



THE
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CHURCH

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

By proclamation each year, the President encourages all Americans to observe the first Thursday in May as a **National Day of Prayer**- On Thursday, May 2, 2024, please pray with your family, friends, coworkers, or individually, specifically focusing on the eight areas of influence listed in this Prayer Guide.

CHURCH

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:18-20).

- Pray for the body of Christ, that the name of Christ will be exalted, the reign of Christ will be proclaimed, and the grace and love of Christ will be demonstrated to all people.
- Pray that the Church, the body of Christ, would bring honor to Christ through their words and their lives, to be protected from the temptations of the enemy who seeks to dishonor Christ and His church, to be bold and courageous when responding to a culture that calls evil good, and to be faithful to the task of making disciples locally and globally.
- Pray for the leadership of The Shepherd's Church to be faithful, wise, steadfast, and humble shepherds who are devoted to God, His Word, and the flock under their care.
- Pray for the flock to love God with all their hearts and minds, stand firm in the truth of God's Word, pursue Christ, and proclaim the Gospel.

FAMILY

"You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and all your mind and all your strength" (Deuteronomy 6:5, Mark 12:30).

- Pray for the Christian families of our nation to stand firm in the truths of God's holy Word, particularly in the face of ever-increasing hostility against God's design for marriage and sexuality.
- Pray that they, and the generations to come, are committed to and uphold the truth with compassion and empathy toward those who oppose them.
- Pray for husbands to embrace their God-given role to love their wives sacrificially, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself for her and to lead their families spiritually.
- Pray for wives to submit to the servant leadership of their husbands as to the Lord and embrace their role as helpmates.
- Pray for parents to raise their children with wisdom and grace.
- Pray for children to honor and obey their parents, come to know and love Christ, be rooted and grounded in the truths of Scripture, and grow and mature into men and women of faith.

FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND MILITARY

"and said, 'O LORD, God of our fathers, are you not God in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. In your hand are power and might, so that none is able to withstand you'" (2 Chronicles 20:6).

- Pray for our national, state, and local government leaders to uphold right and punish wrong, and for wisdom to know the difference.
- Pray for their salvation, that they would believe and follow Jesus all the days of their lives.
- Pray that they may govern in ways that promote the will of God.
- Pray for our President that godly counselors would surround him and that he would seek God for divine help in all circumstances.
- Pray for leaders who belong to Christ to remain committed to God's Word and to courageously speak the truth with clarity and conviction.
- Pray that our laws reflect our loyalty and love to Him and His ways and cause His justice to flow from our courts.
- Pray for lawmakers to unite and guide Americans honorably.
- Pray for those who serve in our military, at home, and overseas that God would protect them and their families and grant them the wisdom and courage to execute their duties as they serve our country faithfully.

WORLD CONFLICT

"Ah, Lord GOD! It is you who have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you" (Jeremiah 32:17)

- Pray for leaders to reach swift agreements to halt the shedding of blood, and destruction of property.
- Pray for the Christians in affected lands as they can be the hands and feet of Jesus to hurting and confused people.
- Pray for refugees who escape to peaceful countries to be well cared for and exposed to the Gospel.
- Pray for good to triumph over evil and for justice to be done for the glory of God.
- Pray for the advancement of the Gospel.

FIRST RESPONDERS
(Police, Fire, Medical/Healthcare)

"The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore" (Psalm 121:8).

● Pray for our public servants and those in helping professions to care for and protect the American people with skill, courtesy, and wisdom. ● Pray for their protection and that of their families. ● Pray that our nation treats them with the honor and respect that is due them. ● Pray that their choices in the face of crises are wise and considerate of all people. ● Pray for those in leadership that God would grant them wisdom from on high and the ability to find solutions and work together as they care for people.

EDUCATION

"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

● Pray for the leaders of our educational institutions (colleges and universities, high schools, middle schools, and elementary schools, etc.) and that the knowledge of God would be encouraged. ● Pray for more Christian leaders and instructors in the school system to help teach, guide, and support our children with a godly influence. ● Pray that wise decisions are made as to how best to educate the children of America. ● Pray for the safety and protection of teachers, staff, and students everywhere. ● Pray that our Christian schools will teach the Word of God accurately and work in tandem with the home and church in raising future generations who know and follow Christ. ● Pray for homeschool parents as they teach academics and the ways of the Lord to their children. ● Pray for parents as they instruct their children in truth, igniting the passion for God's Word and seeking wisdom through His Word. ● Pray for opportunities to plant seeds that others may come to know Jesus as Lord and Savior and faithfully follow Him.

BUSINESS

"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ" (Colossians 3:23-24).

● Pray for the business sector, that the public would be served by businesses of integrity and honor, that people would be able to find employment that would support their families, and that the cause of Christ and the teachings of Scripture would be upheld and not belittled. ● Pray for those struggling for the economic survival of their businesses and their personal lives. ● Pray that ministry endeavors to spread the Gospel and care for the needs of others would have the funding and support they need through the generosity of God's people.

MEDIA

"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things" (Philippians 4:8).

● Pray that the media would value truth and honesty and promote the spread of accurate, trustworthy information. ● Pray that large companies would wield their power for good and not evil. ● Pray that God would raise up His servants in the industry to stand for biblical truth and support the spread of the Gospel through technology. ● Pray that the efforts of evil men and women to promote lies, immorality, and fear through media will be thwarted.

"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. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:1-4).