

INTRODUCTION

Our country is at a turning point (or a tipping point depending on whether you are a glass-half-full or half-empty kind of person). I like to say we are at a place in time where we are ripe with opportunity for the people of America to turn back to God.

Charles Spurgeon said, "Let your cares drive you to God. I shall not mind if you have many of them if each one leads you to prayer. If every fret makes you lean more on the Beloved, it will be a benefit." Not only does our prayer life reflect what it is in our hearts, but prayer also draws us close to the heart of God.

The Holy Spirit has pressed upon me to pray earnestly for America over the next thirty days. Each day, I will write out a prayer for a different facet of America and share it with you. I hope that you will join me in prayer and share it with your circle of influence. The world would like us to believe that prayer doesn't matter, but I know that is not true. Societies have shifted, miracles have happened, and lives have been eternally saved because of God answering the prayers of His beloved.

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (Hebrews 4:16)

I am expectant for the days ahead!

Blessings,

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DAY ONE – PRAY FOR ALL AMERICANS

Dear heavenly Father,

We come to you today on behalf of all Americans. Lord, you have each one of us in this country for a reason. This country is a "melting pot" of people from all over the world, but the thing we all have in common is that we are American. America was a nation formed "under God" and although many have strayed from you, please hear your people, your remnant in this land. Lord, it is our desire that more and more people in this country would come to know you as their personal Lord and Savior. We know that this is the only way we can truly unite because your Spirit will indwell in more believers in the land.

Lord, we ask that your Spirit search this land and the hearts of all the people in it. We ask that you pour out your Spirit on those who already know you to be bolder and to be filled with more love for those who do not yet know you. Lord, we pray that those who do not know you would come to find out that where your Spirit is there is freedom. Lord, we pray for Americans who are caught up in bondage to the schemes of the enemy. Lord, we pray that you would break the chains of those you want to call your own. We are asking you, Lord, to cause an adoption outbreak in this country so that many will be known as your sons and daughters.

Lord, we thank you for the opportunity to cry out on behalf of our fellow Americans. Lord, we ask that you wake up the American Church from its slumber, complacency, and lukewarmness. We ask you to open the eyes and hearts of those who are leading the churches to your Truth. We also ask that you do the same for each member, Lord, that they would seek out the Truth in your Word on their own, not denominational literature and liturgy, but the words in Scripture. Lord, we know that if the American Church were to rise up, unite, and be your hands and feet that we would see another revival in this country.

Lord, protect the American children from the onslaught of wickedness in this country. Even now, we ask you to begin to train up a new generation of Christ-followers. Lord, we repent of any complacency we have committed in allowing the filth and violence in this country to harm American children. Lord, we ask you to continue to expose those who are committing crimes against children and exploiting children for profit. Lord, we ask you to redirect the talent of those who are in charge of making decisions to produce movies, television shows, music, and games that directly and indirectly affect America's children to be Christ-focused.

Lord, you can change the direction of this country in an instant if you choose, and we are asking you to choose us, to save us, and to make us a nation worthy of saying we belong to God.

Lord, thank you again for your faithfulness to allow us to petition heaven on behalf of our country. Thank you for giving us faith that you will hear us and respond for your glory and for your name's sake. We know you still love the people in America and you desire above all else that every single person would surrender their lives and will to Jesus. May it be so.

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We pray all this in Jesus's name, Amen

""Therefore prophesy and say to them: This is what the Sovereign Lord says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you, my people, will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the Lord have spoken, and I have done it, declares the Lord."" Ezekiel 37:12-14

DAY TWO – PRAY FOR THE PRESIDENT

Lord,

We come to you today to lift up President Joe Biden. Whether we care for him or not as a person, we know that it is you who has placed him in the office of the President of the United States. We will choose to respect Him because we fear you.

"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" (Romans 13:1).

We know that it is you alone who knows the heart of man and you alone who draws man unto you. We ask you to move in a mighty way in the heart of President Biden. We know that our works flow from our faith, and we ask that as President Biden draws closer to you that his heart would more often reflect your heart in words and in deeds. Although he appears to have much confidence and does not fear anyone, we hope that his confidence and his fear comes from you alone. We pray that his heart and his mind is tuned in to the things of the Spirit and that he does only that which is your will.

We ask that you fully explain the concept of forgiveness of sin to President Biden either through your Spirit or provide someone who will speak a word of knowledge to him and that he will receive the message. We pray that he would wholeheartedly seek forgiveness from and extend forgiveness to you first and then to all those whom he has offended, hurt, or minimized. We know that it is you alone who can change hearts of stone into hearts of flesh. We know that it is an encounter with the living Christ who can radically change a person.

Lord, some of us sit perplexed as to what has happened to our country in the past 18 months. It is not the America we once knew. Whatever part we individually played in its demise, please forgive us. Align us with right people to get this country back. Help us restore the foundation that once was. Give us strength to rebuild what has been broken so America can once again be a god-fearing country with our eyes fixed on you.

We lift up President Biden's entire family to you. We ask you to keep his marriage pure. We ask you to bless the work that Jill Biden does in her role as First Lady, and that you may be revealed through it. We ask you to protect his children and grandchildren from harm. We ask you to reconcile and restore relationships that need to be restored.

We ask you to give to open the eyes and heart of Kamala Harris to your truth. We ask you to surround her with godly influences to reveal your glory and your direction.

We know that the coming days will be hard. We ask that your will be done, whatever that may be. We know that our country needs less division and more unity, and we need a president in place who can be a part of this unification.

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May you alone be the one who turns America back to you so that you get the glory for the miracle you will perform.

We pray all this in the mighty name of Jesus, Amen!

"I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—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." (1 Timothy 2:1-3)

DAY THREE – PRAY FOR ALL POLITICIANS AND JUDGES

Lord,

Today we praise you for this earth that you have created and the beauty of the land we live within. We thank you for the creation of man and woman and we thank you that each individual has a unique design and purpose given by you.

We lift up to you in prayer today every politician and judge in this country. Lord, we do not know each one by name, but you do. We thank you for their commitment to serve on behalf of the people. While to some it may be a profession, we know others specifically feel called to be the mouthpiece for their constituents and the protectors of the law in this land. We know their work is not without burden and sacrifice.

Today, we ask you to do a mighty work within the halls of Congress, federal municipalities, state capitol buildings, county offices, the Supreme Court, federal courts, state courts, and county courts. Lord, we pray that justice is sought, but most importantly, we plead for your good ways to be woven into every facet of our political and judicial system.

With regard to party affiliations, we know those do not come from you. In your Word, you have ascribed to us what right living looks like and what your heart for people and justice looks like. People know the right path, but it is up to them as to whether to choose the right one or not. We pray that you would put in office and on court benches only those who follow your ways. **Proverbs 28:10 says, "Those who lead good people along an evil path will fall into their own trap, but the honest will inherit good things."** We pray that no political or judicial leader in our country leads anyone along an evil path from this point forward. We ask that no weapon formed against the people of America prosper. We pray that no wicked scheme of man would be allowed to penetrate our political and judicial system.

Your Word says, **"When there is moral rot within a nation, its government topples easily. But wise and knowledgeable leaders bring stability" (Proverbs 28:2).** Lord, we ask you to raise up godly leaders filled with wisdom, knowledge, and compassion for the American people. We pray that as you expose the rot that exists within the political and judicial system you would remove those from office who do not follow your ways and replace them with godfearing men and women. We ask for our political and judicial system to be returned to a system of stability within this country and once again held in high esteem and regard.

Lord, we are thankful for the hours these politicians and judges put in and the time they sacrifice to be with their families. We ask that you protect each one of their families from the enemy as well as from foes who would seek to cause them harm. We pray that you would give them time to rest and that you would give them fresh eyes, ears, and hearts to hear from you. We ask that anyone who is not in Christ in these positions to come to know you as their personal Lord and Savior.

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Lord, thank you for allowing us to live in a Democratic society here in America. We pray that our social reforms will never need to be dictated by the government or laws within our states but rather our response to society would be because of our love for you and our love for people. May the government never have to force our hand to care for the poor, the widow, and the orphan; may it flow freely from the hearts of all Christians. Protect this land as you have done in years past, and may we never forget that this country is "one nation under God."

We pray all these things in the name of Jesus, Amen!

DAY FOUR – PRAY FOR THE MILITARY

Lord,

We thank you for the brave men and women who serve within the ranks of our military. Regardless of what their position is within their respective organizations, we know that at any time, any one of them could be placed in grave danger. We thank you for the courage it took for each one of them to sign up to begin their journey in the military.

Please forgive those in this land who do not give honor to these brave men and women for all they do. For many of us, we do not understand the true complexity of their positions within the military. For most of them, the job they do is one steeped in danger and putting themselves in positions to make choices they would not have to make had they chosen a civilian career path. For many, they have had to commit harm upon another person in order to protect our country. This cannot be easy for any of them. Many of our brave men and women in the military walk around with PTSD due to their experiences during their deployment. We ask you right now, Holy Spirit, to help any member of our military past or present who is suffering from bouts of depression, addiction, and/or thoughts of suicide to break those chains. Lord, we desire that not one person who has served in the military takes their own life from this point forward. We have already lost too many.

We ask that you continue to provide for the needs of our military, many of whom do not make much money. We ask that you provide proper housing, medical care, food, and transportation. Lord, we especially ask this for families who have a family member actively deployed and not able to assist in day-to-day family life. Be their comforter, their provider, and their sustainer in these hard times.

Lord, we pray that a spirit of revival would overcome our military. We ask that you pour out your Spirit in full measure to the chaplains who serve our military men and women. We ask that you grant them extra favor in places where sharing their faith may be more difficult so that many would come to know Christ as their Savior. We pray that worship services would be conducted on every base in America and abroad, and we ask for an increase in men and women in the military gathering together to study your Word.

For those who serve in leadership roles, we pray that their wisdom would be multiplied. We also pray for those who are not making the right choices within the military. Lord, we ask you to expose those people so they can get the help they need and so they cannot continue to harm themselves or others.

We know it is inevitable that lives will be lost in battle, but we pray earnestly that the loss of life is kept to a minimum so that our military members are able to return home whole to their families. For those who have suffered an injury during their service, we ask you to be ever-present in their lives so that they can rely on you for their strength. Help them as they integrate

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back into civilian life, and heal those who need healing. For those families who have lost loved ones during their military service, we pray that you would continue to comfort them and give them peace. We pray that their loss would drive each one of them closer to you.

Help us to be a country that better embraces our military men and women. They have faithfully served us so help us to know how to serve them.

In Jesus's name, Amen.

There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. (John 15:13)

DAY FIVE – PRAY FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIRST RESPONDERS

Lord,

You are the Great I Am! You are the One who never slumbers or grows weary. Thank you that you so greatly love the world you created that you sent your one and only Son to die on the cross for the sins of all mankind. We thank you for the opportunity to be reconciled to you through our faith in Jesus Christ.

While you have given us an escape from our sinful ways, we know that many do not accept your free gift of grace and continue to live lives filled with sin. We also know that some who are your followers stumble and commit sin. In this great divide, we are thankful for the people who step up to serve in law enforcement. Like our military members, these men and women serve in dangerous places and under very stressful situations. We thank you for giving them the courage to say, "Yes" to their oath to serve and protect our communities.

Lord, forgive us when we individually and collectively do not show our law enforcement respect and make their jobs more difficult. Help us to better see that they are only enforcing the laws that have been put in place to protect us. Help each one of us to help these law enforcement officers do their job better and without added distraction.

Lord, we ask that those in law enforcement who choose to use their badge for harmful purposes be exposed and removed from their duty before any harm can come to another person. We pray that those who have committed such offenses would seek your forgiveness as well as forgiveness from those whom they have harmed (or their family members if that person is deceased).

We ask you to send workers into the harvest field within law enforcement offices and fire stations to share the Gospel, share your Word, and to offer encouragement through prayer. Lord, we ask that you raise up community members to lead alliances with our law enforcement personnel to create unity between our communities and law enforcement. We ask that division, strife, and anger no longer have a place against our law enforcement officers.

Lord, we ask that not one of these officers and first responders would lose their lives without knowing you as their Savior. Just as they put on chest armor and equipment to conduct their daily routine, we ask that every one of them would bear your name on their heart and that you would be their shield. May their minds be filled with your Truth so that PTSD and depression may not overtake them. Lord, we pray for an end to suicide that is plaguing our law enforcement and first responder personnel.

Lord, we also thank you for the first responders (fire and EMT). They are the ones who show up to emergency situations and see things most of us hope we never have to see. Lord, we know this takes a toll on them physically, emotionally, and mentally. Help them when they don't

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know to ask for help. In places where there is a shortage of officers and responders, we ask that you provide the funding to hire more and for those places where there just isn't enough signing up, we ask that you make those places attractive to those seeking these positions.

Father, we especially pray for all the first responders who are responding, even right now, to the many catastrophic events in our country. We ask you to protect those who are fighting wildfires in California. Lord, we pray that you would cause the winds to diminish and for the fires to go out. We pray that citizens would heed the warnings of those telling them to evacuate. Lord, we pray for responders who are assisting tornado victims, tropical storms, snowstorms, and power outages. The work is never-ending and we ask that you be the one who fills them with the energy to go forth. Reveal yourself to them just as you did to the disciples in the boat during the storm. Show up in such a way that

For all the family members of those serving in law enforcement and first responder roles, we pray that they, too, would also know you as their Savior. We pray that they would put their faith and trust in you alone. Lord, we pray for strengthened marriages and restored marriages. This line of work takes a toll on the whole family. Provide for these families in such a way so they would not have to hold multiple jobs to make ends meet and therefore not get the rest they need to do their job.

Lord, I can't imagine what our country would be like without having those who serve in law enforcement and first responder roles, and I pray we never have to find out.

In Jesus's name, Amen.

God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God. (Matthew 5:9)

DAY SIX – PRAY FOR BUSINESS OWNERS

Lord,

We thank you for those you have created and gifted to be leaders and business owners. We are grateful to live in a country that allows people to freely start businesses.

Lord, we ask for a spirit of loyalty and cooperation to better flow between business owners and employees. Lord, we ask you to guide the hearts of those who make company decisions as they relate to employees to be fair and create safe work environments. May each and every business owner be reminded of the following: **"Remember the Lord your God. He is the one who gives you power to be successful, in order to fulfill the covenant he confirmed to your ancestors with an oath" (Deuteronomy 8:18).** May it be that every Christian business large and small remain faithful to persevere even amidst opposition. We pray that you alone Lord would give business owners the confidence to stand firm in their faith even as people, lawyers, and the government attempt to put them out of business. We pray the success of Christian owned companies would increase a hundredfold this year. We ask you to convict the hearts of those that began as Christian owned businesses but have caved to the culture. We ask you to redirect their hearts back to you.

Lord, we ask that where possible, more jobs/companies would return to America and that you would also provide more opportunities for new businesses to start, especially Christian-owned businesses. We plead in your name for businesses that harm and exploit people, are corrupt, and are X-rated and pornographic in nature to be put out of business. We know it is you alone that exposes things hidden in the dark. **"For whatever is hidden is meant to be disclosed, and whatever is concealed is meant to be brought out into the open" (Mark 4:22).**

We pray that the government would make it easier for businesses small and large to thrive and compete in the marketplace here in America. Lord, we know there is much innovation in America and many new discoveries still to take place. We pray that business owners and potential business owners would pursue the dreams you have laid on their hearts instead of being scared off by all the risks, potential lawsuits, employee issues, and regulatory red-tape. We pray for a spirit of commonality among business owners to discover how they might work together instead of fighting to put one another out of business. We pray that business owners would not look to only make money for themselves but to also help others successfully be gainfully employed, mentor future business owners, and to give back to their communities.

Lord, we are praying for revival within the walls of businesses. Lord, we pray for an increase in discipleship groups, Bible study groups, and prayer within businesses. We pray for business owners to be the ones leading the charge without fear of being called out or sued by employees for forcing Jesus on anyone. We pray that even right now you would begin to soften the hearts of employees as you prepare the hearts of business owners to take steps to bring Christ into the workplace on a larger scale. May we see another revival ignited by prayer meetings like

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America did with Jeremiah Lanphier's noon prayer meetings. Raise up people in the marketplace who are concerned with the condition of people's souls and the lack of prayer, raise them up!

We pray all these things in the mighty name of Jesus, Amen.

DAY SEVEN – PRAY FOR THE TRANSPORTATION INDUSTRY

Lord,

We thank you today for who you are. We lift up a shout of praise for your goodness and for your love. We thank you that the Church can gather together today to sing songs of praise, worship, and surrender. We thank you for the ability to gather freely together to hear your Word preached and taught. We pray for pastors right now as they finish preparing their messages and as they get ready to head out their doors for a busy day ahead. Renew their strength and give them the boldness to proclaim the Truth you have placed into their hearts. May today be a day that pastors freely share the Gospel, and may today be the day that many respond in faith to your free gift of salvation.

Today we come to you with grateful hearts for the transportation industry in America. Although we may often take it for granted, the advances in modes of transport available over the years have made our lives very convenient. I think about our Savior who had to walk tirelessly along dusty roads to conduct His ministry. He did not have the luxury of being able to jump into a car or hop on a plane to meet with people. He used his feet and sometimes a very basic boat to carry your message. Lord, open our eyes to the possibilities we have because of the availability of transportation and mobility to get your message to our neighbors, our communities, our cities, our states, and the world.

Lord, we ask for your protection over the transportation industry. New innovation is great, but it also comes with its risks. Lord, I think of things like self-driving vehicles and autopilot for planes and boats. These are great things but they are relying on computers, not always human hands, so we lift up those to you who are responsible for creating and maintaining these things. May they take their jobs seriously and the lives that will be impacted by the use of these technologies. Lord, we pray that no mode of transport will ever be used as a weapon of mass destruction again.

Lord, we lift up services like Uber, Lyft and taxi cabs to you. We ask that only people with good intentions be placed into these companies. Lord, we ask you to wrestle with them in times of temptation when stealing or doing harm to someone might cross their mind. We ask you to help them make the right choice in the moment regardless of whether or not they are a Christian. We ask for protection and Gospel opportunities for those who work in these positions and seek to use their time as a driver to talk to their customers about you. On the flip side, we pray you would place customers with the drivers who need to hear the Gospel. We pray for people to put down their phones and see the people who are spiritually separated from you sitting right in front of them.

Lord, we ask you to continue to protect the airplanes in the air, boats on the sea, and trains on tracks. We thank you that, especially in America, these industries generally get people safely to their destinations. We ask you to protect the pilots, captains, and engineers in charge of these

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vessels. We know that they are not only in charge of directing the vessel but that they are also in charge of leading a crew. We ask that you only place people of high integrity in these positions, Lord. We ask that you keep them sober before and during their duties. We ask you to protect their families while they are away, sometimes days at a time, to do the thing you have created them to do.

We thank you for every employee who serves in the transportation industry in America. There are so many that we don't even think of that are involved in the day-to-day activities to help keep everything running smoothly. We pray that we would have a spirit of kindness to those whom we come across whether it be on the phone scheduling something, in a vehicle with them, on a plane with them, in traffic with other drivers, on a bus, on a train, or on a boat or cruise ship. Many of these positions within the transportation industry are service-related positions. May we serve them as much as they serve us with the way we respect and treat them.

Lord, help keep our roads safe. Grant wisdom to the legislatures who make laws regarding transportation. Help us to obey the rules of the road and the transportation industry as a whole. Provide funding where necessary to make repairs to systems that are broken, roads that are damaged, infrastructure, and communication. Some of these things are aging and completely out of date to handle the current load and therefore pose a safety risk to those who travel. We trust you to provide ways to make repairs and improvements.

Lord, today as we get into our vehicles for Church, board a train or a plane, or even walk out of our staterooms on a ship may we do so with grateful hearts with the ease at which we do things today. May we never take for granted the luxuries we have access to here in America. Lord, may we also be thankful for the many jobs that are available in America because of the transportation industry. You have provided so much for us.

Lord, stir our hearts to allow us to hear from you. Stir our hearts to kindness and goodness so that we are more like you and humble in heart. Stir our hearts to be more concerned with the spiritual poverty of those around us.

We pray all these things in Jesus's name, Amen.

DAY EIGHT – PRAY FOR ALL UTILITIES

Lord,

We know you are interested in everything about us and no care or concern is too large or too small for you. We thank you that you bend your ear to hear your people.

Because he bends down to listen, I will pray as long as I have breath! (Psalm 116:2)

Lord, while it may not seem important to pray for all the utilities in America, we often don't realize how wrapped up utilities are in every part of our lives. We rely heavily on electricity, clean water, natural gas, telephone, cell phone transmission, internet connectivity, cable and satellite television, sewer service, and trash pick up. We usually don't realize how much we need these things or depend on them until they stop working. I think about the people in California who are undergoing random power outages by their electricity carrier out of concern for wildfires. People aren't able to open businesses, have air conditioning and/or heating, use ovens, keep food cold in the fridge/freezer, operate life-saving medical equipment, or turn on lights. Lord, we pray right now that utility companies will be able to better handle natural crises like fires, storms, tornadoes, and hurricanes.

Lord, we thank you for the men and women who work tirelessly to make sure these utilities are operational. Some of these jobs require long, irregular hours and many operate under threat of danger. Lord, we pray you would protect these workers as they do their jobs.

Lord, we pray for the break-up of large conglomerates who continually raise prices and make it hard for people to have a choice with who they choose for utilities. Lord, if a breakup is not possible, we pray that you would have these utility companies run by honest people who care about the people they are providing a service for. Lord, we pray for continued ways for these utility companies to treat your creation well as they use the resources you have provided. May our need for utilities in this country never be so great that we completely harm and destroy our environment.

Lord, we are grateful for the utilities we are able to have. We pray for those in this country who are not able to pay for running water (or the repairs to cause it to be), electricity, and heat. Lord, we know that you are a provider and we pray that you would provide always for your children.

We pray all this in Jesus's name, Amen.

DAY NINE – PRAY FOR UNIVERSITIES

Dear Lord,

We come to you today with a burden for today's youth and young adults. Somehow, on our watch, they are being led astray. As a society, the more advanced we become in terms of knowledge and wealth, the more society increases in its ability to walk away from You. We ask you to forgive us for this apathy and heal our land.

Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land. (2 Chronicles 7:14)

Lord, our universities (large, small, private, public, and junior colleges) are under attack. Where it once was normal for your name to be lifted high in those hallowed halls, your name has been removed and atheism has been able to infiltrate. Lord, help us.

Lord, we thank you for the Christian programs that are allowed to meet on university campuses throughout the country. We thank you for small groups and pockets of believers who meet together to study your Word and pray. Lord, we ask for an increase in Christian groups meeting on college campuses. We ask you to right now put it on the hearts of those who are asking you what they should be doing with their calling to answer the call to reach college students. Lord, we ask for more of your Presence not just on Christian university campuses, but on **all** campuses.

Lord, we specifically lift up Christian universities to you right now. Please align the hearts of the professors and administrators on these campuses with your Truth. Do not allow these universities who call themselves Christian universities to be lukewarm like the church at Laodicea. Where they have slipped and caved to the culture, gently rebuke them like only you can and set them back on the right path. Lord, we pray also for the students who attend these universities to not be "religious" but to be in right relationship with you.

Lord, if Satan is using the university campus as a place to speak and teach against you we know it is because it is a hot spot for revival. Many revivals in the Bible, as well as modern history, were started by young people. They are kindling on old logs that can spark a revival fire in this country. Lord, may your Holy Spirit infiltrate every university campus in this country. Prepare the hearts of every single one you want to call your own so that they will respond to you in faith. Instead of seeing young adults protesting the government, we will see them gathered together in prayer and worship of you. May our news outlets and social media feeds be flooded with stories of revival on university campuses like never before in history.

Lord, we pray for either changed hearts for university professors who do not believe in you or for their complete removal from campus. Do not allow any professor to coerce, intimidate or

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harm another student because of their faith in you. Be their shield and give them words of Truth and Love to speak in return.

Lord, we pray for universities to no longer be wrought with alcohol, partying, and assault. We pray that you would purify each and every campus and its surrounding area so that when we send our children there to study, we know they will be safe.

Lord, we pray for affordability as it relates to university. For so many, college is financially out of reach and for others, it amounts to thousands of dollars of debt. Create a balance, Lord, like only you can for the benefit of us all.

We pray expectantly for all that you want to do through young adults in this country. Lord, we know that if you can grab their hearts and if they surrender to you, this country will turn its face toward you once again. We pray **1 Timothy 4:12** over every college student right now that they would not be disrespected because of their youth but that they would be models of what it looks like to be a sold-out believer in all they do.

Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.

In Jesus's name, Amen.

DAY TEN – PRAY FOR ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS

Lord,

Your Word says that you are the One who knits people together in their mother's womb. You know us before we are even born. What a miracle! Oh, how we praise you for the gift of life.

Lord, today we come to you boldly asking for your protection over elementary, middle and high school students. Our children are facing so many things at younger ages. Lord, they are being presented with drugs and alcohol at an early age, vaping, drugs of all kinds, promiscuity, bullying, abuse, harassment, anxiety, and school shootings. These are not things our children should be facing or worried about. Your Word says, **"Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him" (Psalm 127:3)** yet, we are not doing enough to protect these precious gifts. Lord, forgive us.

We ask you to step in and protect children from those who would seek to cause them harm. Lord, we pray for the removal of anti-God and anti-biblical teachings in both private and public schools. We ask that administrators and teachers not be allowed to push their agendas through curriculum that does not honor you or bring you glory.

Lord, we pray for more students to see themselves as "missionaries" in their hallways and classrooms. Through your Holy Spirit, we ask you to give them the courage to share their faith and to share the Gospel with their classmates. We ask you to provide more opportunities for Jesus Clubs to start/continue on every school campus in America. Lord, we also pray that you would provide more opportunities for organizations like Fellowship of Christian Athletes to gain access to more sports teams in the schools across America. Lord, we know that you have used groups like these before to introduce students to yourself and we know you can do it again. Raise up student leaders to lead well and make them approachable and relatable to those who need you.

Lord, we pray right now for those students who are suffering from depression for so many reasons. Lord, we pray that those who have suffered abuse or neglect would find healing in you. For those who are lonely or feeling isolated, we ask you to bring at least one good friend to them. For those who are sad because of family issues such as divorce, death of a parent or family member, poverty, absent parent(s) or relocation, please be their comforter. We know that it is often in the valley when we hear you most so use these things as an opportunity to draw them to you.

We lift up superintendents, principals, teachers, aides, security, and support staff to you today. We know each one of these positions navigates so many different things from day-to-day. We pray for favor for those who are Christian to be able to remain strong in their faith. We know that in many schools, they are not able to talk about their faith or things of faith. We ask for open doors of opportunity for them to share the Truth at your appointed times not just to

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students but to co-workers as well.

We desperately want to see our elementary, middle and high schools as places of safe haven where your name is lifted high. We don't want to see any more death on school campuses or as a result of what takes place on a school campus. Please provide a way for the Church to come alongside every school campus in America to help **"train up children in the way they should go" (Proverbs 22:6)**. I am not ashamed to be bold and ask you to turn our schools back to you. If our children learn the pledge of allegiance, they need to personally know the One they are saying this nation is under. May your Word and prayer be allowed back into every school in America.

We ask all these things in the name of Jesus, Amen.

DAY ELEVEN – PRAY FOR HOSPITALS, ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES AND REHABILITATION CENTERS

Lord,

We know that your presence here on earth marked a ministry of healing for the sick and the lame. Lord, we read about your miracles of healing and raising the dead. We know that through your Spirit, this ministry is able to continue today. You said, **"I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father" (John 14:12).** However, we don't always act as though we believe these words. Forgive us for our doubt.

Lord, our country's hospitals, assisted living facilities and rehabilitation centers are packed full of people who need healing. Some people have been in there for a very long time and have lost hope. Regardless of whether you physically heal every person, we pray that you would spiritually heal every single person. We know that our time here on earth is but a vapor. We pray for those in these places that are Christian to use their time to shine brightly. May your radiant light shine forth from every hospital room, operating room, and waiting room. Where hope is lacking, we pray that you alone would be Hope in every single facility in America.

We thank you for those who you have called and gifted to work in these places. Each person has a very unique position to help those who need help. Fill their hearts with an increase of mercy and compassion. Let them know that you alone are God and they are but your agents.

Lord, we thank you for access to medical care in this country. May those who need hospital care, assisted living care or rehabilitation care get access to a facility that is clean and safe. Staff these places with people who value life and care for the people in them.

We long for the day when there is no more sickness and death. Right now, we know there are many worried about losing loved ones, especially children. May healing power go out to those right now who have faith to call upon your name and reach out like the woman with the issue of blood did. May your name be spoken in every facility in America today and revered as Jehovah Rapha **"who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases" (Psalm 103:3).**

In Jesus's mighty name, Amen.

DAY TWELVE – PRAY FOR THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY

Dear Lord,

Thank you for waking us up this morning. We are so grateful for your faithfulness to have our nights roll into days and our days roll into nights. The sun rises and sets without fail because you are in control. How great thou art!

We are so grateful to be witnesses to what you are doing in the entertainment industry. While there is still much work to be done, we are watching as we see actors, musicians, and artists surrender their lives to you and then be vocal about who you are to them. Lord, we know that you and you alone are the one who changes people's lives from the inside out. We pray for the Church to fully embrace those who are new believers in Christ instead of being a stumbling block for the spiritual orphans who are watching. Lord, may we not lift them up as idols, but as equals and encourage them as Paul encouraged young Timothy.

Lord, we are grateful in this country that we have the right to exercise free speech, however, movies, television, and music have really been pushing the boundaries of obscene and worse, mocking you. We know that our battle isn't against flesh and blood but against principalities. These principalities do their work through many different means and we pray for an end to obscene, blasphemy of your great name, pornographic, and anti-family movies, television shows, and music. Lord, we ask that more people operate with **Philippians 4:8** in mind (whether they are creating, producing, acting, performing, or watching), **“Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.”** Continue your work to purify the entertainment industry.

Lord, we pray that you would continue to turn hearts that are disinterested in you to you. We pray that as you reach these celebrities, musicians, and others that work in the entertainment industry that they would reach out to those in their circles who do not yet know you. We know that there can be a revival that marches right through Hollywood and Broadway and everywhere in between. Celebrity infiltrates every aspect of our lives. Please do not allow us to idolize these people more than you.

We know that you do not withhold entertainment from us; it is good to laugh and dance, but keep us from anything that draws us away from you.

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under Heaven...a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance.” Ecclesiastes 3:1, 4

We know that we will see your goodness in our land again. We know that many will be dancing and singing unto you in America on big stages, on movie screens, on small theatre stages, and on our televisions because you are the God of salvation. Even though the enemy attempts to

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use many parts of the entertainment industry for evil in this country, we know that you can turn it to good. We believe there will be a day when Christian music, films, and television is mainstream. We believe that the adult entertainment industry will be permanently shut down and those who are in it will be freed. There is no place for this in America because it is destructive.

Lord, increase in those who profess to be Christians in the entertainment industry. Give them a bolder voice and fill them with courage to speak up and say no at times if they need to. Surround them with godly friends. Open doors and stages to them where the greatest spiritual needs are so they can spread your Word through their gifts.

Lord, we sense a shift as we feel your Presence in this land.

In Jesus's name, Amen.

DAY THIRTEEN – PRAY FOR THE HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY

Lord,

We thank you for this day. **This is the day that you have made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it (Psalm 118:24).** Despite our circumstances, let us be mindful to opportunities you place before us today. Fill us to overflowing with your Holy Spirit.

Lord, today we lift up the men and women who work in the hospitality industry to you. The nature of the word hospitality means to be friendly and generous to those we know and also to strangers. Everyone is called to be hospitable, but some are in positions to be on the frontline for their career. These are not always easy positions nor are they generally well-paid positions. Lord, help each one of us to be kind to those whom we feel should be serving us. Let us speak to them with kindness and understanding. Being kind isn't a one-way street. Kindness starts with each one of us. What a better world it could be if we would simply all be more hospitable.

We have so many options available today in the hospitality industry. At any given moment, we are able to visit a fast-food restaurant, a nice restaurant, a hotel, an amusement park, fly on an airplane, or go to a movie cinema. Even though we can quickly rattle off some of the positions that make up this industry, there are so many who work behind the scenes in this industry that we don't always think about. It takes so many to make this industry run smoothly. Lord, today we specifically pray for those who are struggling to make ends meet even as they sometimes work more than one job. Often, these positions rely on tips and we pray right now that people would tip generously, even to those who might not have delivered the best service because the tip shouldn't be a reflection of their service to us but rather a reflection of our heart toward them. Convict the hearts of employers who are not treating their employees well, and who are not paying employees fair wages for the job they are doing.

We specifically pray right now for anyone who is a Christian and serves in this industry that they would see their job as a position to be your hands and feet. Lord, there are so many things every person could be doing that could change the life of someone they are serving. They could pray for the couple arguing at the table, they could pray over the occupants of a hotel room as they clean it, they could share the Gospel with fellow co-workers who might be struggling, and they can shine your light throughout their day as they go about their duties. Fill them with boldness to be vocal about who you are in a way that doesn't turn people away from you. Lord, help them start conversations that have eternal meaning.

Lord, we pray for greater eyes for these men and women to see dangers that may be lurking in their industry. They often see much more in their day-to-day job that most people will never see. Help them identify abuse and trafficking, help them reach out to those who need a meal, and give them hearts of compassion for the lonely ones they come across.

Forgive us, Lord, when we are not as servant-minded as we should be. Help us to be more

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hospitable to those in the hospitality industry in order to make their jobs easier not harder. Help us to follow what your Word says, **"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares" (Hebrews 13:2).**

Lord, we pray for those in this industry today that do not yet know you as their Savior. We pray you would send someone into their lives to share the hope that is only found in you. Drop words of knowledge into the messengers' hearts that only you could know because we know people are crying out to you for help even right now as we pray. Please return our country to a place where we are more hospitality-driven, a place where we are not strangers but friends. Kindness can flow once again and let it start with the ones you have chosen to serve in the hospitality industry.

We ask all these things in your precious name, Jesus, Amen.

DAY FOURTEEN – PRAY FOR THE SPORTS INDUSTRY

Lord,

Sometimes in the middle of a season, we forget that the seasons have changed at all. But when the temperatures start to change, we sense the change and must make changes in order to prepare for the change. Lord, in America it feels like we are experiencing a spiritual temperature change. For quite some time, it appeared that those who are against you were winning the battle. However, lately, a revival is stirring among us. In our ordinary days, we cling to you and watch as those you have drawn to you begin to use their voices and influence to show people who you are.

Today, we lift up to you everyone involved in the sports industry - all the way from toddler soccer to the professionals. Sports have become such a big part of our society. Like with anything, that can be really good or really bad. Lord, help us to remember that sports are simply a form of entertainment and that they should not consume every part of our lives.

Lord, we know that the ability to play sports well is a gift from you. You create athletes with the skills and physique to do what they are called to do. However, even with their athletic physiques and strength, sports take a toll on athletes' bodies. At any given moment, they can be injured while training or playing in a game or match. Their injuries may be minor or they could be major, and not all injuries reveal themselves immediately. These athletes often live with debilitating consequences years after they stop playing sports. Permanently eliminating injury and healing every player is not possible, we know, but Lord what we do ask is that in the middle of their pain, please be their Comforter. Lord, if they are seeking you in faith for healing, please heal them.

Lord, like with many of our prayers over the past several days, sports players are not the only ones who make up this industry. There are so many that we probably don't even think of that work in this industry that will never have a huge paycheck or fame. We think of people like the concession workers, the janitors, the security professionals, the ticket salespeople, the back-office people, the camera crews, the media, the referees and line judges, the caddies, the coaches (all levels of coaches), the team doctors and individual doctors, those who sell licensed team goods, the businesses in and near stadiums and sporting events, those who tend to the fields and courts, the pilots, drivers, and crews who get the teams and individuals to where they need to go, and the list goes on. With as much as it appears that sports have become an idol in this country, there are so many people who are gainfully employed because of the sports industry. Thank you for providing jobs for all of these people. Even if some make way more than others, we pray for a sense of respect and camaraderie among those in this industry.

Lord, we pray for the ones who are young and looking up to these sports players. We pray that you would raise up more and more high school, college and professional players who are worthy to be admired because they follow you. We thank you for the ones who are in sports

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right now using their influence to lead well and to share their faith. We know for many youths, sports is a means to pay for college and to provide a career where they might not otherwise see opportunity. This becomes a slippery slope should an injury or something else occur and their dream is taken away from them. May they work hard at what they do, but do not allow them to identify themselves through their sport but through who they are in you first and foremost. Things of this world may be taken away from us without notice, but you will never leave us.

"Those who use the things of the world should not become attached to them. For this world as we know it will soon pass away." (1 Corinthians 7:31)

Lord, we ask that you purify this industry. We ask that bribery and corruption be removed from this industry. Lord, we ask that players not use their status and/or fame to assault others. We ask that you remove the temptations that are available when those in the sports industry are on the road and away from home. Lord, we ask you to strengthen marriages within this industry. We thank you for athletes who have taken a stand to remain pure until marriage because we know the pull in this industry and life is to not do this.

Lord, we lift up the coaching staff to you. For those who are Christian, we pray that you would continue to cultivate their hearts toward servant leadership. May their legacies not be about how many wins or championships they have but rather what kind of leader they were and how they treated people. For those who are not Christian, we ask that you put Christians around them to speak your Truth as the Holy Spirit leads. We ask that even in places where coaches have been told not to speak about you among their teams that you would provide a way for your message to get to those who need it. We pray for boldness for these coaches and players to fear you rather than man. We know that you are in the fire with those who are being persecuted or being forced to change or tone down their allegiance to you. You always show up for your glory.

"Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." (Matthew 10:28)

We pray with expectancy for the sports industry to change from one of fame and fortune to one of proclaiming you in all things. What a difference this huge platform could make for your Kingdom.

In Jesus's name, Amen.

DAY FIFTEEN – PRAY FOR PERSISTENCE

Lord,

I come to you today in complete surrender and humility. Thank you for bending your ear to me and for being faithful to hear the prayers of your people. Thank you for the gift of your Holy Spirit that fills me with the words to pray even when I might not know what to pray.

Lord, in the middle of these thirty days I want to take a day to reflect on your goodness. Daily doing something without immediate returns can cause some to grow weary or lose interest as other things begin to take time away. Lord, let me remain persistent in these prayers for America and help those who have come alongside to pray in agreement to remain steadfast and persistent as well. Lord, your answers may come now, tomorrow, in a week or ten years from now. Despite when they are answered, let us remain confident in our faith that you are who you say you are regardless of the outcome. Remind each one of us that our prayers are valuable, heard and received in heaven.

"And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God's people." (Revelation 5:8)

Lord, help us to remember that our prayer life is indicative of our faith life. Our prayers aren't a wish list for things but instead are a conversation we have with you so that our hearts can be aligned with your heart. Lord, our hearts are burdened for this country. Right living is what you want for all of us, not just some of us.

"So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him." (Acts 12:5)

Bring others alongside us to pray in the midst of the spiritual battle in this country. Lord, give us the strength to persevere and remain constant in prayer. Help us to see you in the midst and help us to remember how big you are and the great things you still want to do.

"Pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18)

In Jesus's mighty name, Amen.

Selah.

DAY SIXTEEN – PRAY FOR THE MEDIA

Lord,

You are El Roi - the God who sees. You know everything that exists on this Earth. It is far beyond our human understanding to know what you see taking place today.

She gave this name to the LORD who spoke to her: "You are the God who sees me," for she said, "I have now seen the One who sees me." (Genesis 16:13)

We thank you for the gift of media that allows us to see things we might not otherwise see. When used correctly, it is a tool that gives us a broader sense of how complex your creation is, but also how we are all so much the same no matter where we live.

Lord, today we pray for all of those in the media industry. We pray that fair and honest and integrity-driven works would be the norm for all media outlets. We ask that those working for media outlets that are supposed to be neutral would not be able to mix their opinions in with their reporting. Lord, we ask that the media be a place where we could once again trust the facts placed before us.

Lord, specifically as it relates to matters of government affairs, we ask for fair reporting. We ask that the media stay out of political influencing and allow politicians to do their own campaigning. We ask for a stop to large payouts for "stories" that may or may not be true. We pray that the media is no longer used as a weapon of war against one another.

We pray for American reporters, camera operators, sound operators and producers who work in war-torn countries and impoverished nations to be protected from violence and sickness as they seek to do their job. We ask that you build a wall of protection around them.

We ask for tabloids and paparazzi to consider the consequences when they are chasing people for photographs, violating their privacy, and reporting inaccurate headlines. We pray that those who make the decisions about what to print would consider the value of each subject's life. May we not play a part in turning a blind eye to the harm this branch of the media does to people.

"In the same way, the tongue is a small thing that makes grand speeches. But a tiny spark can set a great forest on fire. And among all the parts of the body, the tongue is a flame of fire. It is a whole world of wickedness, corrupting your entire body. It can set your whole life on fire, for it is set on fire by hell itself. People can tame all kinds of animals, birds, reptiles, and fish, but no one can tame the tongue. It is restless and evil, full of deadly poison. Sometimes it praises our Lord and Father, and sometimes it curses those who have been made in the image of God. And so blessing and cursing come pouring out of the same mouth. Surely, my brothers and sisters, this is not right! Does a spring of water bubble out with both fresh water

and bitter water? Does a fig tree produce olives, or a grapevine produce figs? No, and you can't draw fresh water from a salty spring. If you are wise and understand God's ways, prove it by living an honorable life, doing good works with the humility that comes from wisdom. But if you are bitterly jealous and there is selfish ambition in your heart, don't cover up the truth with boasting and lying. For jealousy and selfishness are not God's kind of wisdom. Such things are earthly, unspiritual, and demonic. For wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there you will find disorder and evil of every kind. 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. And those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of righteousness." (James 3:5-18)

Lord, help us navigate the world of social media. Help those who take it too seriously know that it is a tool used by many to create influence and does not always equate to truth. While we would like it to be so, social media has never required honesty; it is simply a form of entertainment. We ask for an end to social media bullying and an end to perpetrators using social media to target potential victims. We pray for tighter security measures to be implemented by the social media companies to protect users - give them a sense of responsibility to run their platforms with people's safety in mind and not just about the bottom line. We pray that you would guide those who are Christians to use social media responsibly with all they post (photos and words) so that you would be glorified. We ask that no post made would be one that might cause another to stumble, incite violence, speak untruths about someone, display hate, or promote sin of any kind.

We pray for an increase in Christian media outlets. Even when reporting things that are hard, we ask that you would fill Christian reporters and writers with compassion and understanding for each and every situation. May it never be about a job but about being your mouthpiece. Just as you did with Moses, put your words in their mouths and in their hearts - **"Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say" (Exodus 4:12).**

May it be said of this generation that you turned the media from worldly reporting to godly reporting in an instant. We need a fresh wind to blow through the media industry in America, Lord. May it be so.

We ask all of these things in the mighty name of Jesus, Amen.

DAY SEVENTEEN – AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY

Lord,

We come to you today as the days get shorter and time begins to move a little too fast during the approaching holidays asking you to help us settle into a season of thankfulness and reverence for all the things you have done and will continue to do.

Today, we lift up to you those who are in the agricultural industry. Lord, we thank you for these hard-working men and women who spend their days tending to the land, to animals, and some on the seas off our coasts so that we may have food sources in this country, fiber for clothing, and fuel. We know many of these farmers, ranchers, and fishermen have been raised in generational families who have worked in the same area for decades. Their jobs are laborious from before sunrise to sundown every day of the week. They work through injuries, loss, and financial crises. We know that it is you alone who makes it possible for the land to be fertile and the oceans to be abundant with animals.

He will also send you rain for the seed you sow in the ground, and the food that comes from the land will be rich and plentiful. In that day your cattle will graze in broad meadows. (Isaiah 30:23)

Lord, forgive us for not always being thankful for our food. Forgive us that in our comfort of being able to go to the grocery store or to a restaurant and have food just be there that we forget about the men and women who work so hard to make a living and to provide sustenance for America. Lord, we know this industry has risks to it. We pray right now for a blessing upon those in the agricultural industry in America.

Land that drinks in the rain often falling on it and that produces a crop useful to those for whom it is farmed receives the blessing of God. (Hebrews 6:7)

Lord, we ask that you protect the land that we need in America to be safe from developers. As the population in America grows, we require more land for homes and development. As a result, we lose farming and ranching land, and therefore rely less on American agriculture and rely more on international agriculture. Help us to know how to protect our American farmers, ranchers, and fishermen from being forced out. Help us to know how to support them better by buying their produce, their meat, and their fish.

Lord, we ask for you to provide wisdom to those in the agriculture industry as to how to naturally combat things that attack their land and their animals. We ask for solutions to toxic chemicals that get into the land and cause damage to water sources, wildlife and to us as the consumers. Lord, where we may be sending governmental money overseas for agriculture abroad, help those in charge of making those decisions to know whether that money could be better spent helping farmers and ranchers here in America to buy new equipment and maintain

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safer working conditions.

Lord, we know that most in the agricultural industry are not wealthy and many live at or below the poverty line. They do what they do because it is what they know and what their families have done for generations. We thank you for their contribution to Americans. Lord, we pray that children would be able to get the education they need but still hold close to their roots and continue in their generational agricultural industry because you will be the one who provides for them. Lord, if they themselves aren't able to put food on their tables, we pray you would provide a way for them to be fed. Where they can't pay their bills because of a bad crop season, provide a way. Often times we forget about their need because we can't see them because they are so rural and lack the resources nearby. Show us how we can go to them and serve them for all they do for America. Help us take care of our own better.

The LORD will open the heavens, the storehouse of his bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands. You will lend to many nations but will borrow from none. (Deuteronomy 28:12)

Lord, we thank you for your creation. We see it so clearly when we take the time to focus on those who work the land, tend to the livestock, and fish in the seas. Technology may have changed over the years in this industry but one thing remains the same; you are the one who controls it all.

When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you. (Deuteronomy 8:10)

We thank you in advance for the prayers you will answer in this industry in Jesus's name, Amen.

DAY EIGHTEEN – PRAY FOR PRISONS AND JAILS

Lord,

We know you are sovereign and completely in control. You know each one of us by name and the names of those who don't profess you as Lord. We trust that you are always providing a way out of our current situation in America. You alone hold the key.

Today we lift up to you all those who are incarcerated in prison or local jail. There are approximately 2.3 million men, women, and juveniles currently being held in prison, jail, juvenile correctional facilities or detention centers. Some are awaiting trial while others have already been convicted. Lord, you know the crime(s) they have committed and you also know those who have been falsely accused.

We ask first for those who have been falsely accused that you would bring the truth to light to the right governing authorities to release each man, woman or juvenile. For those who have committed crimes and are serving sentences for their actions, we ask that you would reach each one of them through either another inmate who is a believer, a corrections worker who is a believer, a family member or friend who is a believer, a doctor, nurse, or counselor who is a believer, or a ministry worker who enters in to share the Gospel. Lord, we read in your Holy Word about chains breaking, jailers being saved, and prisoners being set free because of your grace. We know that you do not withhold grace to anyone who is willing to surrender to you no matter what they have done in life. Lord, we know that you saved the criminal who hung next to you on the cross because of his faith in you.

We ask for a major revival to shake our criminal justice system. While we know there are only currently 2 million people imprisoned, we know that millions more have served their time and been released. We know that without starting new and seeking to live a life without crime, these individuals may end up back in prison or jail. We ask that you shut the revolving door of our prison system for these people. Lord, may they hear about your love for them and receive your free gift of salvation. We know that many have never felt loved, they've been abandoned and hurt, aren't sure how to process grief without drugs, were raised by people who taught them criminal ways, or have simply made bad choices. Help them Lord.

We also know that the prison system itself is a very dangerous place. Lord, we ask you to blanket those who already know you with protection from those inside who would seek to do them harm. Let them be a light of salvation instead of a target for abuse. Lord, we ask you to so fill the believers in every prison and jail with your Holy Spirit that your conviction overflows from them without them even having to say a word. We pray that their witness would lead people to you.

"Calling for lights, the jailer rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They replied, "Believe in the

Lord Jesus and you will be saved, you and your household.” (Acts 16:29–31)

Lord, we ask you to purify those who run the prisons and jails. We ask that not one person with deceitful motives would be allowed to remain in his or her position. We pray that the supply of illegal drugs and contraband would be stopped as it only causes more damage to those who are locked up. Lord, we pray for those who work for these correctional facilities to stop contributing to the criminal activity inside the prisons and instead see themselves as watchmen and women to those who are serving their time. Lord, we pray you would protect those who work in these facilities from harm and danger.

Lord, we ask boldly that instead of riots we would hear of large gatherings of worshippers in these places. We ask for an outpouring of Bibles to be placed into each cell in America. We pray for more workers in this harvest field. We pray for an end to turf wars within the prison walls and instead ask for unity amongst all those who are housed together.

Lord, we pray for the families of those who have loved ones who are incarcerated. We thank you for opportunities for these families to see their loved ones. We pray for more opportunities, especially for the children of those who are incarcerated, to have a relationship with their mom or dad while they are serving their time.

Lord, although it seems as though we are losing the battle as it relates to violence in this country, we are so blessed in this country. The violence we witness today is nothing compared to what used to take place in years past. We thank you for making a way for legislation and laws to protect us from criminal activity. In a perfect world, there would be no more violence. We wouldn't worry about being out alone at night. We wouldn't have to lock our doors or worry about our children when we send them off to college. We wouldn't have to pray for missing men and women because no one would have abducted them or murdered them. This is all a part of sin. You are the way out of violence. Just as you gave Nineveh a chance to repent and turn from their wicked ways, I pray that every prisoner in America, every convicted felon, every repeat offender, anyone who has committed a crime but not yet been caught, and anyone thinking of committing a crime would repent and turn to you. You spared Nineveh from destruction for as long as the people did what you told them. We pray that we, in America, would do the same.

“When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.” (Jonah 3:10)

Lord, lastly we pray for forgiveness to extend from the victim (or victim's family) to each prisoner and felon, and from each prisoner and felon to each victim (or victim's family). We know there is so much hurt and sorrow entangled within a crime against a person. Lord, we pray that unforgiveness does not block the path for the plans you have for each one of these people. We pray for complete healing.

We know this is a big ask for such a big problem...one that seems almost insurmountable. But,

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we know you are bigger than what we can imagine and you are the Prince of Peace. May peace reign in our country as we, collectively, all turn to you.

In Jesus's name, Amen.

DAY NINETEEN – PRAY FOR CHURCHES

Lord,

You have always had a plan for your Church. It has always been about you. You told Peter that you would build your Church upon the “rock.” Your Church was never to be about anyone other than you. You are the cornerstone, the foundation of the work of grace.

“And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.” (Matthew 16:18)

We thank you for the freedoms we have in this country. We especially thank you for the freedom to be able to freely worship and have churches in this country.

Lord, today we lift up to you the Church in America. It is by no means perfect because it is being managed by humans with free will. Even though it isn’t perfect, it does not mean that you aren’t perfect. You have a plan and we often get in the way. Lord, the Church in America lacks unity—we are a fractioned bunch who can’t always agree on what your Word says. It wasn’t meant to be this way. Your Word says that where the Spirit of the Lord is there is freedom. It also says that whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. Lord, there are many who lead, work and volunteer in churches today who still have not had the veil taken away. This fact alone is harming the Church in America.

“But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate^[a] the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.” (2 Corinthians 3:16–18)

Lord, we pray for your Spirit to invade every church in America and search the hearts of those who lead, work and volunteer. We pray that whomever isn’t in a right relationship with you that you would convict their heart and have them hear the true Gospel. We pray there would be a positive response to your Spirit prompting them to get right with you.

Lord, on this date in 1739 the British evangelist and preacher George Whitefield said, “I have not felt greater freedom in prayer, and more power in prayer, and a stronger witness of the Spirit, since I came into America, than I have had here at New York. Oh that this may be the accepted time! Oh that this may be the day of their salvation!” Lord, would he say this of the American Church today? Forgive us that we have taken our freedoms for granted. Forgive us for the church buildings that have had to shut their doors because people aren’t attending any longer. Lord, forgive us for leaving these church buildings abandoned and decaying or allowing for them to be turned into restaurants, stores, museums, or other businesses.

Lord, we pray that churches in America would be places where people would gather again to be in community with fellow believers. We also pray that the Church in America would be a place

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where those who are spiritually sick and lacking would come to find help from those who love you. Lord, we ask right now for every church in America to be a beacon of light once again, to be beacons of hope for hurting communities.

Lord, we pray for an end to competition among churches to be bigger and better. We pray that pastors from every church would come alongside one another to encourage one other. Lord, we pray that performance would be replaced with reverence. We thank you for those whom you have gifted to pastor, to teach, to sing, play instruments and dance. Lord, we pray that it never be about them and their giftings but about you and what you want to do through them because of what you have gifted them to do.

Lord, we ask you to purify the American church to return it to what it was always meant to be. We ask you to identify those who are teaching false doctrine. We ask you to identify those who are committing abuse. We ask you to identify those who may be stealing. We ask you to identify those who are being unfaithful in their marriages. And lastly, we ask you to identify those who are struggling with mental illness, depression, or thoughts of suicide. Lord, we ask you to identify all of these people not so they can be called out, but so they can get the help they need to get back on the right track so they can fully do what you have called them to do. Lord, we pray, we as the Church, would not respond in judgment to them but with a realization that we are all capable of sin and falling short. May we never cheer on the fall and demise of a person you have called to minister and teach, but may we always be willing to lend a hand and respond as the Holy Spirit leads us.

Lord, we ask you to strengthen the marriages of pastors and those who work inside the Church. Lord, we pray you would give them time to rest and reconnect with their loved ones if ministry has consumed them. Lord, we pray you would provide a way for them to recognize their need for Sabbath time just as you, yourself, went away, rested, and connected with your Father.

Lord, we pray the American Church would awake from its slumber and lukewarmness. So many churches have been lulled into complacency and bending to the pressure of culture instead of fearing you. Lord, as our wealth has increased in this country and the Church has grown, pressures have come upon it just as they did in Laodicea. Lord, may we see this as a threat to our relationship with you and the ability to reach lost souls. Lord, may we take your warning to the church in Laodicea to heart, change our ways, and come out stronger in the end just as they did.

“I know your works; you are neither cold nor hot. I wish that you were either cold or hot. So, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I am about to spit you out of my mouth.” (Revelation 3:15–16)

Lord, we pray for people to be more generous in their giving to their local church. We pray that people would put their tithe at the top of their giving list because it isn't about giving to a building or a church but about honoring and worshipping you.

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We believe that churches once again can be filled with people coming to hear your Word preached. We believe that new churches can be planted and old churches can be resurrected. Lord, we know you are able to ignite the American Church to come together. Don't allow us to hold your plan back.

Lord, we wait with great anticipation for the day you come for your Church. In Jesus's name, Amen.

"After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever." (1 Thessalonians 4:17)

DAY TWENTY – PRAY FOR PARACHURCH MINISTRIES

Lord,

We praise you for who you are and for your work of grace. We thank you for the breath in our lungs this morning and all the possibilities that lay ahead.

Today we lift up to you all the parachurch ministries in America. Lord, while the concept of parachurch ministries may not be present in your Word, we know that the work of those who lead and participate with parachurch ministries is an extension of serving and giving to those in need and/or to utilize the gifts and talents of those whom you have created and called. Lord, while most of these parachurch ministries do not come under the authority of the local church, we pray that they would all act in accordance with your Word in truth and in deed. Lord, we pray that these parachurch ministries would be run by men and women with a deep reverence of you.

Lord, we thank you for the work these parachurch ministries do that the local church might not otherwise be capable of doing. We thank you where these ministries have stepped in to help in times of disaster, in neighborhoods where the local church may not be supporting its neighbors, to publish Christian writing, music, and art, to facilitate missions work locally and globally, hospitals, counseling, and so many other things. Lord, we pray that the local church and these parachurch ministries would not be in competition with one another, but that they would work harmoniously together to fulfill the Great Commission.

“And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’” (Matthew 28:18–20)

Lord, we pray for the men and women who either lead, work, or volunteer with these parachurch ministries. Many of them either do their job in addition to another job or are responsible for support raising. Lord, they are not full-time employees of a local church receiving a paycheck. They rely on funding by donors and grants. Lord, we thank you for being big enough to fund the local church as well as these parachurch ministries. We thank you in advance for all the donations that will come before the year end so these parachurch ministries can continue to operate through a busy time of the year. Lord, we know that you use believers to fund these parachurch ministries, but we also ask you today to align more non-believing people and companies with these parachurch ministries for greater good. We know that through these relationships you can not only reach those whom the ministry is serving but also those who are non-believers providing donations. We pray that through these relationships and the good way that those who lead these parachurch ministries do their job that many would hear your Truth and be saved.

“How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” (Romans 10:14–15)

Lord, we pray that those who lead these parachurch ministries would submit to your authority as it applies to the local church (**“If I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.” 1 Timothy 3:15**). Lord, we pray that they would lead with integrity and honor, and that they would not discriminate against anyone because you have called us to love you and love others. Help them to understand how to navigate this in a challenging environment like what we are witnessing in America. Help decision makers not cave to cultural demands, but stay aligned with your Word. We know your Word does not change with the culture; your Word changes the culture. Lord, may every single parachurch ministry in America be an extension of your love for this world.

“We love because he first loved us.” (1 John 4:19)

Lord, we pray that you would encourage anyone involved with a parachurch ministry that may feel discouraged today. We pray that you would align them with the right support system so that they don't give up early.

We thank you, Lord, for the opportunity for each and every one of us to be able to do Kingdom work. You do this through your Church but you also do this through parachurch ministries as well because the more opportunities there are for all of us to serve, the better, because our America is in great need.

For those considering starting a new parachurch ministry, Lord, we pray that you would give them wisdom as to how to begin and give them the resources to do so.

We know that it is your Spirit in us that makes us aware of need. May we all be obedient to your leading and do our part.

We pray all this in the name of Jesus, Amen.

DAY TWENTY-ONE – SALVATION

Lord,

How great you are! The heavens declare your glory and so shall we.

"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them. Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun. It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, like a champion rejoicing to run his course. It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth. The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes. The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous. They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb. By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward. But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults. Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression. May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer." (Psalm 19)

Lord, today we pray for a great move of salvation to come to America. We pray that those who might not normally feel compelled to go to church today would go. We pray that every church in America would preach the Gospel and declare that it is by faith alone, not works, that salvation is received. We pray this especially for churches who do not normally speak of the Gospel or Ephesians 2:8. We pray that today would be a day that pastors and priests would spend their allotted time speaking of your free gift for the world. We ask boldly for a flood of surrender to you today throughout America.

"If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved." (Romans 10:9-10)

Lord, we pray for those who lead worship teams and the music in their church. We ask that you would guide them today in which songs to sing and play even if they aren't the ones they had originally planned. We know that praise and worship of you is one way in which we connect with you. We ask that every individual have a personal encounter of praise with you today.

Lord, we pray that no weapon formed by the enemy would prosper today. We pray that the attempts of the devil to thwart the plans you have prepared for today would not come to fruition.

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We pray that through this great day of salvation the Church would lift up bold prayers to you for this country and for the people who live in it.

"But Christ is faithful as the Son over God's house. And we are his house, if indeed we hold firmly to our confidence and the hope in which we glory. So, as the Holy Spirit says: 'Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion, during the time of testing in the wilderness.'" (Hebrews 3:6-8)

We thank you for the prayers you have already answered and we know you are not done yet.

In Jesus's mighty name, Amen.

DAY TWENTY-TWO - FAMILIES

Lord,

You are the one who created man and woman. We thank you for your divine purpose for each one of them and for the command to go forth and multiply.

Lord, today we come to you burdened with heavy hearts about the condition of families here in America. We pray right now that more families in America would put a stake in the ground and declare you as Lord and the One whom they will serve.

“But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” (Joshua 24:15)

We pray for husbands and wives to fully honor one another in all that they do. Lord, we pray for children to come under the full authority of their parents. We pray for parents to fully engage in the upbringing of their children and to lead and train them in the way they should go. Lord, we pray you would break the spirit of confusion and chaos as it relates to marriage in America. Lord, those in charge of creating new laws may have redefined what marriage is but we know what your Word says marriage is. Help us return to the place of Truth as it relates to marriage and family.

“Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.” (Proverbs 22:6)

Lord, we pray for those who have experienced divorce. We do not know all the circumstances that existed to get it to that point but we do know that divorce was never a part of your plan. Lord, we pray for reconciliation in marriages. We pray for a decline in the divorce rate. We pray that husbands would love their wives as themselves and that women would love their husbands as themselves. We pray that each would love you first and most because we know this is the only way a person can be healthy, whole, and fully capable of loving their spouse well.

“For I hate divorce!”^[b] says the Lord, the God of Israel. “To divorce your wife is to overwhelm her with cruelty.” (Malachi 2:16)

Lord, we pray that where possible, those who have divorced would be reunited with one another. We pray that forgiveness and healing be sent forth to the parts of their marriage that were broken and damaged. We pray you alone would remove the hurt and lack of trust. Lord, we pray for the children of those who have experienced divorce. We pray that you alone would be their support in the middle of their sadness, confusion, and sense of loss.

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Lord, we pray right now for those in abusive marriages. Lord, we pray you would completely and radically change the heart of the abuser. Lord, we pray for the removal of domestic abuse in this country. Lord, in many instances drug, alcohol and sex addiction are at the root of the abuse. Lord, this is such a multifaceted problem and we know that it is you alone who can fix it. We need you to send people into the lives of those who are abusing and being abused. Lord, send people to speak Truth to them. Send people to care for them. Lord, for the abusers we pray for healing for their hurts that cause them to abuse. For those who have been or are being abused, we pray you would protect them both physically and emotionally. Help them find a way of escape. Lord, we pray for the children who live in homes where domestic violence is taking place. We pray you would shield their eyes, their ears, and their hearts to the pain inflicted until you send help. Lord, we pray you would not allow them to think this is normal behavior and repeat the cycle.

Lord, we pray for the families who have suffered the loss of a parent. We pray you would fill the void in their heart. We pray for opportunities of dialogue for them to speak about their pain and suffering. We pray neighbors, other family members, and the local church would come alongside them as they adjust to doing life without their loved one(s).

Lord, we pray for families who have suffered the loss of a child. We know this impacts the entire family. Lord, we pray you would be their comfort in their loss and help them to fully live again. We pray that you would protect the marriages of those who have suffered the loss of a child because we know there is much strain put on these marriages. We pray this also for families who have a family member suffering from an illness or disease. Lord, we pray you would help them not be identified solely through this trial. Lord, help them through their valley. Make them stronger than they were before. Fill the cracks in marriages that are under stress from these trials so their foundation is not broken.

Lord, we pray for those in the foster care system who are waiting on families to adopt them. Lord, we pray for an increase in adoption in America. We pray that people would take the command to care for orphans seriously. We pray that while we wait for the numbers of children placed into foster care in America to decline, we would take action to find forever families for all those who need a family. Lord, there is no reason why children should have to suffer so much loss. They shouldn't have to be bounced around from one foster home to another. Lord, they shouldn't have to suffer further abuse inside foster homes. Lord, encourage those who have the ability to care for these orphans and foster children to step up, show them how it is possible, and provide a way for the wheels to be set into motion. We eagerly await the impact for good this will have on future generations.

“Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.” (1 Timothy 5:8)

Lord, we pray for all the families who aren't traditional families. We pray for those who are families but have never been married. Lord, we pray that you would work out these situations for your glory. There are so many reasons for today's family dynamics. Let us not react in

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judgment of what one family looks like to another but let us love them no matter what. Lord, if they are our Christian brothers and sisters, let us love them and serve them without condemning them. Lord, let us not be a part of the hurt but let us be a part of making families in America stronger.

**“Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen.”
(1 John 4:20)**

Lord, we know the enemy wants nothing more than to destroy families. In your mighty name, we declare victory over his schemes. We declare that as the banners of you, Lord, are raised high in this country that families would be stronger because of it. We declare that as order is restored in the familial unit, our reverence of you would be known once again. May we in our households return to you, love one another better, and serve those in need.

In Jesus’s name, Amen.

DAY TWENTY-THREE – MENTAL WELLNESS

Lord,

Your goodness and mercy abound.

Today, we lift up mental illness to you. Lord, this ranges from the slight feeling of not being well to those who have been diagnosed with major, debilitating cases of mental illness. Thankfully, mental wellness is finally an issue people are willing to speak about and address. But, we have to consider why people are showing symptoms at all.

Lord, we lift up to you first our brothers and sisters in Christ who are suffering from mental illness. We know, that just like our brothers and sisters who are diagnosed with cancer, diabetes, or auto-immune issues, mental illness is real. We know it cannot be cured with a magic pill or with more prayer, but we do know that you are sufficient. Lord, where fear is driving the mental illness, replace it with peace. Where doubt is fueling the mental illness, fill it with belief. Lord, where emotional and physical pain is the main issue, provide healing. Lord, where abuse of a substance has played a part in the mental illness, provide a way to repair the brain and remove the addiction.

Lord, we pray that you would surround our brothers and sisters in Christ who are suffering from mental illness with people who love them. Lord, we pray that we would all provide support instead of discouragement, help instead of judgment, and availability to just sit and listen. Lord, we pray that not one brother or sister would take his or her life this year in America. Lord, we pray right now for those who are suffering and contemplating ending their lives. Please throw them a lifeline to keep on going. Through it all, you can get them through. Remind them that it is not only their ability to make it through, but yours because you live inside of them.

"I can do all things through Him who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13)

Lord, we pray that in their pain, fear, doubt, and anxiety they would fully cast it all upon you and fully trust in your ability to work in and through them. Lord, we pray that they would find complete freedom from their feelings of isolation. We pray that the shackles of mental illness will be loosed and they will walk in freedom this side of heaven. Lord, do it so the watching world can see your glory.

Lord, we pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ who have lost loved ones to mental illness. Lord, we know there are wives and husbands left to raise their families alone. Lord, may they cast their anxieties upon you. May they not hold themselves accountable or fear it could happen to another family member.

"Casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you." (1 Peter 5:7)

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Lord, we thank you for the medical professionals who are working to find ways to assist with the mental illness epidemic we are facing here in America. Lord, we pray you would provide new ways to reach people who are suffering - often times in silence. Lord, we also pray you would continue to expose the root cause of this epidemic.

Lord, we also pray for those who do not know you as their Lord and Savior. Lord, they suffer and do not have access to your peace in the midst of it. Lord, we pray right now that you would use their illness as a catalyst for them to turn to you. We know that through their salvation, you will provide them with the Holy Spirit. It is through your Holy Spirit they will find peace.

"Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful." (John 14:27)

Lord, we know that so much suffering is at the root of mental illness. It drives violence, crime, divorce, abuse, neglect, and suicide. We pray for an America that is mentally well, and we know it starts with our country completely returning to you.

We pray all these things in your mighty name to heal and save, Amen.

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6-7)

DAY TWENTY – FOUR – FIGHT SILENCE

Lord,

We thank you for your ways and your provision for us to be able to know your ways for us. While we may not know everything, we thank you for what you allow us to know, and we know that much of that understanding comes through your Word.

Lord, we know that it was silence that contributed to the fall of mankind in the Garden. One correction by Adam to Eve - to remind her of the truth of what you had said - could have changed everything. As a result, his silence contributed to the fall just as much as eating the apple. Our silence today contributes to sin in the same exact way.

We pray right now that Christians would have the strength to fight the sin of silence. Many feel fear as it relates to speaking up. Many fear retribution for speaking Truth. Many fear rejection should they say what they stand for and against. Lord, help us all to remember, and especially those who find them in a position of remaining silent when silence is not what you would have, that we should fear you above fearing man.

"Do not be afraid of them, for nothing is hidden that will not be revealed, and nothing is secret that will not be made known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the housetops. Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Instead, fear the one who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." (Matthew 10:26-28)

Lord, forgive us where the silence of your people has contributed to the sinful things going on in our country. Reveal to us which truths we are to speak up about. Help us know which ones are ours to battle. Lord, we know that the battle is yours alone, but we also know that you use your people who are willing to go to battle on your behalf. May we all prepare ourselves for the spiritual battle raging in this country. Increase in us a hunger to know your Word more richly.

"This is what the LORD says to you: 'Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God's.'" (2 Chronicles 20:15)

Lord, raise up more people who are willing to be your mouthpiece in the market place, in the Church, in the home, on the sports field, around the world, in schools, and in media. Lord, fill them with the messages you have prepared for them to share, and may they walk in complete obedience to your prompting and your will.

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

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Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm." (Ephesians 6:10-13)

Lord, may America not surrender to the loudest voices in this generation, but may it completely surrender to you.

We pray all these things in Jesus's name, Amen.

DAY TWENTY – FIVE – RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Lord,

You were there before the foundation of the Earth. You spoke and breathed your Creation into existence.

Thank you for how you sustain your people.

Today, we lift up to you religious freedom. Lord, we know that it is your desire that no one worship any other god, but they do. While we hope and pray for many to come to salvation, we must pray that our religious freedoms are not taken away. Lord, while we know that religious freedom allows for the right to worship in any manner one chooses, we know that this is good because it allows those who are in Christ to openly worship you without fear of persecution or prosecution. Lord, we also know this gives us the ability to share the Gospel with those who may be worshipping a false god or no god at all.

Lord, we pray you would continue to put on the minds of those who serve in government and other legal capacities to not force someone to go against what they believe to be biblically true. Lord, we pray for protection from those who seek to make Christians forego their religious beliefs in the marketplace, in the schools, and slowly even in the Church. Lord, we know that this will cast us a bigots and haters in some circles, but we also know that many Christians have faced backlash in the public square over the centuries because of what they believe the Bible says. Lord, may we not use our religious freedom as a means to enact hate, but may we use our religious freedoms to always honor you above all else.

"Be careful, however, that the exercise of your rights does not become a stumbling block to the weak." (1 Corinthians 8:9)

Lord, we pray for Christians to stand fast in the midst of the rising tide against Christianity in America. Lord, while Americans are quick these days to respect every other religion, they are not so quick to respect those who profess Christ as their Savior. We pray you would give Christians the strength and courage Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego had to not bow down to the king's image. We thank you for those who are fighting for religious freedom in America. We thank you for the victories you provide.

We ask these things in the mighty name of Jesus, Amen.

DAY TWENTY – SIX – THE ENVIRONMENT

Lord,

We shall proclaim how great you are and tell of the wonderful things you have done. (Psalm 75:1).

Today, we lift up the environment to you. Lord, when you formed the earth and everything on it, you formed it with care and precision. When you formed man, you instructed him to take care of your creation.

"The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it." (Genesis 2:15)

Forgive us where we have not individually done our part to care for your creation. Lord, as the population increases, the need for land and resources increases as well. Not everyone who develops the land or uses the resources you make available do so responsibly.

Lord, help us care for the environment better. Help us to want to do the right thing for the environment no matter how big or how small. Help us know how to leave this planet in better shape for the next generation.

There are so many weather-related disasters that impact our country. There are people who have lost everything because of wildfires, tornadoes, hurricanes, mudslides, flooding, and earthquakes. The debate in this country rages about climate change and our contribution to it. Help us understand what is fact and what is fiction.

"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands." (Psalm 19:1)

Help us to not worship the earth itself, but to worship and honor you as the one who created it. Help us heed the words of Billy Graham, "When we see the world as a gift from God, we will do our best to take care of it and use it wisely, instead of poisoning or destroying it." May our stewardship of your creation increase as we totally align ourselves with your will.

In Jesus's name, Amen.

DAY TWENTY – SEVEN – IMMIGRATION

Lord,

We know that you see all people through the lens of your love for them.

Today, we lift up to you the issue of immigration in our country. Lord, for many reasons, so many people throughout the world long to come to America for a better life. However you have blessed this country, people recognize it for its blessings and possibilities.

Lord, we know that for as many great people there are who want to immigrate into this country, we know there are also some who might want to immigrate to conduct harm against America and its citizens. Help us to not be so narrow-minded as to lump all immigrants together in one batch. Lord, help us find better ways to help those who want to enter this country through legal means. Provide a way for our government to not be so distracted about political issues and political fighting that their energy and resources are consumed with all the wrong things. As long as there are misdirected distractions, people's lives and livelihoods dangle in the gap.

Help us realize that the issue of immigration is so much bigger than "the wall." Lord, we know there are people right now who want to bring their future spouse into this country, but have months and months to wait before visas can be issued. Lord, we know there are people who want to come to university here, but are held up in the same red tape. We know there are people who are escaping tyrannical governments and civil wars that need a safe place to live and raise their family. There is so much need in the immigration space and we, Americans, are not getting the full story.

Fill us with compassion for those who find themselves displaced from their home country. May we warmly welcome the immigrants in this country. Lord, we know that for many of us, our ancestors did not have an easy road into this country either. Many worked multiple jobs, lived in horrible conditions, and were at risk for illness. May history not repeat itself in this country as it relates to immigration.

Lord, we pray for those who are making the choice to risk their lives and the lives of their families to illegally cross into this country. We pray you would provide a way for them to legally cross and find the help they need. Lord, may the Church respond to the humanitarian, immigration crisis we are facing in this country. May it not be an us against them issue, but a how can we help you issue.

Lord, we pray you would keep the smugglers and those who would choose to commit atrocious crimes against children and women away from the immigrants in this country. Lord, we pray that these wicked people would not prosper in their wickedness against people. Lord, we pray that you would expose every smuggler, trafficker, and victim so that no evil plans will go

forward.

"He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing." (Deuteronomy 10:18)

Lord, we thank you for how you protect the foreigners in the land as much as those who were born in the land. Lord, we know that it is you who often moves people into a foreign land and you have told us to love them regardless. We make things complicated as we try and protect our citizens, but ultimately the law should never take precedent of us caring for people.

May the issue of immigration not be a weapon that divides our country any longer. Lord, may you provide great wisdom to those who make the decisions as to how to handle the immigration crisis in America. May your plans be the ones they follow.

Lord, we thank you for those who work border patrol and homeland security. We ask you to protect them in their daily duties. We ask you, Lord, to provide for the families of those who have laid down their lives to fulfill the duties they have been asked to do.

We know your love for people will always prevail.

In Jesus's name, Amen.

DAY TWENTY – EIGHT – SABBATH

Lord,

You are the One who created everything in six days and rested on the seventh. You modeled rest for us.

"Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done." (Genesis 2:3)

Lord, help us all remember the Sabbath. We know it is hard in this country for everyone to take a complete day off to observe the Sabbath, but we do know that each one of us can make the choice to find a day or a period of time to observe the Sabbath. Lord, this is less about a law, but more about each one of us taking the time to rest and reflect. It is also a great time to spend connecting with community.

Lord, when we get too busy, we forget about you and all that you do. We lose ourselves in our work and our busyness. Help us in America find a balance between working and resting just as you did. Lord, if our priorities would align with your will for us, things will go more smoothly.

"The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath." (Mark 2:27)

Help us receive the Sabbath as the blessing it was meant to be and not a burden.

In Jesus's name, Amen.

DAY TWENTY – NINE – ADDICTION

Lord,

We praise you that you are the One who provides a way out of temptation and that you are stronger than our greatest weakness.

"No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it." (1 Corinthians 10:13)

Today, we lift up to you the issue of addiction in America. It has taken way too many lives, hurt too many people, and will hurt many more people if we cannot get this crisis under control. We need your help. We pray right now that the fear of the Lord would overtake this country more than the fear of man. We pray right now that a spirit of trust would overtake this country instead of a spirit of uncertainty or doubt.

Lord, we know there are many people who turn to drugs, alcohol, and other addictive things to numb their pain and loneliness. Lord, somehow reach those who are suffering right now and reveal the Truth to them that you are the One who can help them heal and be made whole. Lord, we pray you would bring people alongside every single person who is suffering from addiction to help them see your love for them.

Lord, we know stopping is not easy, but we know it is possible. We pray the stigma of addiction would be removed from our country. We pray that people would not be ashamed or embarrassed to seek help. Lord, we pray for an increase in medical help for those who find themselves addicted. We know that just as the body often needs medicine for cancer, diabetes, and auto-immune diseases, to name a few, the body also needs help as it heals from addiction. Open our minds to ways to medically treat those who find themselves in addiction.

We pray for a continued positive response from the Church to this issue. We pray that the Church would not be the one to turn away or further shame the addict or worse, continue to hurt the individual suffering.

Lord, we pray for a deep work in those who find themselves in addiction. Reveal to them the deep issues thrusting them into addiction. Lord, we know many suffer from the trauma of abuse, neglect, abandonment, and insecurity. Those wounds need healing as they learn to live free from whatever their addiction is. Lord, if they can't get healing from the underlying issues, they may return to their addiction of choice, or even more dangerous behavior, because they will feel as though they failed in their attempt to get free from their addiction.

Lord, we pray right now for anyone contemplating taking that first drink, first drug, making that first click, or deciding whether to eat too much or not eat at all. We pray that your Spirit, even

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to nonbelievers, would cause them to say, "No!" We pray right now for every person getting ready to take that next drink, next drug, make that next click, binge eat or starve themselves. We pray your Spirit would help them say, "No!" and seek help. Lord, let healthy conviction be stronger than the craving and let every individual realize your Spirit as love.

"It teaches us to say 'No' to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age." (Titus 2:12)

We know that the addiction crisis is the work of the enemy to take over the minds and lives of the people you have created. We know it starts with temptation and the twisting of your Word. We know it lives hidden in darkness and shame. And, we know it screams at people that they are not well. Lord, these are the markings of the enemy. This is a spiritual war ravaging our country. It's a battle bigger than we can even see or understand. We stand trusting that you are fighting this battle on our behalf.

"Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." (James 4:7)

Lord, we look forward with great anticipation to the day addiction in this country is no longer a crisis. We look forward to the day people's lives are completely changed and they are freed from the bondage of addiction. We look forward to the day when our citizens are known as being filled with the Spirit more than anything driving addiction.

"Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit." (Ephesians 5:18)

We know it is possible because you take what seems impossible and make it happen.

We boldly ask these things in the name of Jesus, Amen.

DAY THIRTY – LIFE

Lord,

Your love never ceases to amaze us. Your miracles continue. From glory to glory you shall be praised.

Today, we lift up to you life. Lord, on so many levels we have devalued life. Our laws reflect our attitude toward unborn babies, our prisons are full of people who have killed and abused people, our families are broken because we put work and material things before relationships, and our hearts can be hardened toward one another for many reasons. Forgive us, Lord.

We know your Word says that children are a gift. Please direct the hearts of those who pass laws to see value in every baby in the womb. Please direct the hearts of those who believe it's a right to selectively choose who lives and who doesn't. Lord, we know for many, the decision is not easy, but for some, it is a convenience. Help us, and especially the Church, serve those who find themselves faced with the decision to end the life of a baby. Lord, increase the number of ministries who serve those in crisis pregnancies. Lord, convict our hearts when we scream abortion is wrong but do nothing to help those who are suffering and struggling.

"Children are a heritage from the LORD, offspring a reward from him." (Psalm 127:3)

Lord, we thank you for the opportunity to intercede on behalf of this country. We know that you hear our prayers. As humble hearts turn to you, change takes place. Revival starts within our hearts. Help us love the life you have given us. Help us remember that it is you who gives us eternal life...what a special gift. Lord, we pray with expectancy for the abundant life you promised. Not a life of abundance of stuff, but a life of abundant peace, joy, love, patience, kindness, and goodness.

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." (John 10:10)

Lord, we know you will continue the work of purifying our land. None of us are immune to the trappings of this world. For those who do not possess your free gift of salvation and the power of your Holy Spirit, we pray they would come to know you and receive it. Lord, for those who have already accepted your free gift of salvation, we pray they would be willing to be used in any way you see fit to reach people who need to hear the Gospel. We pray they, and each of us, not just become preachers of the Word, but also doers of the Word.

"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says." (James 1:22)

It was love that conquered death and it is love that will continue to bring healing and hope until you return.

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