



**IN THESE UNPRECEDENTED DAYS,  
AMERICANS UNITE AND PRAY ON THURSDAY, MAY 7<sup>th</sup>**

Each year, people gather across our nation, in over 60,000 local community events, to pray together for America. While the number of people gathering may be different this year, the prayers we pray will be multiplied and amplified through new and creative approaches, combined with unprecedented access to digital platforms. The National Day of Prayer National Observance Broadcast will take place on May 7th from 8:00 - 10:00pm ET. It will be broadcast, streamed and posted in many ways including on the National Day of Prayer website and seen LIVE on their Facebook page. <https://www.nationaldayofprayer.org/>

**LOCALLY** – we are suggesting that you find places of public interest – schools, churches, municipal buildings - and drive to the parking lots at those places to pray for God to transform our nation.

Stay in your car! PUT ON YOUR FLASHERS.

*Perhaps some other Believer will be there and join you in prayer even as you remain socially distant.*

## How to Pray for America **WHY PRAY FOR AMERICA?**

God is sovereign and nothing comes as a surprise to Him. Whether we face fluctuating economics, threats from abroad, unrest at home, or other troubling circumstances, our Heavenly Father is not caught unaware. Through prayer, we are able to tap into His wisdom, strength, protection, and peace. He stands ready to respond to our needs when we humbly ask for divine intervention in the affairs of men.

As we Pray for America whose pledge of allegiance recounts that we are “one nation under God,” and whose currency states that it is “in God we trust,” we want Americans to encounter the God who rules over their country. “He who forms the mountains, creates the wind, and reveals His thoughts to man, He who turns dawn to darkness, and treads the high places of the earth—the LORD God Almighty is His name.”—Amos 4:13 NIV

He is the One who gave us this promise in 2 Chronicles 7:14: “If my people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.” As we humbly and diligently seek Him, we’ll be changed, and we’ll see transformation in America through prayer!

## **HOW TO PRAY FOR AMERICA - BY PRAYING INTO SEVEN CENTERS OF INFLUENCE IN OUR NATION**

### **GOVERNMENT**

*Pray for your leaders, as well as the judges in our courts. Ask God to grant them wisdom to act with integrity. (1 Kings 3:28; 1 Timothy 2:1-2; Exodus 18:21; Proverbs 11:3; Romans 13:1-2)*

**Federal Government** Consider praying for our President, Vice President, Cabinet Members, Congressional Leaders, Supreme Court Justices

**State Government** Consider praying for your Governor, Executive Leaders, Legislative Leaders, Judicial Leaders

## Local Government

Consider praying for your Mayor, City Counsel, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Judges, County Officials

## MILITARY

Courage and dependence on God (Psalm 91) Perseverance to endure hardship (Isaiah 43:2; Deuteronomy 31:6) Divine protection from the enemy (Romans 5:1-5) Wise leaders who inspire respect from those under their command (Romans 13:1) Confidence and vision to persist in the face of negative publicity (Psalm 18:31-39) Protection and support for the families they have left behind (Romans 1:8-10) Chaplains who are divinely appointed to deliver hope and spiritual strength (Proverbs 4:11)

## MEDIA

*"...Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things." (Philippians 4:8)*

The decision makers within the media to realize they can make a profit by producing family-friendly projects (Proverbs 8:10-11) Christians in media to find favor and be filled with creative ideas that bring kingdom principles and life-giving messages to the public (Proverbs 2:1-15) Celebrities to be provided with repeated opportunities to hear and receive salvation (Proverbs 8:35)

## BUSINESS

Integrity among Christian workers so that they win the right to be heard (I Chronicles 29:17) Impartation of ideas and resources to open principled businesses, especially in areas that need an economic boost (Psalm 132:15) Christian workers to display Christ-like humility and service to their co-workers (Philippians 2:3)

## EDUCATION

A return to truth and Judeo-Christian ethics (Psalm 1:1-2)  
A safe atmosphere conducive to learning  
Excellence in educators (Exodus 18:20-21) Equal opportunities for every student to achieve their full potential (Philippians 1:9)

## CHURCH

*"So then, just as you received Jesus Christ as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ." (Colossians 2:6-8)*

The church would find a new zeal and commitment to the mission and purpose of Jesus Christ (Matt 22:37)  
Unity with and among churches that reveal God's love to the world (John 17:23)  
A return to the absolutes of God's Word (Psalm 1:1-3)  
Integrity—that God's people look and act differently from the world (I Peter 2:11; 1 Corinthians 13:6)  
A holy fear of the Lord released in the heart of God's people (Proverbs 9:10)

## FAMILY

Unity and love in individual families that reach out in hospitality toward others (Romans 12:9-13) The re-establishment of relationships between parents and children (Malachi 4:5-6)  
A return to family values that serve the nation as a whole (Job 22:21-22)  
A return to the biblical mandate to train their children at home in the fear of the Lord and not leave the responsibility to others (Proverbs 22:6)

