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THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

MAY 4, 2023



2023 PRAYER GUIDE

EFFECTIVE PRAYER

“Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours. He prayed that it might not rain, and for three years and six months, it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.”

— James 5:16-18



5 Necessities for Effective Prayer

Historical Context

Effective prayer is rooted in an understanding of God’s past work and power.

Theological Comprehension

Effective prayer is based on understanding God’s character and promises.

Faithfulness

Effective prayer is characterized by belief and trust in God.

Practicality

Effective prayer includes asking God for what we need and want.

Righteousness

Effective prayer requires that we be in right standing with God through confession and forgiveness.

BE FERVENT IN SPIRIT

“Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.”

— Romans 12:11

The Greek word from which fervent is translated is *energeo*. If that reminds you of energy, it should. Fervency isn’t something that normally comes easily. It requires real zeal or passion—a focused effort. Another Greek word, *zeo*, is also translated as fervent. It means to be “stirred up emotionally, be enthusiastic/excited/on fire.”

When you consider the prophet Elijah, he prayed fervently after challenging the prophets of Baal. Their gods could not deliver, but the God of Heaven responded to Elijah’s fervent prayers, and then some! (1 Kings 18)

King Hezekiah prayed fervently when told he would die from an illness. He turned his face to the wall and wept bitterly, calling on God and His faithfulness. God heard his prayer and added 15 years to his life. (2 Kings 20:1-6)

The early church prayed fervently for Peter when King Herod imprisoned him. An angel appeared and freed Peter from prison, leading him past the guards and out of the city. (Acts 12:5-17)

These examples show that fervent prayer is passionate, wholehearted, and powerful.



A PRAYER FOR AMERICA

Heavenly Father,

We come before You to lift up the United States of America on this National Day of Prayer. Thank you for the freedom to gather and pray here in America.

We pray for Your guidance and wisdom for our leaders and all those in positions of authority.

We pray for unity and peace in our communities and across our land. We ask that You heal the divisions that exist and bring reconciliation where there is conflict.

We ask that You bless our economy and provide for the needs of all our citizens. We pray for their health and well-being and for Your healing touch upon those who are sick or suffering.

We pray for protection and safety for our armed forces who defend us abroad and for our first responders who safeguard us at home. May you grant them all courage, hope, and strength.

We ask that Your will be done in all things and that You bless this nation and its people, now and always.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



PRAY FOR OUR NATIONAL LEADERS



President.....	Joseph Biden
Vice President.....	Kamala Harris
Speaker of the House.....	Kevin McCarthy
President Pro Tempore of the Senate.....	Patrick Leahy
Secretary of State.....	Antony Blinken
Secretary of the Treasury.....	Janet Yellen
Secretary of Defense.....	Lloyd Austin
Attorney General.....	Merrick Garland
Secretary of the Interior.....	Deb Haaland
Secretary of Agriculture.....	Tom Vilsack
Secretary of Commerce.....	Gina Raimondo
Secretary of Labor (Acting).....	Julie A. Su
Secretary of Health and Human Services.....	Xavier Becerra
Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.....	Marcia Fudge
Secretary of Transportation.....	Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Energy.....	Jennifer Granholm
Secretary of Education.....	Miguel Cardona
Secretary of Veterans Affairs.....	Denis McDonough
Secretary of Homeland Security.....	Alejandro Mayorkas

(Listing in order of succession)

Also be in prayer for:

- The rest of the leaders of the Executive branch
- Members of Congress
- All Branches of the Armed Forces
- Your local elected officials
- The Justices of the U.S. Supreme Court and Judges of the Federal Courts

FAITH AND PRAYERS OF AMERICAN PRESIDENTS

"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way."

— 1 Timothy 2:1-2

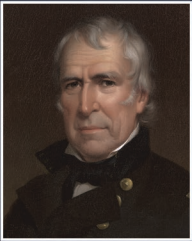


Increase my faith in the sweet promises of the gospel; give me repentance from dead works; pardon my wanderings, and direct my thoughts unto thyself, the God of my salvation.

— President George Washington

I Pray Heaven To Bestow The Best Of Blessings On This House And All that shall hereafter Inhabit it. May none but Honest and Wise Men ever rule under This Roof.

— President John Adams



Yet the Almighty has at length deigned to stay His hand and to restore the inestimable blessing of general health to a people who have acknowledged His power.

— President Zachary Taylor

With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and for his orphans, to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and a lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations.

— President Abraham Lincoln



BE OF ONE MIND WITH FELLOW BELIEVERS

"Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

— Matthew 18:19-20



Praying together with the same purpose unites the body of Christ. It edifies and encourages all who participate. It enables believers to strengthen one another. It perpetuates the knowledge of God's power. And it creates a sense of group expectancy.

In Acts, the early Christians gathered together "in one accord." While they surely didn't agree with each other on everyday issues of life, they had one purpose and one voice in glorifying God the Father and Jesus Christ, His Son.

Since 1952, Americans have united on the National Day of Prayer.

Likewise, we may not all agree on everything, but we know we need God in America. Together, we lift up our nation to God in prayer.

The National Day of Prayer is an excellent reminder that we need to be more intentional about prayer. The world seeks to distract you from your relationship with God. But with a few simple steps, you can stay focused.

- 1.) Set aside a specific time each day for prayer.
- 2.) Find a quiet place where you can focus and be free from distractions.
- 3.) Write down your prayers and keep track of answered prayers.
- 4.) Use a prayer guide or devotional to help structure your prayer time.
- 5.) Join a prayer group or find a prayer partner to pray with regularly.
- 6.) Treat prayer as an essential part of your daily routine.
- 7.) Keep at it and make prayer a habit.