

National Day of Prayer May 7, 2020  
Zoom Prayer meeting

### Scripture

Acts 4:23-31 After the apostles have been commanded not to preach about Jesus and threatened if they do so, they lead this prayer within the church. The prayer asks God to “enable your servants to speak boldly.” They intend to do what they know Christ has commanded them. And to authenticate their message with signs and wonders. They do not pray for protection, but for faithfulness, determination and courage.

1 Timothy 2:1-6a Paul urges prayer for all people including rulers. (This is a pattern for our prayers for political and cultural leaders in our time). He connects these prayers to two results: the ability to live peacefully, and the salvation of all who will come to Christ.

James 5:16b “The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.” Prayer is powerful. Use it. Seek righteousness so your prayers are not hindered.

### **for Steadfast Leaders**

Father God, everyone in leadership can feel overwhelmed by the global pandemic; the illness, death, and economic downturns that have resulted, and the burdens of decision making. Strengthen each leader with resolve to serve the common good. May they not be distracted or discouraged by the headlines or political pressures they face. May they be a voice of peace, reason, and hope. Grant them open minds to consider the advice of many counselors, and wisdom to make the choices before them. Protect them physically, emotionally and spiritually. And cause each leader to draw near to Your throne of grace with confidence for their every need. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **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 forms our principles and guides our actions: Your presence upholds our lives. Now, as our leaders make decisions to promote public health grant them the integrity to exercise their power only to the measure required and to surrender those powers as the need subsides. Grant them wisdom, a heart to serve justice and mercy and to seek truth, that freedom may be enjoyed and equality extended to all people. Protect them from selfish-pride, from physical and spiritual attacks, from weariness of body and mind and from vulnerability to the pressures of special interests or political advantage. Grant them grace to see their own frailty that they may seek strength in you, and may serve You and the people who have placed them in office, that together we might find your healing and sustaining power and rejoice in your mercies: through Christ our Savior. Amen.

### **For Those Who Are Ill with Coronavirus**

Father God, You are the Great Physician and the Good Shepherd. We pray for all those afflicted with the corona-virus. We pray for their healing and their comfort as they heal. Grant that they may recover fully and without lasting effects. And work in their spirits, that from this affliction you will bring forth good and make them whole, through Christ.. Amen

### **A Prayer for Those Treating the Sick**

Father, we pray for those who are caring for the sick. Grant them renewed strength in their weariness, patience in their fatigue, and comfort in their grief. Protect them and help us provide

the protective equipment they require. And Lord, as they see the sick restored to heal, grant them joy in the service they have rendered, through Christ. 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 that I may put my trust in you. Amen.

Lord, this pandemic has caused the loss work for millions in the U.S. and around the world. The loss of work brings with it many pressures and fears. O God, provide for those in need. Provide for those who need a job. Provide your presence so that we may all grow in confidence as we watch you work for our good even in this tragic circumstance. Amen.

### **The Family**

Almighty God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and we know you enjoy the perfect peace of unbroken fellowship within your Triune existence. O grant this joy, peace and fellowship to our families and our homes. There are long standing needs and there are new ones resulting from this pandemic. In some homes there is the need for changed actions, for forgiveness and restoration. In some homes there is a need for protection from abuse. In some neglect must be changed into responsibility. Parents are wrestling with new roles and children miss the companionship of friends. O God who gave us the human family, grant your grace upon our families that they may grow to reflect your goodness, mercy and love. Amen.

### **Pray for Federal Leaders - 2020**

President: Donald Trump  
Vice President: Mike Pence  
Sec. of State: Michael R. Pompeo  
Sec. of Defense: Patrick M. Shanahan  
Sec. of the Treasury: Steven Mnuchin  
Attorney General: William Barr  
Sec. of the Interior: David Bernhardt  
Sec. of Agriculture: Sonny Perdue  
Sec. of Commerce: Wilbur Ross  
Sec. of Labor: Rene Alexander Acosta  
Sec. of Transportation: Elaine L. Chao

Sec. of Energy: Rick Perry  
Sec. of Education: Betsy DeVos  
Sec. of Veterans Affairs: Robert Wilkie  
Sec. of Health & Human Services: Alex M. Azar II  
Sec. of Housing & Urban Development: Ben Carson  
Sec. of Homeland Security: Kirstjen Nielsen  
Supreme Court  
Members of Congress and the U.S. Senate  
U.S. Senators Robert Casey and Pat Toomey  
U.S. Representative Glenn Thompson

### **Pray for State Leaders**

Governor Tom Wolf  
State Senator Scott Hutchinson  
State Representative R. Lee James  
State Supreme Court Justices  
for Local Leaders  
County Officials  
Court Official

City Officials  
Judges  
Mayor  
Police Department  
Fire Department  
School Authorities (public & private)

### **Pray for Our Troops**

Pray for their safety, their diligence, and that many will turn to God in faith.

### **Churches and Ministry Organizations**

For their courage and strength in this time, ask God to help them:

Five Biblical Prayers for the National Day of Prayer.

#5: David's Prayer of Repentance (Psalm 51)

#4: The Early Church Prays for Courage (Acts 4)

#3: Solomon Prays for Wisdom (1 Kings 3)

#2: Jehoshaphat Prays for Deliverance (2 Chronicles 20:5-12)

#1: The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13)