

**NATIONAL
DAY OF
PRAYER**



THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024

**LIFT UP THE WORD
LIGHT UP THE WORLD**

2 Samuel 22:29-31



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HOW TO PRAY THROUGH THIS GUIDE:

Come to the cross this **National Day of Prayer** for a simple and intimate time with God. No one will ask you to pray out loud. This prayer time is between you and God the Father.

You can go to the cross and pour out your heart before the Lord.

The prayers of the righteous are needed to pray on behalf of our nation.

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:21

We will have prayer prompts to get you started.

If you are a family who works every day or has a family member in the military or young children in school, then the topics of the National Day of Prayer are likely already a part of your prayer life.

This is a day when the righteous of our nation come to God and pour out our hearts to the Creator of the world, the Author and Perfecter of our faith. This is a day when we are all of one accord, working together in unity to cry out to God the Father with prayers for our nation.

We will focus prayer on the areas of Families, Churches, Education, Business, Entertainment/Media, Government, and Military.

***Your word is a lamp for my feet,
a light on my path.***

Psalms 119:105

Thank you, Riverbluff Church for your prayer support!





FAMILY

- Pray for wisdom when choosing a spouse
- Pray for prioritizing God first, then spouse, then children
- Pray for fathers to be shepherds of their family (leaders, protectors, providers)
- Pray for financial struggles/divorce/illness/abuse

Mark 3:25 | Colossians 3:13
Proverbs 22:6 | Matthew 22:37-39



CHURCH

- Pray that we submit and surrender to God every morning in prayer
- Pray that we put on the full armor of God for spiritual battle every morning
- Pray to walk/live in the power of the Holy Spirit
- Pray for revival/spiritual awakening
- Pray for those who do not know Jesus
- Pray for boldness in sharing Jesus

James 4:7 | Colossians 4:2 | Romans 12:2
Philip. 1:9-11 | Col. 2:6-8 | Malachi 3:10



BUSINESS & WORKPLACE

- Pray for protection from workplace violence
- Pray Christians will be the salt and light to their co-workers/public
- Pray Christians will honor God with their work ethics

Proverbs 2:15 | Exodus 31:3-5
Colossians 3:23 | Philippians 2:3-4, 14-15



EDUCATION

- Pray for safety/protection in our schools/colleges/daycares
- Pray for kids to be confident in their identity as a person and in Christ (for Christ-followers)
- Pray for wisdom for kids as they navigate all the challenges in their young life
- Pray kids will not seek validation from social media platforms
- Pray for Christian educators to be bold in their faith

James 1:5-8 | Joshua 1:9
Proverbs 2:1-6 | Psalm 91:1-2

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MILITARY

- Pray for our military and their families as they sacrifice their life/freedom for ours
- Pray for our military and their families who are struggling mentally/emotionally with the aftermath of war, including PTSD/suicide
- Pray God continues to stir our hearts for our military men and women, that they receive the proper assistance and care they need, including housing, medical care, and mental health care

**John 15:13 | Proverbs 3:5-6 | Psalm 18:2
Deuteronomy 31:6 | James 1:2-4**



GOVERNMENT

- Pray for the 2024 presidential election. Be prayerful of those we place in office
- Pray for the President, Vice President, Congress, Legislators, Governors, Mayors, Councilmen, Judges, Police, Fire, Rescue
- Pray for all of those in authority

**Matthew 12:25 | 1 Timothy 2:1-2
Proverbs 11:14 | Exodus 18:21 | Romans 13:1-2**



ARTS, MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT

- Pray for honest, reliable, & accurate journalism
- Pray for Christians in leadership roles in newsrooms, media/entertainment, such as movies, video games, television, and the music industry, to be positive influencers for change
- Pray for safe content online, on streaming platforms, and social media
- Pray Christians would continue to support Christian films/media/music, and for our voices to be heard in a positive way

**Philippians 4:8 | Proverbs 8:10-11
Ephesians 5:11 | Titus 2:11-12 | James 4:4**

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Romans 12:9-21 (NIV)

9 Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. 10 Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. 11 Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. 12 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. 13 Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. 16 Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. 18 If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. 19 Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. 20 On the contrary:

"If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.