“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.”
—2 Chron. 7:14 (NIV)

Join our Foursquare family in fervent intercession as we seek the Lord about the recent unrest in our cities and nation.

Thank you for joining with our Foursquare family in prayer for our nation. We are presently experiencing a time of unrest, distrust and uncertainty. The answer is not a political one. The answer is spiritual and can only come about as the body of Christ prays according to God’s Word and His clear directive. The well-known text from 2 Chronicles is the absolute promise of our Lord. It is through our willingness and obedience to take this seriously in faith.
Dear Heavenly Father,

We join together to stand in the gap for America.

You have given us the mandate to intercede for our leaders and those in positions of authority, and to ignore Your call would be to our detriment. We recognize that darkness is sweeping across our nation, causing the hearts of people to turn away from You. Yet we know that where there is darkness, Your light shines brightly on us; and where Your light is, no darkness can prevail. Your word declares that a kingdom divided cannot stand; therefore, we pray for unity in Ferguson, Missouri, as well as across this nation. Empower us, Dear God, to be peacemakers, and unite our hearts to fear Your name. Forgive us for the careless words and actions that have enabled the enemy to gain foothold.

We pray that as this nation will deal with current events and difficulties, that You will cleanse us from wrong mindsets and improper motives, and that You anoint us with the spirit of oneness. We confess our need for Your interventions, and pray that You deliver us from the plots of the evil one. We come against the spirits of vengeance, intolerance, and polarization, that’s manifesting throughout the cities of America. We pray for the safety of our citizens and public officials. Out of the unrest that has arisen, may Your fires of revival be birthed across this nation. We pray that You will give us an understanding heart as was given to Solomon, and that the church in America will come together as one, as You are in Jesus, and Jesus is in You.

We also pray that America will turn away from those things that contradict Your heart; we humble ourselves before You, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and petition You for Your glory to fill the streets and airwaves of America. As we confess our needs and the sins of this nation, we ask You to hear our prayers and heal our land. In Jesus mighty Name we pray. Amen.

Points Of Prayer:

1. Pray for unity (Psalm 133).
2. Pray for safety for the citizens and public officials of Ferguson, Mo. (Psalm 91).
3. Pray for personal revival to be birthed out of these times of difficulty (Acts 14:22).
4. Pray that the church will become a beacon of light (Matthew 5:14).
5. Pray against the spirit of polarization that challenges unity (1 Corinthians 1:10).
6. Pray Matthew 5:44.
7. Pray for an understanding heart for all affected by the events and rulings (1 Kings 3:9).
8. Pray for humility; pray for the church to seek God’s face and for His glory to invade America; pray that America turn away from all that contradicts the heart of God (2 Chronicles 7:12-14).
9. Pray that the church in America will come together as one, as God is in Jesus, and Jesus is in God (John 17:21).
I am glad to hear that we have been prompted to call the church to prayer for our nation and its people in these unsettling times.

Ephesians 6 calls us (the church) “to be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might” (NKJV). Because “we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness.” Paul further instructs us to take the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, and to be “praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit.”

Romans 8:26 states: “For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.” I would like to suggest that we call our church family to prayer for our nation and to encourage praying in the Spirit and praying with our understanding. The result of such praying is noted in Romans 8:28, “And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.”

The answer to a community that is divided by race and fear is the freedom that only Christ can offer.

That freedom is installed inside men and manifested in acts of love and not hate; in decisions of justice, not injustice; in movements of peace and not violence. That freedom recognizes, celebrates and values, through ethnic and cultural diversity of the community, the image of God in each individual.

In the name of Jesus, we intercede according to Galatians 5: 13-15:

- Declaring that God has called us to be free and live in freedom as individuals and as a community
- Praying that the freedom in our nation not be used by the authorities and citizens as an excuse to do what they want, destroying the freedom that we received
- Crying out that the freedom we enjoy as a nation be used to serve one another through acts of love, which is true freedom
- Resisting the principalities and powers of hate and destruction that have been activated in our communities causing us to fight with each other, hurt each other, and destroy each other
- Going back to our communities as a church of the kingdom of God to bring them this freedom in the name of Jesus Christ

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Prayer Points from Foursquare Leaders

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“…For if your remain completely silent at this time, relief, and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place but you and your father’s house will perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?” (Esther 4:14, NKJV).

There are many could-be deliverers who have been positioned with favor, proximity, resources, and authority all over our nation who don’t see themselves as such. Just as Esther needed to be encouraged (provoked) by Mordecai, some of them may need a nudge of the Holy Spirit. May their eyes be open and their ears attentive to the call of God in this season to utilize their favor on behalf of the needs of our nation. Esther had to risk her position and life on behalf of her people. Corporately we resist a spirit of fear that would cause believers and the church to shrink back and to remain silent in this hour. Furthermore we know that the church of Jesus Christ is positioned in every community and serves as a beacon of hope for lost humanity. May the church arise and bring hope and healing to our nation. The light of the gospel shines the brightest when the hope of humanity has been diminished and people sit in the darkness of despair.

I have been preparing a series of messages for Fiji on the theme “Pastoring in the Last Days.”

My sense has been that the turmoil, the lawlessness, the despair, the killings followed by suicides, the blatant sin, the international agonies (wars, rumors of wars, famine, new and incurable disease, political oppression), the sense of hopelessness and all the rest are the increasing birth pangs and reminders of the return of Jesus. These painful days are stripping away the facades of goodness, morality, harmony and peace. They are challenging everything in which we put our trust and revealing its impotence. And they are pressing us to look outside ourselves for help, answers and healing.

There is Good News in the midst of this pain for those who have ears to hear and where the people of God are praying, sharing, declaring and living the hope that is within her.

The church is right to cry out Maranatha. But the cry demands that the church is serving her mission with passion until Jesus returns. “Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God...?” (2 Peter 3:11-12, NKJV).
The Seeds of Hope Amidst a Fracturing Nation

Lord, we ask for Your divine mercy and grace to be poured out amidst these trying days in our nation. We bow our hearts in humility and pray that justice, peace, reconciliation, and unity will prevail throughout this land. Grant us grace that we as followers of Jesus may plant the seeds of hope and peace wherever we are. Cause your people to rise up in honor of your command to love one another as we unite as one. Let us not turn a blind eye to systemic injustice, but place us on your path of being “one nation under God with liberty and justice for all.”

Grant us grace to be peacemakers as we place ourselves in the wounds and fractures of society to bridge the chasms and divides among people. As we stand against oppression or injustice, may those who oppress and oppose be met with love and forgiveness. If any dare call them enemies or assign them enemy status, we are stating that they now qualify for the benefit of our unceasing prayers. May they, like Saul of Tarsus and many of us, meet Jesus the living God and turn to Him. Lord, grant us beauty for ashes, and heal our land.

It is time for us to stand in the gap for our country and join together in prayer asking the Lord for His kingdom to come and His will to be done, in the midst of these turbulent situations, as it is in heaven (Matthew 6:10). Let us intercede for everyone to experience the Lord’s kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit (Romans 14:17) May the Lord’s righteousness prevail and our nation be exalted (Proverbs14:34a).