PRAYER GUIDE for the NATION

"Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence." 1 Timothy1:1-2

20 BIBLE-BASED PRAYERS FOR OUR NATION

Pray for God's Plan for the Nations.
"After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands."  Rev. 7:9

O Sovereign God, in Your Word You say that You long not only for individuals but for people of every kind--whether defined by government, tribe, clan, or language--to bow before You in obedience and humility. As the only Sovereign God, the One to whom all our allegiance is due, we bow before You now. As we prepare to vote in this fall’s elections, we ask that we’d be one nation under God. We’ve sinned against You in many ways as a nation. We come before You in repentance and humility, earnestly desiring Your will for our country. In Your mighty Name, Amen.

Pray For our Leaders to be God-Fearing.
Select capable men from all the people-men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain. Exodus 18:21

Lord, You are enthroned above all the nations in the earth, kings, rulers and governments. You are high and exalted. We ask that you move among the leadership of our country. May our leaders at every level those honor, fear and serve You. In Jesus’ Name. Amen

Pray for a Desire for Righteousness.
"The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love." Ps. 33:5

Holy Lord God, All the earth is filled with Your glory and beauty, and your majesty fills the heavens. You love righteousness and hate wickedness (Psalm 45:7a). May Americans wake up and earnestly desire righteousness and justice, and walk humbly before You, honoring Your ways. Stir up a hunger for righteousness in our nation, O God, let each one determine to seek You and Your righteousness displayed in the earth. In Your Name I pray. Amen.

Pray for our Leaders to have Wisdom.
"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all men generously..." James 1:5

O mighty God, You are the fount of all true wisdom, and we proclaim You as Father and Creator God--the One who nullifies the counsel of the nations and whose counsel stands forever. There are many complex and difficult decisions facing our leaders. We pray that our leaders will humbly depend upon You for wisdom and direction for solutions. In the power of Your Name. Amen.

Pray For Our Nation to Desire to Know God.
"...God our Savior who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth..." Tim. 2:3b-4

Thank You gracious, loving God that You have provided the way for every person on earth to be cleansed of sin and guilt. Thank You for the sacrifice of Your Son, Jesus Christ, whose blood washes us clean and leads us to our
heavenly home. I pray every leader in this nation would come to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ and live a surrendered life to Him. Awaken them to their spiritual need by bringing godly people into their lives who demonstrate, through their actions, what it means to follow Jesus. Give them courage and grace to follow You. In the mighty Name of Jesus. Amen.

Pray For Leaders to Desire to Do God’s Will.
"Teach me to do your will, for You are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground. ” Ps. 143:10

O Holy God, Your will is Sovereign and all creation is subject to it. Your ways are perfect and Your will is good. You are a good Shepherd and desire to lead us as a nation in the way we should go. Lord, today I ask that every leader from the presidency to local office, would have a desire to honor You and to faithfully know and do Your will. Let them earnestly seek Your will in prayer in regard to every decision. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Pray For Leaders Who Will Turn Their Backs on Evil.
"Depart from evil and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.” Ps. 34:14

O Majestic God, You are merciful, kind and slow to anger. You hate evil and every injustice. Today I am in awe of Your holiness. Lord, our elected officials are tempted in many ways. Keep them from corruption, greed and the misuse of power. Help them in their weakness. Deliver them from evil. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Pray For Unity in the Body of Christ.
"Any kingdom divided against itself will be ruined and a house divided against itself will fall.” Luke 11:17

Thank You Father, Son and Holy Spirit that You are One, and that You’ve made us one with You and one with one another. Today I ask that this election would not bring division in the Body of Christ. Keep us from anger, judgment, and criticism toward one another. May love prevail. Lord, we ask that there would be a unity in the Body so that You can bless our nation. In Your wonderful Name I pray. Amen.

Pray For the Body of Christ To Be a Praying Church.
"First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, for kings and all who are in authority, in order that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity...” 1 Timothy 2:1,2

Thank You that You are a God who hears and turns Your ear toward the prayers of Your people. We thank You for Your great faithfulness. Thank You that You’ve called us into fellowship and that You bear witness by the Holy Spirit that we are Your children. Thank You that the Holy Spirit searches our hearts and minds to intercede according to Your will. I confess and repent of the Body of Christ’s prayerlessness. Forgive us for our apathy and indifference. Forgive us for not praying for our governmental leaders. I ask for grace to be faithful in prayer. Give us, Your Body, the understanding of the privilege and power of prayer. I pray in Your Name, Jesus. Amen.

Pray For Elected Officials Who Will Honor God-Ordained Marriage.
"...a man shall leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.” Gen. 2:24

Dear Father, we specifically ask that every state law that favors same-sex marriage will be repealed and that Your forgiveness will flow into those states. We pray that divorce will become more and more rare and that covenant love will be restored. Lord, please give us officials who understand that, historically as well as Biblically, marriage/family is the cornerstone of any society, and if it is subverted our culture cannot be sustained. Give our leaders the desire and passion to strengthen this cornerstone and keep it firmly in place! In Jesus’ Name. Amen.

Pray That God Would Disarm Spiritual Forces Of Darkness.
"When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over
Thank You that You are the Victorious Champion. Through the Cross You defeated sin, death and all demonic power. Thank You that Your manifold wisdom is made known through us, Your Church, to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places. O Lord, I pray that strategies and schemes of the enemy will be bound and dismantled. I pray that You protect our Godly leaders and their families from spiritual and physical harm. I pray in Your Name, Jesus. Amen.

Pray That Leaders Will Respect the Sanctity of Human Life.
"Thou didst weave me in my mother's womb. Thine eyes have seen my unformed substance." Ps. 139:13,16

O Lord, we have grievously sinned against Your holy Name by murdering millions of unborn babies in these past 40 years! Their blood cries out, but we cry out for Your mercy. Father, forgive us, have mercy upon us! Great Author of Life, we ask You fervently for those who are elected to be men and women who have respect for all human life which you have created—those humans still in the womb, those who are physically challenged, and those who are aged and infirm. We affirm with You that life is a precious gift and that life and death are in Your hands. May our elected officials appreciate that fact and craft statutes that reflect that worldview. In the power of Your Name. Amen.

Nov 5: Pray For God’s Mercy On Our Nation.
"...mercy triumphs over judgment." James 1:13b

Lord God, we thank You that Your mercies are great. Thank You that in Your Son Jesus, mercy came to earth. We are dependent upon Your kindness and compassion toward us, when in many ways we deserve judgment. We acknowledge that our lives and our nation are in Your hands. We are keenly aware of our desperate need for Your great mercy. We have worshipped other gods--materialism, pleasure, self-gratification, and self-sufficiency have become our way of life. Forgive us, Your Body, for turning from You to these gods. We humble ourselves before You and ask for Your mercy to our nation. We ask that Your kingdom come and Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. In Jesus’ Name we pray. Amen.