:15, NIV)

**DAY 9:** Pray for your local elected officials, including city council, school board members, and all those who lead in your community. Ask God to grant them wisdom.

"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people." (1 Timothy 2:1)

**DAY 10:** Among Americans who identify as

Christians, only 25 percent say they regularly read God's Word, pray, and spend time in fellowship with other believers. Pray that God transforms many of these men and women into bold witnesses for Jesus Christ.

"We have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God." (Colossians 1:9-10)

**DAY 11:** Pray that, by the power of the Holy Spirit, the church will obey the instructions God gave to King Solomon—to repent, pray, and seek His face.

"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 and will forgive their sin and heal their land." (2 Chronicles 7:14)

**DAY 12:** Pray for God to give our pastors strength, encouragement, and rest as they fulfill their calling.

"He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers." (Psalm 1:3)

**DAY 13:** Nearly two-thirds of people in the U.S. say they don't believe in absolute standards for right and wrong; instead they think morality depends on the situation. Pray that many of these men and women discover the truth of God's Word.

"Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth."
(John 17:17)

DAY 14: Pray for those in our nation who face

opposition for their faith in Jesus Christ. Ask God to strengthen them as they stand for Him.

"Stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong." (1 Corinthians 16:13, NIV)

**DAY 15:** Today, the U.S. suicide rate is the highest it has been since World War II—in fact, it has risen by 25 percent since 1999. Pray for suffering men and women to discover the lasting peace and purpose found only in Jesus Christ.

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." (John 10:10)

**DAY 16:** Pray that people will hear and believe the whole story of Jesus: His birth, perfect life, suffering on the cross, death, glorious resurrection, ascension, and soon return.

"For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh." (Romans 8:3)

**DAY 17:** Nearly a third of Americans believe they can earn a place in heaven through good works. Pray for God to reach these people with the Good News of salvation through His Son.

"We know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified." (Galatians 2:16)

**DAY 18:** Pray for new Christians, that the Lord will

help them grow in their faith and that they will become part of a Bible-believing church.

"As you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving." (Colossians 2:6-7)

**DAY 19:** Pray for men and women in our military, that the Lord would draw many of them to Himself and that He would give service members in every level of leadership wisdom as they defend our nation.

"I trust in you, O Lord; I say, 'You are my God.' My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors! Make your face shine on your servant; save me in your steadfast love!" (Psalm 31:14-16)

**DAY 20:** Pray for those in your family and neighborhood who don't have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Ask God to open doors for you to share the Good News with them and that He would draw them to Himself.

"Be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel." (Ephesians 6:18–19, NIV)

**DAY 21:** Almost 70 percent of Americans oppose legislation that would protect religious freedom and freedom of conscience. Pray that God will continue to bless Christians with the right to openly practice our faith.

"For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery." (Galatians 5:1) her calling, to be a witness for Jesus in every place, near or far, every day.

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden." (Matthew 5:14)

**DAY 23:** Pray for men and women who used to walk with the Lord, but are now far from Him. Ask God to draw them back to Himself and transform them into bold Christian witnesses.

"What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray?" (Matthew 18:12)

**DAY 24:** Pray for your pastor's family, that God would strengthen and encourage each of them.

"Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it." (1 Thessalonians 5:23–24)

**DAY 25:** Pray for the specific issues facing your neighborhood and community.

"Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." (Matthew 6:10)

**DAY 26:** Pray that God will change the hearts of leaders and officials who are far from Him.

"The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the Lord; he turns it wherever he will." (Proverbs 21:1)

**DAY 27:** Pray for the Lord to strengthen the Bible-

believing churches in your area.

"Speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love." (Ephesians 4:15-16)

**DAY 28:** Pray for children, teenagers, and young people in your community and all across the U.S. to surrender their lives to Jesus Christ. Ask God to give you opportunities to share your faith with them.

"Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 19:14)

**DAY 29:** Pray for the men and women in law enforcement who protect us every day. Ask God to guard them from harm and bless their families who serve along with them.

"Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you." (Deuteronomy 31:6)

**DAY 30:** Pray for the Holy Spirit to enable us to obey God's calling with a joyful heart.

"I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules." (Ezekiel 36:27)

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