

PRAY FOR OUR NATION

God commands His people to pray for their leaders, even those you don't agree with. *"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.*

"For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus" (1Timothy 2:1–5). Tony Perkins of Family Research Council writes, "Pray that the good news of the gospel and the hope that is found in Jesus Christ would be lifted up and embraced in America again. This is not a time to suppress or hide the hope that is within us.

"Instead, pray for boldness to share the gospel, and that God would open the hearts of others to receive the peace of Christ and glorify His name that is above every name (1Peter 3:15; Philippians 2:9-10)." FRC.org offers the following weekly prayer guide:

1- SUNDAY - "Pray for the unity of our nation. Truth is the foundation for unity. It would seem easier to go along with the times and get caught up in the current and live by lies, but we must let the truth dwell richly in us all. Pray for the truth of God to be upheld in our homes, churches, government, media, education, culture. (John 14:6; 17:23; Philippians 2:2)."

2- MONDAY - "Pray for the Lord to confuse and confound the plans of those who operate counter to the truth. We can have hope and confidence that truth has already and will triumph. Pray that the lawless deeds of sinful men would be put to shame and that those blinded by the lies would awaken to know the truth (Isaiah 19; Luke 8:17)."

3- TUESDAY - "Pray that the church (followers of Jesus Christ) would be the light of the world in these dark and difficult times (Matthew 5:14) and that as the light shines in the darkness it would grow and increase in brightness and that the light would expose what has been done in the darkness (Ephesians 5:11-14; 6:18-20)."

4- WEDNESDAY - "Pray that our Federal government leaders would recognize, understand, and yield to the truth that the authority defined and limited to them in our Constitution ultimately comes from God (Romans 13:1; Daniel 2:21)," the principles our Founders followed.

5- THURSDAY - "Pray that state legislatures will take up their responsibility to review state election systems and expose any corruption or manipulation, and then change the laws and policies to ensure the integrity of our elections. Pray for candor in our governmental systems and for honest and fair accounts (Proverbs 16:11; 11:1; 2Corinthians 8:21)."

6- FRIDAY - "Pray that God's people would resolve to stand firm and unwavering in the power of God's might (Ephesians 6:10-18). May the church not grow weary of doing good, but pray for endurance to run the race ahead for the glory of God (Galatians 6:9; Hebrews 12)."

7- SATURDAY - "Pray for the leaders in the church and its members, that we would demonstrate the love of Christ to our neighbors and one another. In these uncertain times there is need for great wisdom and the cultivation of virtue for all Christians. Pray that we would stand the test well and bear with one another in humility, courage, and love (Ephesians 4:2; 5:15-17; James 1:5)." And to speak the truth in love, without compromising the gospel or the truth.

8- EVERYDAY - Read the Bible each day, to replace the lies of the world, the flesh, and the devil with God's written words of unchanging truth, to be lived out by the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit. Utilize prayer resources such as "www.pray1tim2.org/states/ia" which lifts up specific leaders each day, and "www.if714.org" for daily national repentance (2Chronicles 7:14).

Many other sites also offer resources to pray for our nation, including: www.IFApray.org, www.GlobalPrayerLive.com, www.PresidentialPrayerTeam.org, www.PrayVoteStand.org, www.FRCaction.org, www.FRC.org, call2fall.com.blog, www.FamilyPolicyAlliance.com, www.NationalDayOfPrayer.org/7x7_prayer, www.iCommitToPray.com, and many more.

Pray for God's people to humble themselves and repent, turning from sin, and for God to heal our land. Pray for a Great Awakening of God's truth and grace. Pray for God's protection and provision, for godly patriots to prevail at every level in our land. For the gospel's sake! □