



# DAY OF PRAYER

MOUNTAIN LIFE CHURCH PRAYER GUIDE

JUNE 12, 2020

## Introduction

### A Word From Pastor Scott

We are sending the call to all believers in Jesus—it's time to unite in a day of prayer. Let's all make it a priority and let's all participate. Pray as you can, pray as you will, but by all means, let's pray. Pray on your knees or pray sitting down, or pray standing up, but let's be sure to pray.

Throughout history, God's people have learned that our only sure and certain hope is in God. Prayer is God's gift to us, allowing us to come into His presence and share everything with Him. Prayer is an expression of our total dependence on God. In praying our hope grows to new levels as we realize that God is with us and He is working in the world even when we may not be able to see it. Prayer is also a most powerful weapon against the evil one and spiritual darkness that seeks to undo us. Prayer brings the very power of God into our inner being so that we can endure present difficulties and be victorious, for our God is greater. Yes, Jesus won the victory on the cross and through His resurrection we can live joyful and confident Christian lives in these days of pandemic and societal unrest. May we all experience God's presence in a deep, personal and powerful way as we unite together and open our hearts to God in prayer today.

### A Word From Laura Behnke, Care & Connections Director

Dear Mountain Life Church family and those who are coming alongside us in prayer.

There have been a lot of events circling, causing many to be anxious, angry, hurt and fearful. As God's people we believe that a Day of Prayer together gives us a great opportunity to pray over our church, our country, our leaders, those who are suffering and those who are lost in darkness. We would love for you to take time for special prayer - be it 15 minutes, an hour or more - on Friday, June 12, as God leads. Feel free to use this prayer guide, which is filled with Scripture and prayer themes to help make your prayer time most meaningful. You may want to organize a prayer time with several other believers - with your Life Group, your family, a close friend or simply by yourself. We believe that as we all make this a priority, God will move mightily, by His Spirit, to put out the enemy's fires. Let's stand together, united as God's people, taking our stand for Jesus and against the evil one.

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## Opening Prayer of Praise

### Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

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## I. Prayers for our church family

That we might ask God to search our hearts, cleanse and renew us.

**Psalm 139:23, 24** “Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.”



That God’s Word would come alive in our hearts, God’s Spirit would fill us and we would catch fire for loving Jesus and people.

**Colossians 3:16** “Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.”

For God’s protection over us as we reopen for onsite services.

**Psalm 5:11** “But let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you.”

That we might be a community of hope, healing and the meeting of real needs.

**Isaiah 25:4** “You have been a refuge for the poor, a refuge for the needy in his distress, a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat.”

For unity in God’s Spirit as we grow our love for God and all people.

**Ephesians 4:1-3** “As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.”

For our Leadership Team, pastors, staff and all who are part of our church family that we would serve with love, wisdom, truth and grace as we use our gifts to bless others.

**Romans 12:6-8** “We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.”



## II. Prayers for our country

That God would heal our land of all the division, violence, looting, anger, hatred, injustice, racism and killing.

**2 Chronicles 7:14** *"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 I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."*

**Amos 5:24** *"But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."*

For God's healing touch on the lives of those who have been deeply hurt by racism and injustice.

**Psalms 140:12** *"I know that the LORD will maintain the cause of the afflicted and justice for the poor."*

That we as God's people might ask God for the courage to stand with those who have been victims of racism and injustice in any form.

**Psalms 140:12** *"I know that the LORD will maintain the cause of the afflicted and justice for the poor."*

**Micah 6:8** *"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."*

That our president, our leaders at all levels and those in authority over us will grow in humility and seek God for wisdom, strength and protection.

**1 Timothy 2:1-4** *"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— 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 people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth."*

For TV news, mass media and social/cultural services to be honest, truthful, fair, respectful and responsible with their influence and for people to grow in discernment as they tune in.

**Proverbs 12:19** *"Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue is but for a moment."*



### III. Prayers for suffering and struggling humanity

For those who are sick or affected from COVID-19 and other life-threatening illnesses; for those treating the sick; for those who have lost a loved one through the pandemic.

**Matthew 15:30** "Great crowds came to him, bringing the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute and many others, and laid them at his feet; and he healed them."

**Jeremiah 30:17** "For I will restore health to you and heal you of your wounds," says the Lord."

For those who have lost jobs or their businesses; for those who are financially struggling; for those who cannot work.

**Psalms 46:1** "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble."

For broken families and marriages to be restored.

**2 Corinthians 5:18** "All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation."



#### **Psalm 34:18**

The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.



## IV. Prayers for God's kingdom to advance on this earth until Jesus comes again

For victory over Satan and the forces of evil in this world.

**1 John 4:4** "You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world."

For the salvation of all who are lost and living without Jesus in their hearts.

**2 Peter 3:9** "The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. ...He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent."

For God's people everywhere to share the good news of Jesus with others in word and deed.

**Romans 1:16** "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile."

**Romans 10:15** "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

For those serving God in dangerous and difficult places; for courage, strength and protection.

**2 Thessalonians 3:3** "But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one."

**John 16:33** "I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

Thank you for sharing in this day of prayer.

*We praise you Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.*

*Amen*