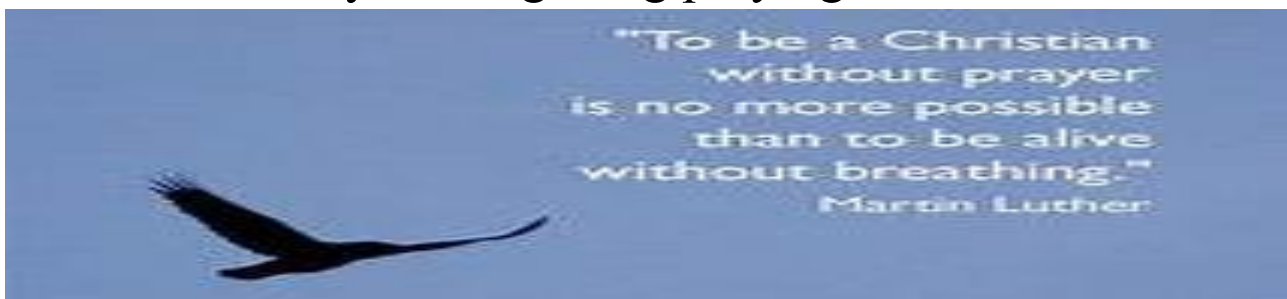


**40 Days of Prayer**  
**Liberty Bible**  
**Church**  
**2024**

# Importance of Prayer

“Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints” Ephesians 6:18

Prayer is a vital part of any Christian’s life. The Bible is full of verses that talk about prayer. Many people will pray when they get into a crisis situation. But, why wait? God has given us a mighty gift. The ability to come to Him anytime, day or night, to be right in His presence and talk to Him. We can share our fears, our worries, our needs, our praise and thanks! Just think, the God of the universe has time for US! He is waiting to hear from us. How can we have a relationship with someone we never talk to? Luke 6:12 states, “and it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.” If Jesus needed pray, how much more do we? Prayer ignites our dreams, brings forgiveness and healing to a broken life, and can help us live our life in power, the power of the Holy Spirit. For the next 40 days, we will use this booklet to pray together as a church family. When you pray, know others are praying with you. Let us see what powerful work, the Lord will do in our lives, our church, and our community. Let’s getting praying!



## Day 1 The Lord's Prayer

Romans 8:26 "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered."

We will start with one of the Lord's prayers:

"Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen."

Matt 6:9-13

## Day 2 Salvation

“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” Romans 10:13

Before we continue, one of the most important prayers we can utter is for the Lord to save us. The Bible states “all we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way...” (Isa 53:6). We have all sinned and done wrong things, thought bad thoughts, and said bad things. God says the penalty for all the bad things we have done is death and an everlasting separation from God (hell). Yet, God loves us and has made a way for us to be made new (forgiven). Jesus (God in the flesh) was born and lived among men, and because of His intense love, He died for US. He paid for our sins by dying on a cross. If we choose to believe in Jesus and choose to trust and obey Him, He welcomes us with open arms and not only forgives us for all the wrong we have done but also gives us a forever home with him in heaven.

If you have never decided to follow and trust Jesus, today is the day! “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1John 1:9) When this happens, we can go confidently to Him bringing all of our worries, struggles, sins, thanksgivings, and praises. You can have a relationship with Jesus right now! Praise God!

**If you have never chosen to have a relationship with Christ or you are not sure pray something like this....**"Dear God, I know I'm a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe Jesus Christ is

Your Son. I believe He died for my sin(s,) and you raised Him to life. I want to trust Him as my Savior and follow Him as Lord, from this day forward. Guide my life and help me to do your will. I pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen."(<https://peacewithgod.net/>)

\*\*\*If you prayed this prayer, please reach out to one of the deacons or other church members. We would love to celebrate with you and share some wonderful resources.

If you already have already chosen to trust and obey Jesus, now is a great time to renew your commitment to the Lord, pray...Dear Lord, thank You so much for loving me and for the gift of salvation. Thank You for dying on the cross for me and providing me a way to go to heaven. I submit my life to You and Your leadership. Help me to trust You. Help me to be quick to obey. Help me to not doubt but be confident in your saving grace. You are my hope and joy. In Jesus' name. Amen.

## Day 3 Forgiveness

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1:9

Sins we are not willing to stop or sins we are “hiding” from the Lord can get in the way of our prayers. Also, when we choose not to forgive others, the Lord may not hear our prayers either. Prayer is not just about “asking” the Lord for stuff, but a time to come clean. He knows all about the bad things we do anyway. What should we do? First, go and get your relationships right with anyone that you have a quarrel with. Forgive them and ask for them to forgive you. Try your best. They may not be willing to reconcile, but you can set them free and set yourself free from bitterness and unforgiveness. (Matt 5:23-24) Next, go and spend time with the Lord asking forgiveness for any and all wrongs on your mind and heart. Ask, the Lord to search your heart for anything else, you can't think of (Psalm 139:23-24). God does not take pride in pointing fingers or making you feel bad but wants you to be free of sin and the guilt associated with it. Let's pray.

Dear Lord, forgive me for \_\_\_\_\_. I am so sorry. I don't want to do this again. Help me to be strong. I want to live a righteous life and be obedient to You. I know You want me to have a blessed and abundant life. Thank You for being quick to forgive and slow to anger. In Jesus' name. Amen.

## Day 4 Thanksgiving

“Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.” Philippians 4:6

One Pastor asked what if God only gave you tomorrow what you thanked Him for today? Would you have your home, the windows, doors, walls, roof, appliances etc., your cars, your jobs, family, kids, spouse etc., health insurance, medications, health, salvation, the Bible, friends, your church, your pastor, prayer, the Holy Spirit... We have a lot to be thankful for. Maybe start by writing a list of all the things God has given you. If tomorrow came and they were gone, be thankful for them today.

"Dear God, Thank You for Your amazing power and work in our lives, thank You for Your goodness and for Your blessings over us. Thank You for Your great love and care. Thank You for Your sacrifice so we might have freedom and life. Forgive us for when we don't thank You enough, for who You are, for all You do, for all You've given. Thank You for \_\_\_\_\_. Help us to set our eyes and our hearts on You afresh. Renew our spirits, fill us with Your peace and joy. We love You and we need You, this day and every day. We give You praise and thanks, for You alone are worthy! In Jesus' Name, Amen."

- *Debbie McDaniel, Crosswalk.com Contributor*

## Day 5 Faith

“Therefore, I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.”

Mark 11:24

Lack of faith is one of the criticisms Christ had for his disciples. Let us pray that our faith may be strong because the Lord is always faithful and worthy to be trusted. Let's pray.

Dear Lord, help me to have faith in You. Help me to trust You especially during the difficult times. I am worried about \_\_\_\_\_. “Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.” Help me to remember all the times You have taken care of me and helped me. You are worthy to be trusted. Like the apostles, we ask, “Increase our faith.” You said, if we had faith as a grain of mustard seed, we might say unto this sycamine tree, “Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey You.” Let us uproot all our doubts and worries and keep our eyes focused on You! In Jesus' name. Amen.



## Day 6 Obedience

“Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” Matthew 26:41

As we discussed on day 3, sin can interfere in our relationship with the Lord. Obedience as one pastor stated is, “an outward reflection of our heart.” If we honor the Lord, it will be easy to obey. Dishonor breeds disobedience. What is the Lord’s love language? According to Samuel, “Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? **Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice**, and to hearken than the fat of rams.” (1 Sam 15:22). Obedience is so important to the Lord, and is how we show our love for Him. Let us pray.

Father we are not of this world but have a heavenly inheritance, reserved for us in heaven, and so we pray we will no longer be conformed into the pattern of this world and squeezed into its mold, but day by day be increasingly transformed into the image and likeness of the Lord Jesus Christ. Help me to obey in \_\_\_\_\_ . Help us to take every thought captive and to surrender our hearts and lives to You in true obedience and godly humility. May we who are Your children be drawn closer to You and each other as You do a good work in each of our lives. Build us up into a spiritual house, where Christ is the cornerstone and may Your indwelling Holy Spirit – prompt and guide us, encourage and train.

Lord I surrender all I am to You today and pray I may walk in newness of love and humble obedience all the days of my life, in Jesus’ name I pray, Amen. (<https://prayer.knowing-jesus.com/Prayers-for-Obedience>)

## Day 7 Love God

“Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.” Matthew 22:37

This is the greatest commandment. As children of God, we owe Him everything. Romans 5:8 states, “... God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” He didn’t wait to make the first move. He accepts us for who we are and loves us just as we are. He made a choice to love us regardless even unto death. When we realize how much God has done for us, it is easy to fall in love with Him. Let’s pray.

Jesus, You state we are to love You with our all of our heart, all of our soul, and all of our mind Forgive me for my selfishness. You are worthy of all love, respect, and honor. Help me to love You unselfishly with my whole heart. Help me to give of my life with my whole soul. Help me to keep my eyes on You so I can keep my mind focused on You. May I love You in all things and above all things. Place in my heart a desire to please You and fill my mind with thoughts of Your Love. I love You. Amen.  
(<https://www.catholic.org/prayers/prayer.php?p=798>)

## Day 8 Love My Neighbor

“And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.” Matthew 22:39

This may be a tough prayer for some. It might be easy to love God, He is so wonderful, but loving others; that might be too hard to accomplish. When God asks us to love our neighbor, our neighbor might be a friend, a stranger, or even an enemy. According to the story of the Good Samaritan, to most Jewish people, they could not stand the Samaritan people, and probably the feeling was mutual. That being said, the Samaritan, who probably did not care for Jewish people, still stopped and helped the wounded Jewish man though their peoples hated one another. How can we love those who we dislike or even those who despise us? Through prayer and also by understanding we are no better than they. Anything good we have is only because of the grace God has given to us. We are all the same. As the Golden Rule says, treat others as we would like to be treated. Let us pray.

Dear God, I want to be like You. Help me to love those I come in contact with. Help me to love everyone especially those who are hard to love. Help me to love \_\_\_\_\_. Forgive me when I fail. Open my eyes to see my own flaws before I judge others. Help me to be humble. Help me to be kind. Use my mouth to “speak life” to others and build others up. Help me to use my hands to heal and care for the broken. Help me to have a heart like Yours to love the sinner, the poor, the sick, and helpless. Help me to make time for others even when it doesn’t fit into my schedule. Help me to be Your hands and feet in this world and to shine Your light brightly so all will honor and glorify You. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

## Day 9 Wisdom

“If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.”

James 1:5

All throughout the book of Proverbs it talks about wisdom. It compares it to rubies (Proverbs 8:11). When Solomon became king and had the opportunity to ask God for anything, he asked for wisdom. Because Solomon sought wisdom instead of fame or riches, the Lord blessed him. So what is wisdom? Per the Webster’s dictionary, one definition is good sense and judgement. It is taking things you know and making application to your life or situation. What a blessing it would be to not only know the facts, but understand what to do, how to act, what to say, and what the next step should be? All we have to do is ask. Let’s pray.

Great teacher, Wisdom of God, Spirit of wisdom and revelation, Spirit of wisdom and understanding, teach me Lord. You know everything. You know the future. You know what would be best for me and those I care about. Lord, please open my eyes to Your knowledge. Help me discern what the best path would be. Give me insight into Your Word. Help me to stop, open my ears and listen. Help me to pray before I make decisions. Guide me in Your Word to find the answers I am needing. Give me wisdom about\_\_\_\_\_. Thank You for not only giving me wisdom but giving it liberally. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

## Day 10 Health

“Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms.” James 5:13

Are you afflicted? Are you suffering? This world is full of it. Don't be discouraged. Our God knows all about it. He is called the Great Physician because He has all the power to cure any disease. He not only knows about it, has power to cure it, but He loves us. Sometimes He heals, sometimes He waits to heal, and other times, He chooses not to. There are many reasons for His decisions. Many people turn to God during a health crisis. Others may get miraculous healing at a specific time when God will get the most glory. Other times, He allows things to happen to humble us and help us be a blessing to others. Yet sometimes He allows us to reap the consequences of bad health choices. Let us bring our requests to Him, knowing He knows what is best for us and though, we may not be healed, there must be some reason. We just need to bring our need to Him, and let Him work all things according to His plan and for our good. Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, You “knit me together in my mother’s womb.” You know everything about me, and You know what is best for me. Heal me of \_\_\_\_\_. Heal my family/friend of \_\_\_\_\_. I pray we will do what we must for our health. Help me to make healthy choices regarding nutrition, exercise, medications, and preventive care. Give wisdom to my doctors and nurses. Help me with \_\_\_\_\_ test coming up. Heal me Lord. But if You choose not to, help me to have joy in my circumstance, have faith in You, and be a blessing to others. Amen.

## Day 11 Finances

“Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.” James 4:3

“The love of money” as they say, “is the root of all evil.” When people get money, they lose their minds and many times make terrible decisions. God has a way, the best way to spend money. God states we are all stewards of money. This means God has given us all things including our money. God expects us to use our money wisely. He doesn't want us to use it selfishly. John 14:14 says, “If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.” That doesn't mean God is like a genie granting our wishes. God, being just and kind, wants to bless us and give us good things just as a good father likes to give to his children. God also wants us not become spoiled, or ungrateful. He wants the best for us and He knows the future and sometimes the things we ask for are not good for us. So when it comes to finances, let us ask God for wisdom on how to spend our money, how best to care for our family, and be a good steward of all the gifts He has given. Let us pray.

Lord, I commit our finances to You. Be in charge of them and use them for Your purposes. May I be a good steward of all You give, and I pray I learn to live free of burdensome debt. Where I have not been wise, bring restoration and give guidance. Help me to remember all I have belongs to You, and to be grateful for it. May our money not be stolen, lost, devoured, destroyed or wasted. Multiply it so what I make will go a long way. I pray I will not be anxious about finances but will seek Your kingdom first, knowing then I will have all I will ever need. Amen. (Power of Praying Wife. S. Omartian)

## Day 12 Safety

“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.”

1 Peter 5:8

This world is full of danger and toils. From the beginning of time when Cain killed Abel, man has found ways to hurt and threaten one another. People hate, rob, fight, rape and kill one another. Even if we feel safe, we sometimes worry about others, our kids, friends, family, and so on. God also states we should stay sober and vigilant because we have another enemy, the devil, who is waiting to destroy us. As a soldier during war times is always alert and ready, we should be also be prepared and watchful. But God does not leave us here alone. He has sent His Holy Spirit to lead us and speak to us, even to keep us out of hazardous situations. He gives us His Word to shelter and guide us. He promises He will take care of us. Though accidents or natural disasters come our way, God is always willing to help. Let us pray for God’s protection.

“Lord, I pray You would protect me and \_\_\_\_\_ from any accidents, diseases, dangers, or evil influences. Keep us safe, especially while we travel. Hide us from violence and the plans of evil people. Give me wisdom and discretion that will help me walk safely and not fall into danger. Be our fortress, strength, shield and stronghold. Save us from any plans of the enemy that seek to destroy our life. Preserve our going out and coming in. In Jesus’ name. Amen

## Day 13 My Family

“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!” Psalm 133:1

So far we have been primarily praying for ourselves, but now we branch out. Those closest to us, primarily our family need our prayers desperately. When we pray, regardless if they are close or far from us, God is with them and helping them and fighting for them. One of the most sweet blessings we can give our family is to pray for them. Let us pray.

Lord, I want to thank You for this precious family of mine. For the talents and good things You have given each of us. Please keep us united, and our bond strong as the days pass. Please guide us, protect us and equip us to do Your will each and every day. Thank You for all You are, and all You have given us. My heart is forever grateful! Lord, I ask for protection and safety over my spouse, my children, my parents, my family members and myself today. Please lead us with Your mighty hands today and always. Deliver us from any enemy and evil that try to hinder our way. Do not let the ways of the enemy blind our eyes. We know You are for us, so no one could ever stop us. Please watch over us and guide us all safely throughout this day. Thank You for blessing us and I pray specifically for \_\_\_\_\_ . In Jesus' name. Amen.

[https://www.holylandprayer.com/prayer\\_for/prayers-for-our-family/](https://www.holylandprayer.com/prayer_for/prayers-for-our-family/)



## Day 14 My Spouse

“Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it.” Ephesians 5:22, 25

One pastor had said a great marriage would be like heaven on earth while a bad one would be the opposite. Marriage can be blissful or filled with remorse, loneliness, and pain. Many marriages end in divorce. Marriage should be a picture of Christ’s relationship with the church. Marriage is work and needs to be covered in prayer. Let us spend time lifting up our spouses and the gift of marriage. Let us pray.

I pray for the gift of marriage. Let it become a holy and honored establishment again. I pray my spouse would love the Lord with all their heart, mind, soul, and strength. Help them to love the Word of God and allow it to change them to be more like Christ. Help them to respect You and submit to Your leadership. Help us to love, be patient, hard to offend, and quick to forgive. Let our sexual needs be met only by one another. Let us to be devoted to prayer. Help us to love one another unconditionally and stay faithful to one another. I thank You for my spouse. Help them specifically in the area of \_\_\_\_\_. In Jesus’ name. Amen. (The Battle Plan for Prayer)

## Day 15 My Children

“And all thy children shall be taught of the LORD; and great shall be the peace of thy children.” Isaiah 54:13

There is very little that is more precious to us than our children. It is also true parenting can be difficult. Parents want the best for their kids, and want their kids to be happy. True happiness, as we find in Psalm 1:1-6, is to love and follow God’s Law. Numerous times in the Bible, we find the writers show great love for the Law. The Law teaches us about God, His character, the need for a savior, and is the beginning of a relationship with the Lord. It also teaches us how to live a righteous life, which in turn leads to a peaceful life. Let us pray.

Lord, I love my children, but I know You love them more. Help me to love them. Help them to feel accepted and loved. Help me to be an example of You. Help me to teach them and guide them to the path You would have them go. Help me to control my tongue and be kind. Help me not to exasperate them. Let them find Godly friends and role models. Be with their future spouses. Let them walk in truth, have righteous character, stand up to temptation, make the right choices, and follow God’s will for their life. God, protect our children. Keep evil people and devious plans away from them. I pray they will be obedient and resist rebellion. Keep them pure. Let them have a heart like Yours. Help them to follow truth and reject lies, a freedom from fear. Keep them safe and healthy. I pray they will find You at a young age and have a totally dedicated life to You. I release \_\_\_\_\_ into Your hands. In Jesus’ name. Amen. (Power of a Praying Parent)

## Day 16 Our Parents

“Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise” Ephesians 6:2

No matter how old we are, we can still honor and respect our parents. Sometimes it is hard when we don't agree with them. As kids, we need to obey our parents as we obey the Lord. As adults, we may not need obey them like we did as kids, but we can still honor them since they have experienced life before us. We can love and respect them. Let us pray.

O Almighty God, You gave us the commandment to honor our father and mother. In Your loving kindness hear my prayer for my parents. I thank You for my dearest parents who have loved me and cared for me. Bless them generously for their loving care for me. Be with them and surround them with Your presence. Open their hearts to trust Your constant care. Help me to show how much I appreciate them. Forgive me for the times I've made them sad. Bless them with good health and happiness. I place them in Your hands. Watch over them with tender love. Keep them close to one another in this life and in the next. Give them long lives and keep them well in body and spirit. Bless their labours; keep them always in Your care. Grant that, through Your grace, I may always be their support and comfort, and that, after our life together on earth, we may experience the joy together praising You forever.” In Jesus' name. Amen.

<https://www.catholic.org/prayers/prayer.php?p=2472>

<http://spreadjesus.org/christion-prayers/1261-prayer-for-parents-o-god-i-thank-you-for-my-dearest-parents.html#.XFuU5BJOmM8S>

## Day 17 Unsaved Loved Ones

“Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.” 1 Tim 2:4

God has a huge heart and doesn't want any to perish. He loves everyone and wants us to love others as well. The goal is not just to be kind, but to share the gospel resulting in the salvation of the lost. Because God loves the unsaved, we should love them too. We may know friends or family who are not saved. Many times it is hard to talk to them about Jesus. We need God's help. Prayer is a great way to open a door, and have God help us as we try to witness. God knows them and knows the best way to bring them to salvation. This all starts with prayer. Let us pray.

Heavenly Father. Help me have a heart like You for the unsaved. Open my eyes. Help me to have humility and boldness to share Your wonderful news of salvation with the unsaved. I pray for \_\_\_\_\_ that he/she may be saved and have a completely dedicated life to You. Work in their hearts to prepare them to receive the gospel. I pray against the enemy. Prevent him from blinding their hearts. Pray for opportunities and boldness for me and others to share in power and love. Convict and agitate their hearts which brings true repentances and a desire for Christ's cleansing. In Jesus' name. Amen. (The Battle Plan for Prayer)

## Day 18 The Church

“Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it.” Ephesians 5:25

The world is very hard on the church. Yet Christians can also be found criticizing and tearing down the church. Christ loved the church so much that He died for it. We need to pray for the church, the universal church all over the world and the local church. Let us pray.

Lord God our Father in heaven, we need You. We're desperate for You. We pray now in the name and through the blood of Jesus that You would stir up faith and repentance among us like never before. I ask You would soften our hearts toward You and break our hearts toward sin. Unite Your church in fervency, fasting, and devotion to prayer, desiring nothing more eagerly than we desire You and Your glory to be poured out upon us. (Battle Plan)

I pray for Liberty Bible Church that You would put a hedge of protection around her. Help her to always speak truth. Help her to keep focused on You. Let Liberty Bible Church always keep her first love, You. Let her be a light in a dark world and have a Godly presence in Vienna, and all throughout Ohio. Help us \_\_\_\_\_. In Jesus' name. Amen.

## Day 19 Pastor and His Family

“Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.”

Hebrews 13:17

Pastors have a huge responsibility. He teaches us, helps us, and prays for us. He hears our complaints, feels hurts when people are unkind, and he and his family can be under spiritual attack. We are in need of a pastor so let us bring this request to the Lord. Let us pray.

Jesus, thank You for the pastors you have brought into our lives. We are in need of a new pastor. Please give wisdom to the pastor advisory committee and the deacons as they search for a new pastor. We ask that wherever he is, you will lead him to our church. We ask for hedge of protection to be placed around he and his family. We pray this pastor will love the Lord with all his heart, mind, soul, and strength. We pray he will experience the filling and anointing of the Holy Spirit. He will honor Christ in his heart, words, and actions. He will be a loving, faithful, and a Christ-like husband to his wife. He will lead his family and the church with wisdom, courage, and sensitivity that only the Holy Spirit can provide. He will abide in Christ and be devoted to prayer, relying on God. He will rightly divide the Word of truth, continue to discover new depths of understanding as a student of the Word, and communicate the gospel with clarity. He will have a heart for the lost and be a fruitful soul winner. Keep his priorities in line with the will of God. Let him walk in purity and be protected from the deceptive schemes of Satan. The schemes of the devil will not succeed. Only the Lord's plans will prevail. He will emulate the grace, strength, and compassion of the Good Shepherd. In Jesus' name. Amen. (Battle Plan)

## Day 20 Church Family

“Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.” James 5:16

The church is made up of a variety of different people. Each has their own gifts, talents, backgrounds, and ideas. Sometimes the differences can cause conflict. Sparks can fly and feelings can get hurt. People get lonely in church. Instead of complaining or getting angry, let us come to the Lord in prayer. Let us submit ourselves to one another in humility and focus our eyes on Jesus.

Heavenly Father, thank You for my church family. Create an atmosphere of unity and shared vision for the will of God. Let us fully surrender our lives to the lordship of Jesus Christ. We will learn to abide in Christ, be filled with Your spirit, and live according to Your will. We will grow in Christ and obey the Word of God as a disciple. We will love the Lord with all of our hearts, minds, souls, and strength. We will walk in love, kindness, and favor with the lost and believers. Pray we will find our identity and satisfaction in Christ. Help us to be devoted to prayer in secret and corporately. Forgive us of our sin. Help us to walk in holiness before You. Give us strength to break free from any bondage, stronghold, or addiction in our lives. Let us be a family and build one another up. Help us to submit to one another in humility. In Jesus' name. Amen. (Battle Plan)

## Day 21 Faithful Servants

“Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous,  
but the labourers are few” Matthew 9:37

God has a plan and He chooses to work through us. Unfortunately, a small group of people usually end up doing most of the work. God states the church is like a body made up of many parts. Each part is important and needed. Every Christian is also important and needed. Each has their own talents and spiritual gifts which should be used for the Lord. Let us pray that each of us would not get weary of doing good.

Dear Lord thank You so much for all of the workers at our church. I pray they would feel appreciated and stay in Your will. We pray protection for them and their families. Fulfill their needs. I pray the church would use their spiritual gifts, work diligently, be faithful, and be ready for the Lord’s return. Let us stay in fellowship, serve, worship, and grow. Our church will walk with integrity, keep our promises, fulfill our commitments, obey You, make disciples of others, help accomplish the great commission by reaching out to the world with the gospel, and by supporting global missions. Bless the deacons and their families. Bless the music ministry and media team. Bless the Sunday school classes, Bible studies and teachers. Thank You for our building and vans and keep them safe and taken care of. Bless all the various workers who work behind the scenes, cleaning the church, maintaining it, the secretary, cooking, hospitality, nursing home. Give me wisdom on what You would have me do. Let us be found faithful and one day hear, “well done, thou good and faithful servant.” In Jesus’ name. Amen. (Battle Plan)



## Day 22 Church Events

“Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established.” Proverbs 16:3

We are blessed to have many activities and events going on at the church. They take time, energy, money, and wisdom. The first thing we should do is lift them up in prayer to make sure we should do them and then pray for the workers, for God’s will to be done, and for God to provide. Let us pray.

Lord God, we ask for wisdom for our upcoming events. Give the church leadership a clear vision as to the mission and activities the church should be part of. We want Your will do be done. Help us to say “no” to things that go against Your will. Please be with the various workers. Give them strength and energy. Help us with the finances, preparation, the people who attend, and all aspects of the ministry. Please bless \_\_\_\_\_  
in Jesus’ name. Amen.

## Day 23 Other Local Churches

“I thank my God upon all my remembrance of you” Phillipians 1:3

Many people don't like to support churches that are not their own. They become competitive and worry their members may leave and go to another church. We should not worry about headcount. Our goal is to worship God and build one another up. If we do, true Christians will stay if they can. All Biblical churches are part of Christ's body. We need to encourage them and pray for them.

Lord, I pray for all the local churches that You would provide for them, protect them, and grant unity and peace. Let them be doers of the Word and follow Your will. "... I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that he would grant (to the churches in our community), according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in their hearts by faith; that they, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, they might be filled with all the fulness of God. Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen. Ephesians 3:14-21

## Day 24 Spread of the Gospel

“And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.” Mark 15:16

God is so wonderful. He doesn't want anyone to go to hell. He has asked us to partake in this great mission to share His amazing story and to guide all men to the foot of the cross. Before we go. Before we speak. Before we share, we must pray.

Dear Heavenly Father. Forgive us for not being bold, for being lazy, for not making Your commission our priority. Thank You someone shared the gospel message with me. Thank You for including me in this great work. Thank You that You care enough to bring as many as can be saved to Your saving grace. We pray for those who go out into the world to be a light in this dark world. Protect them. Go ahead of us and make the ground ready. Let us sow seeds, water other's sowing, and even partake of seeing the Harvest. We know Your Word will never come back unfruitful, so thank You. Holy Spirit please convict and agitate the spirit of the unbeliever so they will come running to You. Work in their hearts to prepare them to receive the gospel. Pray against the enemy. Prevent him from blinding their hearts. I pray for opportunities and boldness for me and others to share in power and love. Let it result in repentance and the desire for Christ's cleansing. Let Your name be glorified. In Jesus' name. Amen.

## Day 25 Missionaries

“Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.” Isaiah 6:8

Missionaries are the extended family of the local church. Just like the local church, they have their share of problems. From safety issues, not knowing the language, physical needs, having to leave home, and needing financial assistance. It takes a very special person to want that kind of stress. Many would say God calls them specifically for this work. Beside supporting them with money and kindness, we should cover them in prayer. Let's pray.

Great God, we pray for our missionaries. We pray for open doors to share the Gospel freely. We pray for boldness in sharing the truth and for clarity of mind and message. We pray for language fluency, for cultural understanding and connection. We pray for unity within their team. Protect them and their entire family. Keep them healthy and fulfill their needs. We pray for boldness, power to utter the mysteries of the gospel. We pray they may demonstrate to the world the spirit and the power. Pray for the current laborers and for more laborers to assist the ministry. We pray for the harvest that You would go ahead and prepare a way. Let there be a bountiful harvest as many repent and turn toward You. In Jesus' name. Amen.

## Day 26 Future Workers

“This shall be written for the generation to come: and the people which shall be created shall praise the LORD.” Psalm 102:18

The Lord’s work is never done. When all of us have gone to be with the Lord, our children and grandchildren will take over for us. They will need our prayers and guidance especially when we are not here. Let’s pray.

God You are the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. We come to You today to lift up the future generations. We pray they would know You at an early age. We pray they would bring revival to this country. We pray for their protection as the world will get harder for Christians as we get closer to Your return. May they be strong, wise, humble, ever walking close to You. May they be a light in this dark world. We lift them up as they take over the business of the Lord. We may not be with them physically, but we know Your Spirit will be their “ever present help in a time of need”. “You know the hearts of our young kids. I pray You would grow a desire in them that some would devote a life of service to a ministry. We need honest preachers. We need passionate worship pastors. We need men that will take hold of these desires and run with them. You can do great things, Father, through us and I pray You will use the Holy Spirit to speak to our adolescent children to grow a passion inside of them that wants to know You more and live for You daily!” In Jesus name. Amen

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## Day 27 Revival

“Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?” Psalm 85:6

The definition of revival is, “renewed attention to or interest in something.” How many of us need a renewed interest in God, His Word, and His work. Apathy is the opposite. Apathy is not caring. Many Christians don’t seem to care. They are happy with coming to church and going home, never making a change in themselves or what they do. We many never read our Bible or spend time praying. It seems the message we hear each Sunday only goes skin deep. Let us pray for revival in our churches, throughout our country, and first of all, inside of us. Let’s pray.

Lord God our Father in heaven, we need You. We’re desperate for You. We pray now in the name and through the blood of Jesus You would stir up faith and repentance among us like never before. I ask You would soften our hearts toward You and break our hearts toward sin. Unite Your church in fervency, fasting, and devotion to prayer, desiring nothing more eagerly than we desire You and Your glory to be poured out upon us. May we humble ourselves, and pray, and turn from our wicked ways, and seek Your face until You heal our land. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Forgive us. Cleanse us. Heal us. Send revival, O Lord. Bring millions to saving faith in Your Son Jesus. And cause us as Your children to be solely devoted to serving You, loving You and extending love to others. May the world see Your glory, and may Your name be honored and adored among the nations in our generation. In Jesus’ name we pray in faith. Amen. (Battle Plan)

## Day 28 Churches around the World

In America, 247 million people consider themselves Christians, but the world has 2 billion people who are Christians! We are all part of Christ's body and therefore we need to lift one another up. Let's pray.

Father, we pray for Your Church throughout the world, that it may fulfill the work of Your Son -- revealing You to men and women, and reconciling them to You and to one another. We pray Christians may love one another and their neighbors, as You loved us, and working together, they may bring peace to all people.

We pray for all those troubled parts of the world where people are suffering as a result of fighting, of hunger, of disease, of losing their homes. Bring peace and hope, and above all expressions of love into their lives.

Grant us, we pray, deliverance from the evil one. Bring peace to the striving nations, unity to a divided church, deliverance to a host of oppressed peoples, and salvation to the unsaved masses of the world. For truly, Lord, Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever! Amen!

[http://www.thisischurch.com/prayer\\_worship/intercession/inter020804.htm](http://www.thisischurch.com/prayer_worship/intercession/inter020804.htm)

<https://www.reformedworship.org/article/march-1989/priestly-prayers-intercessions-church-and-world>

## Day 29 Persecuted Christians

“In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.” 2 Tim 2:12

Christ told us we would be persecuted if we continue to follow Him. We may have never been in jail, beat up, or robbed because of our faith, but many of our brothers and sisters have and some have even lost their lives. Let us fight for them. Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we are going to lift up our persecuted brothers and sisters all over the world. If it is according to Your plan, please take the persecution away. If not, please give them hope, peace, love, joy, and strength that surpasses all understanding. Bless their families and church family. Bless their health and finances. Let their persecutors be saved.

I pray Christians in the West would remember the persecuted as though bound with them. Pray Christian literature will encouraged and strengthen many believers. Pray for families of martyrs that the Holy Spirit will be their comforter. Pray for Christian refugees who have been displaced because of their faith. Pray for Christians injured for their faith that they may be healed and receive the help they need. I pray for the persecuted pastors. Grant them courage and wisdom as they serve others. Fight for our brothers and sisters. Help us never to forget. In Jesus' name. Amen.

(VOM)



## Day 30 God's Word

“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.” Hebrews 4:12

God's Word is so amazing. From Genesis to Revelation, it reveals the extraordinary character of God and His endless pursuing of us. It is chalk full of advice about how to love God, how to love others, and how to live this perilous life. Advice on family, marriage, how to give, how to deal with conflict, and even finances. Many would like to change it to fulfill their own needs. Let us pray for God's work to be kept intact and to continue to be fruitful.

Father, thank You for giving me Your Word as a guide, as a light, as a revealer of truth about Yourself and about this relationship You've invited me into. By giving me Your Spirit and Your Word—even when it seems hard to do—You've actually made it simple for me to keep. Not easy, but simple. I repent today of those times when I still find Your Word undesirable, untrustworthy, or too much trouble to follow. I want to be a person who keeps Your Word, whatever the cost, whatever the circumstance. Thank You for bringing it down to earth where I can see it, learn it, know it, and do it. We pray Your Word would be kept intact and it will continue to touch lives. In Jesus' name, Amen.

<https://www.crosswalk.com/devotionals/your-daily-prayer/a-prayer-for-keeping-god-s-word-your-daily-prayer-january-20-2017.html>

## Day 31 Against the Wiles of the Devil

“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.” James 4:7

The devil is real. He hates God but has no power to hurt God so he does the next best thing, hurt those God loves, namely us. The devil wants every one of us to go to hell. He wants our lives to be ruined and destroyed. He wants to steal our joy. Many people feel they can do nothing about it, but, God has given us power to fight. The Bible states if we, “submit ourselves to the Lord and resist the devil, he will flee from us.” With the power of prayer we have God on our side and the devil is no match for our mighty God. Let’s pray.

“Lord, thank You for alerting us in Your Word to the tactics and activity of the devil. Thank You also for equipping us with spiritual weaponry to stand firm and push back against his assaults and his campaign of lies, distortions, distractions, and accusations. Help us not be ignorant of his schemes. Give us the grace to discern how the enemy will try to attack so we can wisely pray preemptively and prepare ourselves to stand firm in the evil day. Keep us steady, Lord, clear minded, braced, ready, walking wisely, and living in victory. Fix our eyes up to You by faith, kept by Your power. In Jesus’ name. Amen.” (Battle Plan)

## Day 32 The Unserved

“Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.” 1 Timothy 2:4

One of our most cherished roles we have as a Christian is to bring a fellow human being to Christ. It’s like we have the cure for cancer, only better, and we can tell the whole world this wonderful news. Let us pray for the unsaved, that their hearts may be opened. Let us pray for ourselves, that we always have a heart for the unsaved.

Lord, give me a greater heart for the lost—a heart that doesn’t ignore them or work around them, but rather breaks for them. Guard me from even subtly downplaying their need for You or considering their salvation someone else’s job to worry about. Open my eyes as I travel throughout each day, watching for You to open doors, so I can give effective testimony to Your goodness and faithfulness. I have the power of God inside me, so help me to battle against our enemy. O Lord, he will not succeed in blocking the truth from getting through to those who are dying without You. Thank You for allowing me to be part of this kingdom priority. Help me see it as a privilege, not a burden—a willing sacrifice for Your incredible sacrifice You’ve made for me. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

## Day 33 The Unborn

“Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.” Psalm 127:3

Lately, we have had some devastating news that some states are passing laws allowing abortion up to the due date. This allows more and more babies to be destroyed. January of this year, it has been in just the United States, an “estimated 64,443,118 abortions since the Supreme Court handed down its 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision.” Let us pray for God’s forgiveness for us and protection for the unborn.

Dear God, forgive us for the millions of lives that been taken. I pray for those yet to be born. There are thousands and thousands of little babies waiting to be born from their mommies. I pray that these little ones will hear the truth of the Bible as they grow older. I pray for Your protection on them in the womb. Without new life, we would be extinct and children are a huge blessing. Guide, guard and direct these little ones as they grow in You. They could change the world because of You! I lift them up to You in the name of Your precious Son. Amen

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## Day 34 Government

“Exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.” 1 Timothy 2:1-2

Our government, our president, congress, governor, mayor, and Trumbull county officials, are all imperfect people. They need our prayers. Even if we don't agree with them, we know the Lord can turn the head of the king any way he wishes. Other forms of authority need our prayers too, our bosses and fathers. Let us pray for their protection, for wisdom, and that they may lead with integrity.

Father, I acknowledge all authority is from You. The authorities you have placed in my life only have power because of You. As a demonstration of my submission to You, I choose to pray for the governmental, family, and job authorities You have placed over my life. Please draw them to salvation and give them a fear of the Lord in all their decisions. Use them to guide, protect, praise, and discipline me in order that I might do Your will, even as I do the same for those under my authority. Use me to be a blessing. Grant me favor so I can daily help people live out their full potential under Your total authority and lordship. In Jesus' name. Amen.

## Day 35 Our Military

“Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.” Joshua 1:9

Most of us have no idea what sort of trials our military have gone or are going through. From politics, time away from family, recovery from the trauma of war, and physical injuries, our military men and women need our prayers. Let us pray for them and their families.

Father, thank You for the privilege of praying for our service men and women. Some serve far from home. We may not even know where they are, but You do. If they're in harm's way, protect them. Shield them from those who seek to do them harm. Thwart the plans of the enemy. Some are spiritually far away from You. Maybe the horrors they've witnessed have caused them to question Your love, care, or even existence. Reveal Yourself to them in a personal, mighty way. Remove whatever stumbling block that keeps them from wholeheartedly surrendering to You. For those who already have a relationship with You, strengthen their resolve to honor You with their lives. Connect them with other believers. Draw them to Your Word every day. Answer their prayers. Use them as a beacon of hope in this dark world. When they are afraid, grant them Your peace. Don't allow fear to draw them down paths they shouldn't walk or situations they should avoid. Remind them to cry out to You and experience Your deliverance. When their hearts ache with loneliness, be their constant companion. Help them feel Your presence as You walk beside them. Guard their health, Father. Protect them from the destructive forces of drugs and alcohol. Give our service members wisdom for every task, decision, and situation they encounter. And Father, help their families who love them, to trust You more. In the strong name of Jesus I pray, Amen.

## Day 36 Our First Responders

“If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.” 1 Peter 4:11

Today we lift up our first responders, our firemen, police officers, EMTs, doctors, and nurses. Every day they work hard to take care of us usually in very stressful, crisis situations. They need our support and prayers.

Father, we are so blessed to have men and women who work diligently for our safety and well-being, even when their jobs are difficult and often thankless. Give them the strength You provide so as they serve, You will be honored. Lord Jesus, we pray for first responders everywhere who have not yet made You their Lord and Savior. Please put Your people in their paths, so they might learn to seek You first and honor You. Gracious God, first responders have such dangerous jobs! Help them to dwell in Your shadow. May You always be their refuge in difficult situations. May they trust in You completely, moment by moment. Show them Your power when they find themselves in unsafe situations or when they face people who threaten to harm them. Lord, every day first responders have to make difficult and complicated decisions. Help them to choose wisely and well in every situation. Give them clarity and help them to stay calm and collected in the tense moments they face. Help them call out to You whenever they don't know what to do. May they always keep their eyes fixed upon You. Father, please keep our first responders emotionally strong but spiritually tender when they are confronted by the evil

and brokenness around them. May they have compassion for those whose lives are broken and may they demonstrate kindness to them. Help them to recognize when others express hate and anger toward them, they can find their security in You. Lord God, the families of first responders experience so much stress and fear. As a result, many marriages among first responders are broken and the divorce rate is high. Bring Your peace to their families, Lord. Help these men and women to keep their eyes fixed upon You so they might love their spouses as You have instructed, and so they might train up their children in godly ways. Help them to find quality time with their families. Lord God Almighty, help us to show our first responders how much they are appreciated. May these brave men and women know their God and their community supports them and cares for them! Give us ways to demonstrate our gratitude and thankfulness for their difficult sacrifices every day. In Jesus name. Amen.



## Day 37 Our Teachers and Schools

“Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” Proverbs 22:6

The world is getting more perilous for our schools. Our teachers and children need our protection. Our kids also need Godly teachers instead of being conditioned to a secular worldview. Let us pray for our kids and schools.

Dear God, grant our teachers an abundance of Your wisdom. Prepare their hearts to welcome and love our loved ones, and may we show them love and respect in return. Give them grace as they help students who aren't thriving, courage to say what needs to be said, tools and knowledge. They are shaping the future in one million small - yet incredibly important - ways every day. We are overwhelmed with gratitude for the gift of learning they share with our children. Bless them, Lord, and may they see even just a glimpse of how their faithfulness will forever impact generations to come. Bless our bus drivers and buses. Keep them safe. Lord, I pray Your emotional, physical, and spiritual protection over my kids (grandkids). Keep evil far from them, and help them to trust You as their refuge and strength. I pray You will guard their minds from harmful instruction, and grant them discernment to recognize truth. I pray You will make them strong and courageous in the presence of danger, recognizing You have overcome and will set right all injustice and wrong one day. Help them to find rest in Your shadow, as they live in the spiritual shelter You provide for them. Let them know the only safe place is in Jesus, and their home on earth is only temporary. Let them have a love of learning and be successful in all they do. In Jesus' name. Amen.

## Day 38 Jesus' Return

“But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.” Matt 24:36-37

To all Christians one of the greatest days in entire human history is when Christ returns. No one knows the day or time except for God the Father. When Jesus comes back he is finally going to be on the throne, finally the whole world will see Him as the King of Kings, Lord of Lords, and every knee will bow. Let us be ready and pray for this splendid day.

Heavenly Father, we long for anticipation for the day when Your Son will come back. We have longed and strived for this day. Forgive us Lord for not always being ready. Help us to be a good steward, a good servant ready when the master returns. You deserve all honor and glory, and we long to see Your name edified and lifted up by the entire world! You said, “Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.”

## Day 39 The Future

“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.” Jeremiah 29:11

The future is always uncertain. For many the future may be scary but for a Christian, our God is still God of the future. He is already there, and if we follow Him, He will make our paths straight. We don't need to worry, just pray.

“Loving Lord, You are our hope and our strength in time of trouble – You are our ever present help in this difficult world and Lord I know You hold the future in the palm of Your hands and I trust You.

Thank You that You are always there to provide for my needs and protect me from the storms of life...and I pray no matter what the future holds –You will remain there beside me. I know Lord no matter how difficult things become in this world You have promised never to leave me nor forsake me – but I also know in this world we will have tribulation and trials – and I pray You will be with me through all that I face in the future.

You are my hope and You are my strength and I thank You that You have promised that no matter how difficult life becomes Your grace is sufficient for all my needs. Help me to rely on You no matter what problems and difficulties arise – for my hope is in You. In Jesus name. Amen.”

<https://prayer.knowing-jesus.com/Prayers-for-the-Future>

## Day 40 Our Nation

“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.” 2 Chronicles 7:14

Today is the National Day of Prayer. Let us pray together.

Jesus, we profess our faith in You. You are the Light of the world, and in You there is no darkness. For You are our lamp, O LORD, and our God who lights our darkness. Forgive us for fearing and focusing on the darkness around us instead of being filled with faith and shining like the city on a hill You have called us to be. Forgive us for the times when we have been the absence of light, allowing darkness to dwell in America. Lead us forward to dispel the darkness and bring light throughout the Church, Family, Education, Business, Military, Government, and Arts, Entertainment, and Media. We are saved by grace through faith, released from the darkness that once held us captive and now free to walk in the newness of life in You. Light dispels darkness and exposes what is hidden and wicked, so we commit to rise and shine! For by You, Lord, we can take courage to run against the enemy, and by our God we can fight the good fight and keep the faith as living lampstands in our communities and country. We fear no evil for You are with us. Lord, Your way is perfect, You lead us on paths of righteousness for Your name's sake. Your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Your Word is Truth, instructing and inspiring us to live in the abundant life You gave when You saved us from the death and destruction of the enemy. Fill us with Truth as we read, study, and live Your Word. God,

You are a shield for all those who take refuge in You. As we abide in You and Your Word abides in us, we take up our shield of faith and the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God and run boldly into the darkness to **Lift Up the Word and Light Up the World!** In the Mighty name of Jesus we pray, amen!

(National Day of Prayer)