

# Prayer For Community

Sermon 3 of 4 On Prayer

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# Backstory

- Years ago, while caring for my mother
- Thought about unthinking allegiance to status quo
- Wrote a pledge I do believe in
- People said that sounds like a prayer
- Turned it into a prayer that belongs here
- Contains New Testament tranquility

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Dear Lord, we ask that you wrap our troubled world in your loving arms. Help us spread your gifts to the people we meet daily. Touch us with your spirit so we live as your loving children. Gather your people together in the spirit of community and fellowship with your loving light. We pray that you guide our government into your will. Guide our allegiance to the truth, for truth enables liberty, justice, and compassion for all.

# Prayer Part 2

Foster our loyalty to the people our governments must serve. Help us protect the Earth, our temporal home, and all the wonderful life that surrounds us. Guide our allegiance to world community, our country, our American Constitution, and the rights it protects. Help us enrich our earthly lives through science, art, and industry. Please touch our leaders with wisdom, empathy, and courage to do your Will on earth as it is in heaven.

## Part 3

We ask you to lead us in the work of this council as we dedicate our efforts to the people of Sioux Falls and manage city affairs for the betterment of all. We seek your serenity and counsel in drawing the world's religions together in compassion and spiritual growth while we seek eternal peace, grace, and love. Thank you heavenly Father for your cherished wisdom, your guidance, and your infinite love. In this we pray through the glory of God, Amen.

# Peace Of Nature

