

Pray for God's Mercy on Our Nation – 30 Prayers for the United States of America

“Lord, you poured out blessings on your land! You restored the fortunes of Israel. You forgave the guilt of your people— yes, you covered all their sins. You held back your fury. You kept back your blazing anger. **Now restore us again, O God of our salvation.** Put aside your anger against us once more. Will you be angry with us always? Will you prolong your wrath to all generations? **Won't you revive us again, so your people can rejoice in you?** Show us your unfailing love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.” - Psalms 85:1-7 NLT

1. Pray for Americans to Come to Know the True Ruler of All:

“All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you. For kingship belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.” - Psalm 22:27-28 ESV

-Ask God to reveal Himself to the people of the United States of America as The Founder, Owner and Ruler of all nations. Pray that we as a nation would acknowledge, honor and turn back to the Lord, submitting ourselves to His superiority and sovereignty in our lives.

2. Pray for Faith in God to Do the Impossible:

“When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?” But Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.” - Matthew 19:25-26 ESV

-Pray for the faith to believe that God is able to do the impossible when it comes to the restoration and healing of our Nation. Ask Him to fill your prayers with His will and desires for our country during these unstable and angry times.

3. Pray for God's Mercy:

“In the last days,’ God says, ‘I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams. In those days I will pour out my Spirit even on my servants—men and women alike— and they will prophesy.” - Acts of the Apostles 2:17-18 NLT

-Pray for an act of God's mercy to turn the heart of our Nation back to Him. Ask God to abundantly pour out His Spirit - without limit - on every man, woman and child in every home, city, and state in America.

4. Pray for the Fear of God:

“Then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding; he stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk in integrity, guarding the paths of justice and watching over the way of his saints.” - Proverbs 2:5-8 ESV

-Pray for God to reveal Himself in a way that brings about the healthy **fear of God** over our people and Nation. Ask the Lord to open the doors to wisdom, knowledge, integrity, and paths of justice that flow from practicing the fear of God.

5. Pray for an Awareness of Our Sin (Personally and Nationally):

“For my eyes are on all their ways. They are not hidden from me, nor is their iniquity concealed from my eyes.” - Jeremiah 16:17 ESV

“The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.” - Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 ESV

-Ask God to expose our sin to us and show us the many ways we have unknowingly fallen short of His glory. Pray for this revelation so that we may be deeply grieved by it and feel our desperate need for a Savior.

6. Pray for Personal Repentance:

“Now I am glad I sent it, not because it hurt you, but because the pain caused you to repent and change your ways. It was the kind of sorrow God wants his people to have, so you were not harmed by us in any way. For the kind of sorrow God wants us to experience leads us away from sin and results in salvation. There’s no regret for that kind of sorrow. But worldly sorrow, which lacks repentance, results in spiritual death.” - 2 Corinthians 7:9-10 NLT

-Ask God to bring about godly sorrow that would cause people to turn to Him in true repentance. Pray that we would become so horrified by the depths of our sin, rebellion, independence and unbelief that we would cry out to the Lord for deliverance.

7. Pray for National Repentance:

“The people of Nineveh believed God’s message, and from the greatest to the least, they declared a fast and put on burlap to show their sorrow. When the king of Nineveh heard what Jonah was saying, he stepped down from his throne and took off his royal robes. He dressed himself in burlap and sat on a heap of ashes. Then the king and his nobles sent this decree throughout the city: “No one, not even the animals from your herds and flocks, may eat or drink anything at all. People and animals alike must wear garments of mourning, and everyone must pray earnestly to God. They must turn from their evil ways and stop all their violence. Who can tell? Perhaps even yet God will change his mind and hold back his fierce anger from destroying us.” - Jonah 3:5-9 NLT

-Pray for national and spiritual leaders to be bold enough to humble themselves before God and lead others in repentance. Pray for the fear of God and His righteousness to override the fear of people or popularity in our lives.

8. Pray for Leaders to Seek God's Wisdom:

"Give me now wisdom and knowledge to go out and come in before this people, for who can govern this people of yours, which is so great?" - 2 Chronicles 1:10 ESV

-Pray for those in leadership positions to see their need for God's guidance and feel the weight of the responsibility to lead those in their care. Ask God to give them the humility to seek God's wisdom and not rely on their own abilities.

9. Pray for The Church of God:

"For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? And "If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?" Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good." - 1 Peter 4:17-19 ESV

-Pray for the churches all over the Nation to cry out to God for help. Ask God to purify our hearts and spiritually prepare us for His unfolding plan here in America in the years to come.

10. Pray for Humility:

"Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility **count others more significant than yourselves**. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others." - Philippians 2:3-4 ESV

-Pray for God to blanket the people of our Nation with humility, compassion, patience, and selflessness. Ask God to enable us to see and meet the needs of others.

11. Pray for Understanding:

"A fool takes no pleasure in understanding, but only in expressing his opinion." - Proverbs 18:2

"Whoever restrains his words has knowledge, and he who has a cool spirit is a man of understanding." - Proverbs 17:27 ESV

-Ask God to give our Nation a heart of understanding when it comes to one another. Pray that we would have His truth and perspective when we interact and speak with others we may not agree with.

12. Pray for the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Our Land:

"For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour my Spirit upon your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants." - Isaiah 44:3 ESV

-Pray for the power, fruit and gifts of the Holy Spirit to be poured out on us and our children. Ask God to meet the needs of our people by satisfying us with MORE of Himself!

13. Pray for Our Government Leaders:

“When the righteous increase, the people rejoice, but when the wicked rule, the people groan.”
- Proverbs 29:2 ESV

“Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but in an abundance of counselors there is safety.”
Proverbs 11:14 ESV

-Ask God (in His mercy) to humble, convict, and bring to repentance any leader who refuses to acknowledge God so that they may be saved and worship Jesus Christ alone. Pray that God would give our national leaders an honor, reverence and fear of the Lord - to the joy and relief of the people.

14. Pray about Ungodly Leaders:

“He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding.” - Daniel 2:21 ESV

“And when he had removed him, he raised up David to be their king, of whom he testified and said, ‘I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will.’”
Acts 13:22 ESV

-Pray for national and local leaders, who refuse to honor and submit to the Lord, to be removed and replaced by someone who will honor God and do His will. Ask God to raise up leaders who will follow after the heart of God.

15. Pray for a Restoration of Truth over People’s Minds:

“At the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and **my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High**, and praised and honored him who lives forever, for his dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom endures from generation to generation. “
Daniel 4:34 ESV

-Pray for those who have been believing lies for far too long, to have godly reason return to them. Ask God to bring us truth so that we may be set free from deception to the praise and honor of God.

16. Pray We turn from Anger to the Word:

“Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.” - James 1:19-21 ESV

-Pray that our Nation would become focused on listening for God’s voice rather than on expressing our options. Ask Jesus for a massive return to the authority and truth of the Scriptures.

17. Pray for God's Love to Overpower a Multitude of Sin:

"The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins." - 1 Peter 4:7-8 ESV

-Pray that God's people will be self-controlled and have undistracted clear minds focused on Jesus. Pray that our love for one another would shine out as a light overpowering the darkness.

18. Pray for Overseers of Noble Character:

"Moreover, look for able men from all the people, men who fear God, who are trustworthy and hate a bribe, and place such men over the people as chiefs of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties, and of tens." - Exodus 18:21 ESV

-Pray for order and direction among our government leaders and the ability to work together in integrity, purity, generosity and compassion for the good of others. Ask God to give them a love for what is good and a hatred for what is evil.

19. Pray for New Life:

"The Lord took hold of me, and I was carried away by the Spirit of the Lord to a valley filled with bones. He led me all around among the bones that covered the valley floor. They were scattered everywhere across the ground and were completely dried out. Then he asked me, **"Son of man, can these bones become living people again?"** "O Sovereign Lord," I replied, "you alone know the answer to that." Then he said to me, "Speak a prophetic message to these bones and say, 'Dry bones, listen to the word of the Lord! This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Look! I am going to put breath into you and make you live again! I will put flesh and muscles on you and cover you with skin. **I will put breath into you, and you will come to life.** Then you will know that I am the Lord.'" - Ezekiel 37:1-6 NLT

-Ask God to give life to the places where the church has only offered dry religion. Ask for the breath of the Holy Spirit to revive our hearts.

20. Pray for a Biblical Understanding of Authority:

"Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment." - Romans 13:1-2 ESV

-Pray for a biblical perspective of authority and the benefits God provides when it comes to honoring the authority in place. Pray for blessing and protection to cover our Nation and peoples as we return to honor the authority figures in our lives.

21. Pray for Forgiveness:

“Good sense makes one slow to anger, and it is his glory to overlook an offense.” - Proverbs 19:11 ESV

-Ask God to help us to forgive those who have wronged us and seek forgiveness from those we have wronged. Pray for patient endurance with others and the ability to not take offense when one is given.

22. Pray for Honor Toward Authority Figures:

“Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you. Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things.” - Hebrews 13:17-18 ESV

-Ask God to give us submissive hearts as we refuse to slander those in authority but rather put our trust in God because they are accountable to Him. Pray that our leaders would ask God for wisdom and encourage others to pray for them.

23. Pray for Order in the Land:

“For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for he is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the wrongdoer.” - Romans 13:3-4 ESV

-Pray for our local law officers to have wisdom and integrity, purity and kindness towards the poor, oppressed and needy. Pray for those who intentionally and blatantly practice evil to have a healthy fear of the law and be quickly brought to justice.

24. Pray for a Great Awakening:

“Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.”
Romans 13:11-12 ESV

“For anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.” Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.” - Ephesians 5:14-17 ESV

-Ask God to wake us up from our spiritual slumber so that we may run the race marked out before us without fear or delay. Pray that we would be alert and watchful, understanding the times and making the most of every opportunity.

25. Pray for Men: Husbands, Fathers, Brothers and Sons:

“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.” - Malachi 4:5-6 ESV

-Ask God to raise up men with the power and spirit of Elijah who will be used by God to draw multiple people back to the Lord. Pray that God will do a healing work among fathers and children to restore families in America right now and in the years to come.

26. Pray for Women: Wives, Mothers, Sisters, Daughters:

“She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: “Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.” Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.” - Proverbs 31:26-31 ESV

-Pray for women of God to rise up with wisdom, kindness and influence, that they may point the Nation to Jesus. Ask God to give them the fear of the Lord that will bring them direction and delight.

27. Pray for Our Youth to Be Godly Leaders:

“Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.” - 1 Timothy 4:12 ESV

-Ask God to give boldness to young believers who honor the Lord and obey His commands. Ask God to raise them up into places of prominence and influence in every industry for His Name’s sake.

28. Pray for God’s Placement of His People in the Land:

“And the Lord said to Paul one night in a vision, “Do not be afraid, but go on speaking and do not be silent, for I am with you, and no one will attack you to harm you, for I have many in this city who are my people.” - Acts 18:9-10 ESV

-Ask God to strategically place His People in the cities, towns, and communities so that light may shine out of the darkness and bring light to the people living in darkness. Pray that our character, words, responses, and kindness would be so distinct and attractive to the world that we may showcase the beauty of our Lord.

29. Pray about the Coming Persecution:

“Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ’s sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the

name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.” - 1 Peter 4:12-14 ESV

-Ask the Lord to prepare you and other believers in the midst of suffering, trials and persecution. Pray that we will stand firm and strong in the faith, not wavering in our love and commitment to Jesus no matter what obstacles or opposition we may face.

30. Pray for People to Be Ready for the Coming of the Lord:

“Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. “Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom his master has set over his household, to give them their food at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions.” - Matthew 24:42-47 ESV

-Pray for preparation, discernment, and anticipation for the coming of our Lord. Ask Jesus to prepare you and others so that you will be ready, confident, and found doing the will of the Lord when He comes again.