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"My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations" (Mark 11:17)

- Pray for the judges of this nation, that they will seek the wisdom that comes from above.
- Ask the Lord to thwart the efforts of those who would remove religious freedom from our nation.

"But the wisdom from above is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and the fruit of good deeds. It shows no favoritism and is always sincere." James 3:17

- Pray for truth to become valued again in American society.
- Pray that our nation will increasingly see that God is our only refuge in the midst of the troubles of this world.

"God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble." Psalm 46:1

- Pray for our judicial system and lawmakers – that justice for all, tempered by mercy and compassion, will guide our nation.
- Repent on behalf of our nation, because we have turned from making Scripture the basis of law, leaving behind wisdom and looking to ourselves for truth.

"Let Your unfailing love surround us, LORD, for our hope is in You alone." Psalm 33:22

- Ask the Lord to pour out a spirit of repentance on our nation, that we might become a nation committed to following His ways.
- Pray that the US will repent of its corporate rejection of the Word of God as the basis of law.

"You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:13

- Pray that a holy fear of God will sweep across our nation, leading us back to a place of wisdom and walking in the Lord.
- Ask the Lord to remove those who might try to unjustly and illegally change the outcome of the voting.

"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding."
Proverbs 9:10

- Pray for a huge turnout of voters who use wisdom in their decisions.
- Pray that candidates will focus on the issues that face us as a nation - and not on personal attacks on other candidates.

"Get wisdom, get understanding; don't forget or turn away from the words from my mouth.
6 Don't abandon wisdom, and she will watch over you; love her, and she will guard you." Proverbs 4:5-6

- Pray for the salvation of those who are in leadership of our nation. Ask the Lord to remove envy and selfish ambitions, to protect their families from harm and unnecessary scrutiny, to surround them with godly advisors, and that they would stand for righteousness even when it is not well received.
- Pray that media bias will be replaced by fairness.

"For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice." James 3:16

Taken from *"Praying for an Election"* by David Butts

PRAY FOR THE 7 MAIN AREAS ON WHICH "AMERICA PRAYS" FOCUSES.

1. PRAY FOR UNBELIEVERS TO BE SAVED.
Romans 10:1 "Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to God concerning them is for their salvation."
Pray that people's hearts will be convicted by the Holy Spirit and be opened to repent of their sins and turn to Jesus as Savior. Pray for at least 3 people by name and continue to pray for them in the days ahead.

2. PRAY FOR A NATIONAL SPIRITUAL AWAKENING. Pray that in the midst of many crises and messages and movements that it becomes clear that salvation and hope are found in Jesus alone.

"Pray that the Lord's message will spread rapidly and be honored wherever it goes,
just as when it came to you." 2 Thessalonians 3:1

3. PRAY FOR UNITY OF THE CHURCH. Pray for the unity of Christ's Church through His Spirit, based on His Word, and focused on His Mission.

*"Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. **4** There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; **5** one Lord, one faith, one baptism; **6** one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all." Ephesians 4:3-6*

4. PRAY FOR FAMILIES. Satan attacks the family. It was the first institution God created and portrays His character and love in many ways. Pray that Jesus will heal, restore, and strengthen every family.

"The wicked are overthrown and are no more, but the house of the righteous stands firm." Proverbs 12:7

5. PRAY FOR RACIAL RECONCILIATION. There is no favoritism in God's heart and there is no place for it in God's people. Racism is sin. God's vision is for people of all ethnic groups to be in His forever family.

"My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism." James 2:1
"There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female,
for you are all one in Christ Jesus." Galatians 3:28

6. PRAY FOR LIFE TO BE VALUED AND PROTECTED THROUGH ALL STAGES OF LIFE, BEGINNING AT CONCEPTION. Pray for God to break the culture of death in America and restore a culture of life. Pray for legalized abortion-on-demand to come to an end and for life to be respected from the womb to the grave.

"So God created mankind in His own image, in the image of God He created them;
male and female He created them." Genesis 1:27
"For You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb." Psalm 139:13

7. PRAY FOR LOCAL AND NATIONAL GOVERNMENT LEADERS.
Pres Trump. VP Pence. US Supreme Court. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi. Senate Floor Leader Mitch McConnell. Gov. Parson. US Senators Blunt and Hawley. US Representatives. State Congress. Mayor Sandy Lucy.
Pray that God will help them make wise decisions and govern with integrity, justice, and mercy.
(1 Timothy 2:1-2; 1 Peter 2:17; Titus 3:1-2; Micah 6:8)

Pray for FCC Ministries – 1) Student Ministry, 2) Children's Ministry, 3) Worship Ministry, 4) Life Groups, 5) ABF and Bible study classes, 6) MOPS and Moms Next, 7) Celebrate Recovery, 8) Grief Share, 9) Divorce Care, 10) Sheep Dog Ministry, and 11) Faith Promise (missions support) coming in November.
Pray for our Community and Church Family – 1) God's guidance and protection for families, students, teachers, school personnel, 2) People in health care facilities and their families, 3) Economy and businesses at risk, 4) Kristin Bennett (cancer), 5) Kathleen McCann (cancer), 6) Gwen Welch (cancer), 7) from Lynn Sgouros, Pray for my 24 yo nephew Laine. Health and insurance issues.