



Thursday, May 7, is the National Day of Prayer. We encourage you to set aside time to pray by yourself or gather with others in your family, workplace, neighborhood, etc. The following is a guide to assist you as you pray.

GOVERNMENT

Pray for those who serve in our government for wisdom, protection and that they will act with integrity and follow God's principles in all they do. Pray for: Federal Government (President, Vice President, Cabinet members, Senators, Congressman, Supreme Court Justices); State Government (Governor, Cabinets, Senators, Representatives, Delegates, Judicial leaders); and Local Government (Borough Council, Mayor, Supervisors, Judges, Commissioners, Police, Fire, EMT, School Boards).

MILITARY

Pray for God's provision, protection and guidance for those who serve in our military and help protect us — especially those currently deployed in the Middle East in this time of active conflict. Pray for wisdom for those in government and our military commanders as they make decisions. Pray for the families of those who serve as they wait and pray for the safe return of those serving overseas, and comfort those who have already received news of loss or injury.

MEDIA

Pray for those in media — streaming platforms, social media, film, and news — to create content that reflects truth and would be honoring to God. Pray for Christian entertainers and executives to have the courage to stand up for God and have opportunities to share their faith with others in the media. Pray for Christian influencers in the media industry.

BUSINESS

Pray for God's intervention in our nation's economy. Pray for God's provision of work for our local companies. Pray those who are Christians in the workplace will live lives of integrity and demonstrate Christlike humility and service to others. Pray that business owners and those in management will have wisdom and follow God's principles in the decisions they make.

EDUCATION

Pray for the children of our community to grow up with a desire to know God and serve Him. Pray for our teachers and administrators as they help educate our children. Pray for protection for our children and a safe atmosphere where they can learn. Pray for those in leadership to have wisdom and to make decisions that would please God.

FAMILY

Pray for healing in the relationships of families that are broken. Pray for parents to have wisdom and the courage necessary to raise their children. Pray for God's protection as the enemy schemes to divide and destroy families. Pray that families will balance the extraordinary time demands they face so they can keep God first in their lives.

YOURSELF

Pray you would have a hunger and desire to love God more and serve God more. Pray God would protect you from the evil one and help you resist temptations that you face. Pray for wisdom as you make decisions and courage to do the right thing even when it is difficult. Pray you would make the most of every opportunity you have to encourage those around you to begin a relationship with Jesus and live for Him.

CHURCHES

Pray for the churches in our community to have a passion to reach those in our community who are not yet followers of Jesus. Pray for unity in our churches so that their love for one another will be a testimony in the community. Pray that churches will be committed to teach and follow God's Word in everything they do.

OTTERBEIN CHURCH

Pray God would use our church to make a difference for Him in our community and throughout the world. Pray that many will choose to begin a relationship with Jesus as a result of our outreach and ministry programs. Pray for God's continued provision and blessing. Pray for wisdom for our pastors and those in leadership as they make decisions and seek God's will for our church.

GLOBAL PARTNERS

Pray for our Global partners who are serving throughout the world. Pray for God's provision and protection. Pray they will have fruitful ministries and for God's blessing.

A PRAYER FOR OUR NATION

Father, we come before You today and pray about all that is happening in our families, church, nation, and the world.

Thank You for Your faithfulness through the years. You have shown mercy to our nation even when we have turned away and You have not abandoned us.

We confess to You that we are a nation that has deep division in our politics, in our communities, and even in our families. We see confusion about truth itself — about who we are, what is right, and where we are headed. And in the midst of it all, we confess that we have too often pushed You aside and failed to follow Your Word in our nation and even in our personal lives.

Father, Your Word reminds us: *"Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people"* (Proverbs 14:34). Lord, in Your mercy, exalt this nation again — not by our own strength or political solution, but by the power of Your Spirit moving in hearts across our country.

We know You have done it before. You sent the Great Awakenings. You have poured out Your Spirit on humble, praying people and transformed the moral and spiritual landscape of this country. We cry out with the psalmist today: *"Will You not revive us again, so that Your people may rejoice in You?"* (Psalm 85:6)

We pray for our leaders — in the White House, in Congress, in our statehouses and courtrooms and schoolhouses. Give them wisdom that comes from You. Keep them safe. Surround them with godly counsel. Protect them from corruption and pride. Where they have done what is displeasing to You, grant them humility to make changes. Raise up leaders who fear You more than they fear the approval of people.

We pray for the Church — that we would not simply complain about the darkness, but shine as lights within it. Forgive us for the times we have been silent when we should have spoken, comfortable when we should have been courageous, divided when the world needed to see us love one another.

Father, we humbly seek You this day. Help us to hold fast to Your promise: *"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 will forgive their sins and restore their land"* (2 Chronicles 7:14).

So Lord, forgive us where we have failed You. Heal our land. Send revival — and let it begin in us.

We ask all of this in Jesus' name, **Amen.**



