



# NATIONAL DAY of PRAYER

## NOW IS THE TIME FOR PRAYER

The National Day of Prayer was made official in 1952, but leaders in the United States often spent times in fasting and prayer, even from the earliest days of its beginnings. The need to spend time in prayer and fasting is just as great yet today. As you go through your day today, purpose to spend time in prayer. Use the suggested items below to guide your prayer times throughout the day. Consider fasting from a meal or all meals today and seeking the Lord's face in this time.

### HOW CAN YOU PRAY TODAY?

*Please read through 2 Chronicles 7:13-15 today.*

**HUMILITY** — Humbly admit our sin and acknowledge our need of mercy, grace, and forgiveness. Take the time to pray through personal revival. Ask God to break us of our pride across our nation.

**PRAY** — Ask the Lord to blanket our nation with a spirit of prayer. Pray that everyone from our national leaders to our children would join in prayer.

**SEEK** — We often seek God's hand, wanting things from Him for ourselves. Spend today seeking God's face. Look at Him and worship Him today.

**TURN** — Our nation is filled with sins that grieve a holy God. Pray for a spirit of repentance across the church and our nation, that we will not merely *acknowledge* our sins, but *turn* from our sins. Ask God what sin(s) He desires you to release. What will you personally turn from today? Pray particularly over the sin of *abortion*, the taking of innocent life. Ask God that, as a nation, we will turn from this horrific sin.

**HEAR** — Ask God today to hear the prayers of millions across our land. That His "eyes will be open and His ear attentive" to the prayers of His people. Ask God to give millions of people the faith to believe that God is doing today exactly what He promised: that if we will pray and turn, He will hear, forgive, and heal!

**FORGIVE** — Pray for a cleansing of the church and the nation. Pray specifically for God to wash over believers, churches, and our nation with a tidal wave of His forgiveness as we turn to Him. Pray that we would not trust in ourselves for this forgiveness but turn to the cross and embrace what Christ has done as our sure hope of forgiveness. Pray for a national spiritual awakening, that millions who don't know Him will awaken to their lost condition, cry out to God, and find His forgiveness.

**HEAL** — Pray for a great healing across our land. Pray for a healing of relationships, families, churches, and racial, cultural, and political division. Pray for a national healing from the Coronavirus that is profound and visible. Pray that God will heal us in such ways that only He could receive the glory, that even political, media, and healthcare leaders would recognize that it was the hand of God that healed our land

*(Adapted from PRAY7:14 & MyFaithVotes)*

O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with all who love him and obey his commands, we have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and have rebelled; we have turned away from your commands and laws. We have not listened to your direction. Now, O Lord our God, hear the prayers and petitions of your servants. For your sake, O Lord, look with favor on your people. Give ear and hear; open your eyes and see the desolation of our day. Stop the spread of this virus, let the truth be told and all deception exposed. We do not make requests because we are righteous, but because of your great mercy. O Lord, listen! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, hear and act! For your sake, do not delay, because your people bear your name.

Amen.

*An adaptation from Daniel's prayer in the 9th chapter of the book of Daniel.*

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