

10 Day Prayer Guide for Our Country

Will You Stand In The Gap?

Our nation is facing disunity like never before. After one of the most highly debated presidential elections ever, our tendency can be to draw firm lines between ourselves based on which candidate we supported. In turn, those attitudes can lead to personal dislike for one another, towards those who lead, and eventually destructive division. As Christians, we are to live in a fine balance; standing for that which is true while seeking unity amongst ourselves whenever possible, standing firm in the faith while showing grace to those who do not, holding our leaders accountable while praying for their wisdom and well-being. We are to learn from the words of Ezekiel 22:30, "I looked for someone among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found no one." We are to be those who stand in the gap, who lift up our nation with all its favors and faults before the throne of God, and pray that He continues to work in our midst.

DAY 1

Pray for those in authority - that they would come to know God as Savior. "First, I tell you to pray for all people. Ask God for the things people need, and be thankful to him. You should pray for kings and for all who have authority. Pray for the leaders so that we can have quiet and peaceful lives—lives full of worship and respect for God. This is good, and it pleases God our Savior. God wants all people to be saved. And he wants everyone to know the truth. There is only one God. And there is only one way that people can reach God. That way is through Jesus Christ, who is also a man. Jesus gave himself to pay for the sins of all people. Jesus is proof that God wants all people to be saved. And that proof came at the right time." I Timothy 2:1-6

Day 2

Thank God that He establishes authorities of His choosing. "Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended." Romans 13:1-3

Day 3

Pray for your city or county to prosper. "Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper." Jeremiah 29:7

Day 4

Humbly pray and seek God's face. Pray for forgiveness. "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 I will forgive their sin and will heal their land." II Chronicles 7:14

Day 5

Pray that those in authority will fear the Lord. "Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear and celebrate his rule with trembling." Psalms 2:10-11

Day 6

Pray that those in authority will have Godly advisers. "For lack of guidance a nation falls, but victory is won through many advisers." Proverbs 11:14

Day 7

Pray that God will turn the heart of our leaders to His purpose. "The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the LORD; he turns it wherever he will." Proverbs 21:1

Day 8

Pray that God will make our nation great. "He reveals the deep things of darkness and brings utter darkness into the light. He makes nations great, and destroys them; he enlarges nations, and disperses them." Job 12:22-23

Day 9

Pray that God will help you and those in authority be His "faithful ones." "My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding—indeed, if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding." Proverbs 2:1-7

Day 10

Pray that God will shield our country for the sake of the righteous. "He holds success in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless, for he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones." Proverbs 2:8