



Thursday, May 6

“Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.”

2 Corinthians 3:17

A General Christian Prayer of Repentance

Our gracious God and Father, we come into Your presence in great sorrow of our sins. We have done things which we should not have done. We have failed to do things we should have done. We have turned away from You, ignoring Your will for our lives. We have behaved as we wished, without thinking of You. We have failed You in our thoughts and in our words. We have let ourselves be drawn away from You by the temptations of this world, the evil one and our own flesh. In all these things, gracious Father, forgive us and help us. And, if we have lived as if we were ashamed to belong to Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, Father, forgive us. For Jesus sake we ask these things. Amen.

A General Christian Prayer for Revival in our Nation

Our gracious God and Father, in Your mercy please bring to life, beginning with myself, those Christians who have been sleepy and slow in their devotion to You. May You restore a deep sense of Your near presence, holiness and authority. Give us a vivid sense of sin and a profound exercise of heart-in repentance, praise and love with a consistent, sane, evangelistic outflow. Father, would You visit us in such a way that we would know that we are living in Your presence, tending to Your Word, Your body the Church and feeling an acute concern for our sins and for righteousness, while we rejoice in the assurances of the free gospel of Jesus Christ. Make us spontaneously constant in worship, tirelessly active in service, in witness and compassion on our fellow citizens, fueling these activities by praise and prayer. For Jesus' sake we ask these things. Amen.

The Churches of the United States

- Pray for the well-being of Christ's Church throughout our nation.
- Pray that God would pour out His Spirit on the Church in a fresh and powerful way.
- Pray that the Churches would preach Christ and God would unleash the power of the Gospel in the lives of the Church members.
- Pray for the ministers of God's Word.
- Pray that Christ would keep His Church united, humble, earnest in her labors, consistent in her public worship, mindful of her public witness and diligent in her public witness for Jesus Christ.

Matthew 16:18-19—And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

Ephesians 4:3-6—Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Acts 9:31—Then the Church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace and was strengthened. Living in the fear of the Lord and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers.

Romans 15:5-6—May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The United States Government

- President Joseph Biden—his wife Jill, their children: Hunter (Melissa), and Ashley (Howard), and grandchildren: Maisy, Navy Joan, Natalie, Robert, Finnegan, Naomi, and Beau.
- Those who work for the United States Government (i.e. The Pentagon, all the government departments, our judges).
- National Lawmakers in Washington D.C.—Minnesota Senators Amy Klobuchar and Tina Smith, Representative Pete Stauber.
- State and local Lawmakers—Governor Tim Walz, Representative Spencer Igo, Mayors and City Council members.

Prayers

- Ask God to grant them wisdom to act with integrity, justice and truth. To serve with a reverent fear.
- Ask God for His mercy to be extended to their families and staff.
- Ask God for the grace to be mindful of our personal responsibility to pray for them.
- Thank God for His mercy and patience with our nation.

1 Timothy 2:1-2—I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

Exodus 18:21—But select capable men from all the people—men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain—and appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens.

Proverbs 11:3—The integrity of the upright guides them, but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity.

Romans 13:1-2—Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves.

United States Military

- Pray for the protection of all those who serve and the conversion of those outside of Christ.
- Pray for their family members.
- Pray for the military chaplains and the Christian men and women who serve to have conduct worthy of the gospel.
- Pray for those who have lost loved ones during military service.
- Pray as a nation that we will be more grateful for their service.

Psalm 57:1—Have mercy on me, my God, have mercy on me, for in You, I take refuge. I will take refuge in the shadow of Your wings until the disaster has passed.

Proverbs 2:8—For He guards the course of the just and protects the way of His faithful ones.

Psalm 5:11—But let all who take refuge in You be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread Your protection over them, that those who love Your name may rejoice in You.

Remember the Special Needs of Those Who Are Young and Are Just Now Setting Out in the World

- Pray for the conversions of our American youth outside of Christ.
- Enable those who are young to remember their Creator in the days of their youth.
- Preserve them from the pride of life.
- Restrain them from walking according to the impulses of their heart and the sights that appeal to their eyes.
- Pray that they would be mindful that they will give an account for their lives at the judgment.

Ecclesiastes 12:1—Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, “I find no pleasure in them.”

1 John 2:14—I write to you, dear children, because you know the Father. I write to you, fathers, because you know Him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the Word of God lives in you, and you have overcome the evil one.

Titus 2:6—Similarly, encourage the young men to be self-controlled.

Philippians 1:27—Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.

The American Education System

- Pray for school teachers (private/public/homeschool).
- Pray for school administrators (private/public).
- Pray for students (private/public/homeschool).
- Pray for school board members as they make decisions about the various curricula that are used across the country, as well as for homeschool parents.
- Pray for safety, morally sound instruction and wholesome environments.

Deuteronomy 11:18-19—Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Matthew 19:14—Jesus said, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”

Luke 11:35-36—See to it, then, that the light within you is not darkness. Therefore, if your whole body is full of light, and no part of it dark, it will be just as full of light as when a lamp shines its light on you.

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Pray for Our Aging

- Pray for the conversion of those outside of Jesus Christ.
- Let them keep bearing fruit in their old age.
- Pray that they would have confidence that they will not be cast off by You in their old age. They would know that You will not fail them even if their own strength does.
- Restrain them from walking according to the impulses of their heart and the sights that appeal to their eyes.
- Pray that they would be mindful that they will give an account for their lives at the judgment.

Philippians 1:27—Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.

Psalms 71:6—From birth I have relied on You; You brought me forth from my mother's womb. I will ever praise You.

Psalms 90:12—Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

Pray for the Poor and Afflicted

- Pray that Christians would be generous to the needs of the poor.
- Pray that we would be mindful of what Jesus taught us about the treatment of the poor.
- Pray for the physical troubles and the special needs that are overwhelming to those individuals and families in our nation.

James 2:5—Listen, my dear brothers and sisters:

Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom He promised those who love Him?

1 John 3:17-18—If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

Luke 12:32-34—“Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Matthew 25:40—“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’”

Pray for Our Enemies and Those Who Hate Us

- Pray that we would love our enemies.
- Bless those who curse us.
- Forgive those who sin against us.
- God would work in us an attitude of forbearance, forgiveness and love to everyone.

Luke 6:27-36—“But to you who are listening I say:

Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because He is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.”

Conclude your time of prayer by thanking God for listening, and ask God that all our prayers will give glory to God our Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead, our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Hebrews 13:20-21

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