

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

5 PRAYERS FOR AMERICA (adapted from Harvest Prayer Ministries)

1. Protection

“Keep me safe, LORD, from the hands of the wicked; protect me from the violent, who devise ways to trip my feet.” Psalm 140:4

Father, we ask for Your protection over our nation from anything or anyone that might bring harm. Please provide physical, mental and spiritual safety as we trust in You to be our hiding place. Protect us from trouble and surround us with songs of deliverance!

2. Presence

“Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim You, who walk in the light of Your presence, LORD.” Psalm 89:15

Nothing is more important than the Presence of the Lord Himself in the midst of any situation we may face as a nation. Welcoming the Presence of the Lord into every aspect of the life of our nation can open the door to a longing for His Presence in all of society. Thank You, Lord, that You dwell among us, and walk among us as our God! Keep us continually aware that we are Your people, created for Your glory! Make Your Presence known in our nation, Lord!

3. Peace

“The LORD gives strength to His people; the LORD blesses His people with peace.” Psalm 29:11

In the midst of a badly divided nation, we desperately need God's peace. We long for Your peace to come to our nation, Lord! Keep us from being fearful and give us the peace and rest that only You can provide. May our nation be a reflection of Your peace.

4. Provision

“But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be provided to you.” Matthew 6:33

We need to humbly come before the Lord and confess our need for His great provision to be poured out upon our nation. We need wisdom from above. We need the provision that meets healthcare needs in just ways. We need the provision of a robust economy that allows us to provide good jobs to those who are able to work. We especially need to be a nation that realizes that what we have comes from the Lord's hand. Thank You for being our Provider, O Lord! You give us our work, shelter, food and all that we need for life. We ask that You would use Your people to meet the needs of those around us so that our nation reflects the love of Christ to all! May we help to make this nation a beacon of light and life in ways that show the world You alone are our Provider!

5. Purity

“Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD? Who may stand in His holy place? The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god.” Psalm 24:3-4

Father, create in us pure hearts and renew steadfast spirit within us. Help us to recognize and to turn from the idols that we are loving and serving. May we, who are called by Your name, humble ourselves and pray and seek Your face and turn from our wicked ways, so that You will hear from heaven, and You will forgive our sin and will heal our land.

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. Pray that walls will come down so that congregations, pastors, and Christians will love each other, pray together, and serve others.

“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.

Pray for our nation's leaders and elected officials... for our nation's judges and justices... in this time of division, uncertainty, and unashamed challenge of God's authority, truth, and love. Pray for wisdom. Pray that all that is true and good, loving and merciful, and in accordance with God's will and character would prevail. (1 Timothy 2:1-2; 1 Peter 2:17; Titus 3:1-2; Micah 6:8)

- Pray for First Christian's Faith Promise emphasis and financial commitments for 2021.
- Pray for the Armstrongs as they follow God's leading into their new ministry with Pastors Beyond.
- Pray for FCC as we continue to 'Make followers of Jesus today as we Love. Grow. Connect. Give.'
- Pray for hearts to be drawn to Jesus at our Christmas Eve services Dec 24 @ 3:00, 5:00, 7:00.
- Pray for those affected by the pandemic physically, spiritually, emotionally, mentally, and financially.
- Pray for FCC's congregational meeting Sunday, Nov 29, at the end of both services.