

let's
pray

A
POST-
ELECTION
CALL
TO PRAYER

DALLAS
BIBLE
CHURCH



2020 continues with more change and uncertainty regarding the future. The elders at Dallas Bible would like to call for an intentional time of prayer as we seek God's glory, not only in our own lives, but all around our country.

In 1 Timothy 2:1-4, the Apostle Paul tells us to pray for those in authority, that we might live "peaceful and quiet lives . . . in hopes that all will be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth."

We believe prayer changes things. So, please join us for seven days of prayer: November 8-15. Let us ask God to move, so that "all will be saved and come to the knowledge of truth."

Each day, we will take a moment to pray for three specific things: ourselves, our church, and our country. Please feel free to pick one of the prayer points.

Prayer for Ourselves

DESPERATE TIMES ARE DEFINING TIMES.

They tend to reveal the truth about what's happening in our hearts. In a year that's seen a lot of tragedy and instability, it's good for us to reflect prayerfully upon what's happening inside us before we intercede and ask the Lord to move.

WHAT DO THESE DESPERATE TIMES REVEAL ABOUT YOUR HEART?

Is deeply rooted faith bringing you peace in the middle of this storm?

Does love come out of your mouth in a time when so many around us spew chaos, dissension, and hate?

Do friends and family see you as a peacemaker or someone to avoid?

Do wisdom and compassion appear in your political conversations?

Does your influence cross partisan lines, or have you alienated everyone who's not in your camp?

Do your affections gravitate toward worship, or are they stunted by self-sufficiency, fear, or distraction?

Please take a moment each day to ask the Lord what's happening in your heart. Listen to what He may be telling you, and repent.

Let us test and examine our ways, and return to the Lord!

Lamentations 3:40

Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! See if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the path everlasting!

Psalm 139:23-24

PRAYER POINTS

Take some time to worship.

Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! (Psalm 95:6)

Ask Jesus for forgiveness and receive it. Picture Him washing you clean again.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)

Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. (Hebrews 10:22)

Ask for the fruit of the Holy Spirit to be strong and alive in you.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. (Galatians 5:22-23)

Ask for humility, wisdom, and favor so Jesus would be glorified in you.

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. (John 13:34-35)

Thank Him for His goodness.

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

Rest in the knowledge that He's in control.

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want . . . Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever. (Psalm 23)

Listen to what He's calling you to do.

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. (John 16:13)

Prayer for Our Church

"A DIVIDED COUNTRY NEEDS A UNITED CHURCH."

PRAYER POINTS

Pray for corporate forgiveness for the sins of the church.

If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. (2 Chronicles 7:14)

Pray for corporate humility and compassion toward "the least of these."

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." (Matthew 25:40)

Pray for a bold gospel witness that will lead many to saving faith.

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. (Romans 1:16)

Pray for a selfless use of our freedom.

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. (Galatians 5:13)

Pray for a spirit of holiness to come upon the Church.

But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do. (1 Peter 1:15)

Pray for a heart that reflects the humility of Jesus.

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. (Philippians 2:3-4)

Pray for a spirit of courage in all things.

Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. (1 Corinthians 16:13)

Pray for a spirit of unity & peace.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. (Colossians 3:15)

Prayer for Our Country

PRAYER POINTS

Pray for our President and elected leaders; that they would fear the Lord and seek wisdom that comes from above.

But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. (James 3:17)

Ask God to remove all selfishness, evil, and envy, so we can live with peace.

For where envy and selfishness exist, you will find disorder and every evil practice. (James 3:16)

Pray for our judicial system and lawmakers—that justice would reign for all, and that wisdom, mercy and compassion, would guide our nation.

This is what the Lord Almighty said: "Administer true justice; show mercy and compassion to one another." (Zechariah 7:9)

Pray for cultural repentance—that we would turn from self-sufficiency, Godlessness, and indifference toward injustice.

You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. (Jeremiah 29:13)

We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. (Isaiah 53:6)

Pray for God-glorifying cultural transformation that would lead to peace and flourishing for all.

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. (Romans 12:2)

Pray for truth to become valued again.

Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. (John 8:32)

AMEN IS NOT THE END.

Prayer rarely stops after the "amen." When we passionately cry out to God over any issue, we should always wrap it up by saying, "Lord, if there is any way You want to use me as an answer to this prayer, I am here, and I am listening."