



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 7, 2026, please join your family, friends, coworkers, or pray individually, focusing specifically on the seven 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, would be protected from the temptations of the enemy who seeks to dishonor Christ and His church, would be bold and courageous when responding to a culture that attempts to redefine truth, and would be faithful to the task of making disciples locally and globally.
- Pray that the Church would faithfully walk alongside those facing trials of every kind, extending the comfort and grace of Christ, bearing one another's burdens, and pointing one another toward His truth, healing, and reconciliation as He leads and restores.
- 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 Christian families across our nation to stand firm in the truth of God's Word, especially amid increasing cultural pressure to depart from God's design for marriage and gender.
- Ask the Lord to guard hearts and minds from deception, and to help discern truth from error, holding fast to what is good and honoring Him in all things.
- Pray that believers and future generations would hold to God's truth with conviction, while also walking in humility, compassion, and grace toward those who disagree.
- Pray for husbands to love their wives sacrificially, as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her, and to lead their families in spiritual faithfulness and humility.
- Pray for wives to walk in faithful partnership with their husbands, honoring the Lord in their marriage and reflecting the strength, wisdom, and dignity of a godly life.
- Pray for the protection of marriages and for marriages to be marked by covenant faithfulness, unity, and perseverance, reflecting the steadfast love of Christ.
- Pray for marriages experiencing deep hurt or betrayal, asking the Lord to lead hearts toward repentance where needed, to grant wisdom, protection, and grace in each situation, and to bring His healing and restoration according to His will.
- Pray for parents to raise their children with wisdom, grace, and intentional discipleship in the Lord.
- Pray for children to honor and obey their parents, to come to know and love Christ, be rooted in Scripture, and grow into mature Christ followers.
- Pray for parents whose children are walking through questions of gender identity, that they would be grounded in God's design, respond with Christlike compassion, and be guided by God's wisdom, truth, and love in every conversation and decision.
- Pray for those grieving the loss of a loved one or suffering due to broken family relationships, that the Lord would comfort and heal them.

FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND MILITARY

- Pray for wisdom for our national, state, and local government leaders in upholding right and punishing wrong.
- Pray for their salvation, that they would believe in 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

"... '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).

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 would 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 agreements to halt the shedding of blood and the destruction of property. ● Pray for the Christians in affected lands that 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.

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. ● 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 will value truth and honesty and promote the spread of accurate and 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 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" (I Timothy 2:1-4).