

Presidential Call of the Nation to Prayer

**A NATIONAL
DAY OF PRAYER**

PRAYER: A CORE VALUE AT RISE CHURCH

- Disciplined and diligent Prayer.
- 7 Mountains of Influence in our culture
- The world-wide flue is the focus today
- Polis had banned gatherings of over 250. 1, 14 Amend.

NDP QUICK FACTS:

- Truman began national prayer days in 1952
- Not until Reagan in 1988. Unanimous vote House and Senate
- Nearly 90% of Americans pray. 51% regularly.
- First Thursday in May. 2020 Theme: God's Glory Across the Nation
- NationalDayofPrayer.org. 50 state coordinators. Ronnie Floyd Pres. SBC Convention 2014-16. Pastor, author of 20 books.
- Non partisan, non denominational. Not exclusively Christian

CORPORATE PRAYER TODAY

1. Prayer requires Faith. Hebrews 11:6 ..must believe He exists..
2. Prayer requires Humility. Matt. 5:3-10..who realize their need for God
NLT
3. *Effective* Prayer requires Confession, Righteousness. James. 5:16
4. Requires first Discerning, and then praying in line with God's will.
Not just "do whatever you want to God." I John 5:14-15
5. Prayer requires Boldness/Persistence. Luke 11:5-13 neighbor, keep on. Luke 18:1-8 Widow. Col. 4:2.
6. Prayer requires emptying oneself of own agenda. Kingdom-not self
7. Jesus Himself prayed, often

A ROLE OF THE CHURCH IS INTERCESSION

- Heart Attitude of *Prayer: Focused, Expectant, Hopeful, Joyful.*
- Interactive
- Take turns-Short
- Pray more than once
- Pray on the topic
- Pray until the Spirit moves us on- I'll lead out on each, next slide.
- Freedom to Sit, stand, walk, kneel, etc.

PRAYER FOR GOD'S MERCY

- 1. God we pray for your Mercy upon Our Land –
- Holy Father, I humbly plead for Your underserved mercy upon my life, my church, my nation and world. Lord, help us come before You with deep awareness we deserve Your judgment far more than Your blessing. By Jesus' blood alone, we plead for Your merciful grace to revive and bless us once again. We pray you will stop the spread of the flue that is taking the already sick elderly. Please give the sick another opportunity to turn to you. We renounce FEAR that causes us to hoard and to panic. (Psalm 85:4-7; Lamentation 3:22; Daniel 9:18-19)

PRAYER FOR “GODLY SORROW”

- 2. God we Pray for a Spirit of Brokenness and Repentance –
- Righteous God, please send overwhelming conviction of sin, deep brokenness and genuine repentance among Your people. Grant to us the true godly sorrow that leads to repentance. Fill us with holy fear and reverence for Your name. Purify the Bride of Christ for His Glorious Second Coming. Please prepare and cleanse us for the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. Forgive us for waiting until a world-wide crisis to turn you as a nation. (Psalm 51:17; Proverbs 28:13; 2 Corinthians 7:1, 10;)

PRAYER FOR BOLDNESS AND PASSION

- 3. God we Pray for Boldness, Holiness and Power in Our Pastors –
- Mighty God, please come upon our pastors with deep repentance, dynamic power and renewed passion for Yourself. Grant to him a mighty wall of protection from the world, the flesh and the devil. Cause a supernatural protection against the flue so pastors can be useful in helping others and leading many to Christ in the crisis. (1 Timothy 3:1-2; 2 Timothy 1:6-7; 1 Corinthians 2:4)

FOR FERVENT PRAYER TO ARISE

- 4. God we Pray for Fervent Prayer to Sweep Our Land –
- Righteous God, grant to us a burning hunger for Yourself and a passion for fervent prayer. Help us draw near to You and seek You with all our hearts. Lord, cause us to hunger and thirst for You above all else. Help us lead our churches to become houses of prayer for all nations. Cause the body of Christ to renew our dependence upon you for help rather than on our government or our national pride.
(Jeremiah 29:13; Matthew 5:6, 21:13; Acts 2:1; Philippians 2:13; James 4:8)

PRAYER FOR UNITY

- 5. God we Pray for Unity in Churches and Families –
- Holy Father, please bring us to loving unity in our churches and a deep harmony between our churches. Help us tear down the strongholds of bickering and disunity that so ravage Your Church. Cause different denominations to stand together in unity with a laser focus upon you. Cause us to set aside our political parties and their agendas to work together to support one another and find a solution to this flue. Protect our America from manipulation into trading liberty for security. (John 13:34-35, 15:12, 17:20-22)

PRAYER FOR EVANGELISM

- 6. God we Pray for an Explosion of Evangelism –
- Gracious Lord, please fill us with a burning passion to pray for and witness to the lost. Cause our eyes to weep for souls that we may reap in joy. Most old people have heard the Gospel or were even raised in the Church. We ask that you will awaken a return to Christ in each victim of this sickness. (Luke 19:10; Acts 1:8; Romans 5:5, 9:1-3)

PRAYER FOR MISSIONS

- 7. God we Pray for a Passion for Missions –
- Righteous God, empower Your people with a burning passion for local and global missions. Grant to us a fiery zeal for planting new churches. Please forgive us for our frequent lack of concern beyond “me and mine.” Inspire Christ-Followers to go to help other victims in the hardest hit areas of the world...and to take the Hope of Jesus with them. (Matthew 18:12, 24:14, 28:19; Luke 19:10; Acts 1:8)

PRAYER FOR LABORERS

- 8. God we Pray for an Increase of Laborers –
- Lord of the harvest, please call thousands into ministry, missions and Christian witness. Send forth a mighty flood of laborers into the harvest. (Matthew 9:37-38; Acts 1:8)

PRAYER FOR PURE MOTIVES

- 9. God we Pray for Pure Motives and Kingdom Purpose –
- Holy Lord, we ask You to deepen and purify our very motives in praying for revival and blessing. Lord, teach us to seek Your “face” and not just Your “hand.” Cause us to seek You and not just Your rescue from this flue. Not just for just for comfort or blessing. Dear God, teach us to pray for Your glory and pleasure, not for our own. (Hebrews 4:12; James 4:1-4)

PRAYER FOR GOVERNMENT LEADERS

- 10. God we Pray for Salvation, Wisdom in Government Leaders –
- Holy Father, we humbly ask for a mighty move of conviction and salvation in government leaders and others who influence culture. We ask You to pour out convicting, saving power upon Washington, D. C., colleges, universities, media networks and the Hollywood movie industry. We pray for President Trump and for his genuine conversion to you. We thank you for being willing to save all that would call upon your name. We ask that you move so that millions will be led to Christ in these strategic communities of cultural influence through this crisis. (Psalm 2:8; 1 Timothy 2:1-4)

PRAYER FOR REVIVAL INSIDE CHURCH

- 11. God we Pray for Sweeping Revival within The Church –
- Righteous Lord, we ask You to send sweeping revival inside the walls of the churches, even if it takes hard times and great trials to prepare the soil of our hearts. Father, we pray not for shallow selfish ends, but for Your great glory and kingdom. Cause us to come to You in true humility, brokenness and contriteness of heart. (Matthew 26:39; James 4:1-4)

PRAYER FOR GLOBAL SPIRITUAL AWAKENING

- 12. God we Pray for Global Spiritual Awakening, Evangelism, Harvest-
- Sovereign God, we ask You to rend the heavens and send forth Your awesome “manifest presence.” We ask You to so move that over thirty million Americans will be saved in a single year. Cause Your glory to sweep the *whole earth* bringing unprecedented millions to Christ. We humbly ask You to move even greater than You did in any previous awakening. Blessed God, we pray for one last great harvest before the glorious return of Your Son. Purify Your Bride O Christ, and then come Lord Jesus, come quickly! (Isaiah 64:1; Ephesians 5:26-27; Revelation 22:17, 20)

- Only a Christ Follower has the relationship with God as his father
- Only the Redeemed can expect God to hear and respond to prayer...except for of the prayer of initial repentance/surrender. Matthew 7:21-22 Lord, Lord didn't we prophesy in your name?... I never knew you.
- Has God been speaking to you?