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# PUBLIC SQUARE PRAYER GUIDE

HOW TO PRAY EFFECTIVELY OVER THE PUBLIC SQUARE



"For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places." –Ephesians 6:12, ESV

# PUBLIC SQUARE MINISTRY

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# PRAY FOR THE CHURCH

#### **READ THE SCRIPTURE:**

"Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? And 'If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?' Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good." (1 Peter 4:12–19, ESV)

#### **PRAY THE SCRIPTURE:** (A prayer of submissive surrender to the Lord)

Heavenly Father, I humbly come before You. I recognize that Your judgment starts with the household of God, with me, the church, and my brothers and sisters in Christ. Let me suffer for Christ and for walking in His righteousness. Let Your judgment fall on every area of my life that is in willful disobedience to You. Let me respond quickly to the conviction of Your Holy Spirit.

Lord, I know people won't be pleased when I speak the truth in public squares. I know that they will insult and mock me. But Lord, I ask for Your courage to speak the truth anyway. Help me talk about truth and live out Your word of truth. Let my life be a living example of Your Gospel message. Please help me to suffer for the right reasons. Lord, I entrust my soul to You. You are the faithful Creator. Since You are with me, I will do well in the public square. (Continue praying.) In Jesus' name, Amen.

#### **READ THE SCRIPTURE:**

"Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. **And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.** Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Philippians 2:5–11, ESV)

#### **PRAY THE SCRIPTURE:** (A prayer of humility before the Lord)

Heavenly Father, I beseech you to grant me the same mindset as Christ, and the courage to stand for the truth with unwavering conviction, with humility and clarity. May I love my neighbors with such zeal that they are compelled to repent as the judgment of God approaches. I confess Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior, and I commit to bring glory to God in all areas of my life. I choose to yield to your will, surrendering my life to your divine plan. With unyielding faith, I bow before you and confess Jesus as Lord. May my words and deeds reflect your power and authority, and may they persuade others to follow the path to the Cross. (Continue praying.) In Jesus' name, Amen.



#### **READ THE SCRIPTURE:**

"Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy." (Proverbs 28:13, ESV)

"Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out." (Acts 3:19, ESV)

"Bear fruit in keeping with repentance." (Matthew 3:8, ESV)

#### **PRAY THE SCRIPTURE:** (A prayer of repentance to the Lord)

Heavenly Father, I confess I was quiet when you called me to speak up. I confess that I have not forsaken my sin. I have turned to my idolatrous heart and worshiped my false comforts instead of walking in obedience to you. I reveal my transgressions to you. I know you already know them. I am simply acknowledging them and proclaiming you are right; you are holy and the God who is above.

Lord, I repent for not being a good steward of the public square. I need to steward faithfully the nation you have placed me in. I turn back to you. My pride and arrogance have overwhelmed me. Blot out my sin. Show mercy on me.

Lord, thank you for causing me to bear fruit in keeping in repentance. You are the only good, living and faithful God who will prune me and to make me know your righteousness. Lord, let the fruit of my life be the everlasting word of God flowing me to others. I love you, Lord. Forgive me for my hypocrisy. I need you. I rely on you. (Continue praying.) In Jesus' Name, Amen



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#### PRAY FOR CHRISTIANS TO EFFECTIVELY SHARE THE GOSPEL

**LABORERS WIDOWS CORPORATIONS SMALL BUSINESS NON-PROFIT EDUCATION ARTS MEDICAL JUSTICE SYSTEM** THE LOST **RETIRED MILITARY GOVERNMENT TRADE** THE POOR LAW ENFORCEMENT **CLASSES PUBLIC WORKERS PROFESSIONAL MARGINALIZED** "There is not one single inch of the created

"There is not one single inch of the created world over which Jesus Christ does not say, 'This too is mine'." ~Abraham Kuyper



## PRAY FOR TRUTH IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE

#### PRAY FOR THE WELFARE OF THE CITY

#### **READ THE SCRIPTURE:**

"But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare." (Jeremiah 29:7, ESV)

**PRAY THE SCRIPTURE:** Heavenly Father, I pray for the peace and welfare of my city. Please guide us towards repentance and godly sorrow. Our families have turned away from you, and our towns have rejected your ways. I ask for your mercy and grace. When our fellow citizens despise the church, help me show them your love by sharing your truth and standing in your righteousness in a winsome way. I will involve myself in the public square despite their rejection, as it is for their good. Please hear my prayer and guide us in your ways. (Continue praying.) In Jesus' name, Amen

#### PRAY FOR LEADERS TO FEAR GOD

#### **READ THE SCRIPTURE:**

"Moreover, look for able men from all the people, men who fear God, who are trustworthy and hate a bribe, and place such men over the people as chiefs of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties, and of tens." (Exodus 18:21, ESV)

**PRAY THE SCRIPTURE:** Heavenly Father, I ask you to help me become a leader who fears and reveres you. Please remove any pride and arrogance from my heart. If I ever become untrustworthy, please convict me through the Holy Spirit. I promise not to be bought off and ask that you convict me if I ever do so, whether by lying or accepting bribes. I also pray for the leaders in authority over me that they may fear you, be trustworthy, and not be willing to be bought off. (Continue praying.) In Jesus' Name, Amen.

#### PRAY FOR JUSTICE, RIGHTEOUSNESS, & TRUTH

#### **READ THE SCRIPTURE:**

"Justice is turned back, and righteousness stands far away; for truth has stumbled in the public squares, and uprightness cannot enter. Truth is lacking, and he who departs from evil makes himself a prey. The LORD saw it, and it displeased him that there was no justice." (Isaiah 59:14–15, ESV)

**PRAY THE SCRIPTURE:** Heavenly Father, we have witnessed a lack of justice and righteousness in our public square. We have either kept silent or lied, causing the truth to stumble. Even when I attempt to stand for justice by departing from evil, my family and friends attack me. We have gone down the wrong path. Please help us turn the public square back to you. I repent on behalf of my family and ask for your mercy. (Continue praying.) In Jesus' Name, Amen.

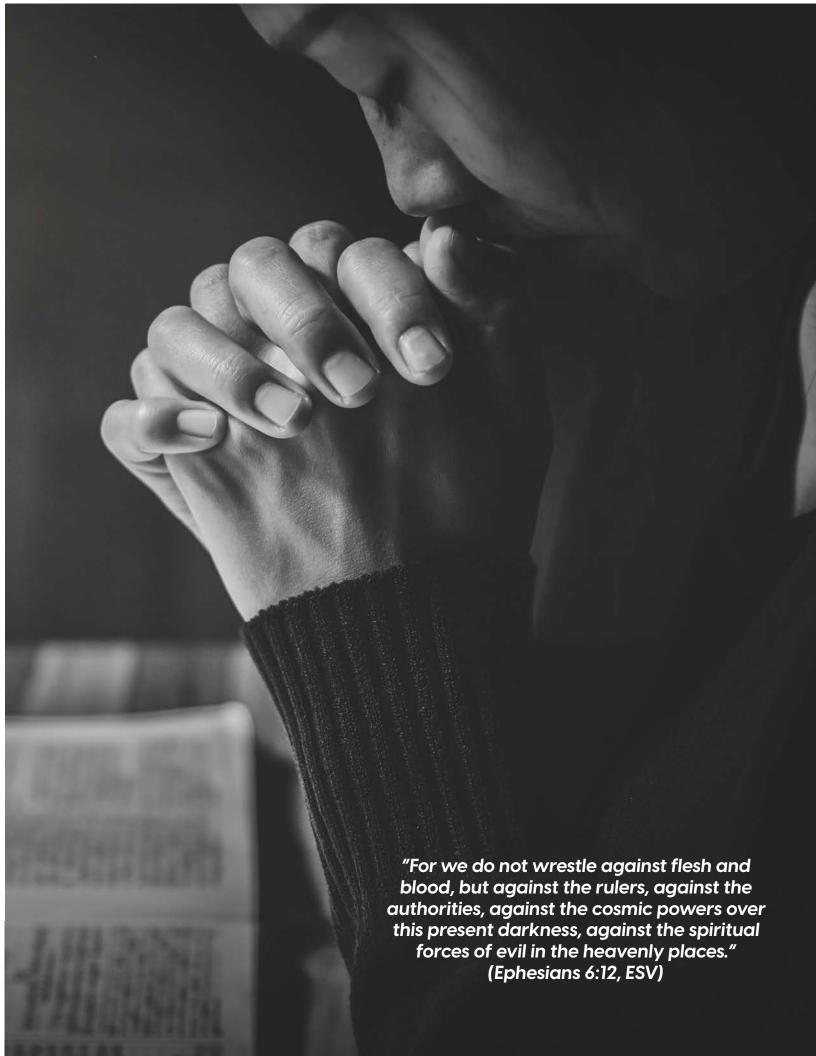
#### PRAY FOR AGREEMENT WITH GOD

#### **READ THE SCRIPTURE:**

"Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!" (Isaiah 5:20, ESV)

**PRAY THE SCRIPTURE**: Heavenly Father, forgive us for calling good evil and evil good. We ask for your strength to be honest and speak the truth, even when it's uncomfortable. Help us to seek your will and to call good what You call good and evil what You call evil. Instill in us the desire for none to perish. Empower us to speak the truth boldly and guide us as we pray. (Continue praying.) In Jesus' Name, Amen.





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# PRAY FOR THE LOST



#### **READ THE SCRIPTURE:**

"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because that which is known about God is evident within them: for God made it evident to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes. His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse" (Romans 1:18–20, NASB95)

PRAY THE SCRIPTURE: (Pray for the salvation of the Marxist, Communist, and Anarchist)
Heavenly Father, I pray for those who do not know you. I acknowledge that I lived without you, and by faith through grace, you have shown mercy to me and allowed me to come to a saving knowledge of you. I pray that those who continue to suppress the truth of Salvation through Jesus Christ alone will surrender their pride to you and acknowledge you as God. I confess that I do not understand those who want to pull down our nation, and I also acknowledge that there are actions I take inadvertently that could contribute to the downfall of our country. I ask that we come to repentance and turn away from our destructive ways. First and foremost, I pray that we will all fall in love with you, Jesus. You love us, and you died for us. I pray that we will all come to a saving knowledge of Your Son, Jesus, and that the areas of truth that You have made known to us will no longer be suppressed. I pray that your evidence will come alive in our hearts and that any spiritual battle waging war against us will stop so that we can come to our senses and know you more. Please continue to guide us and give us wisdom as we journey through life. (Continue praying.) In Jesus' Name, Amen.

#### **READ THE SCRIPTURE:**

"The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance." (2 Peter 3:9, NASB95)

PRAY THE SCRIPTURE: (Nationalist who has not surrendered to Jesus)
Heavenly Father, it is your will that no one should perish. I pray for
those who believe that our nation is the solution to all their problems
and that their hope lies solely in our country. May they come to know
the Gospel and the true hope that lies in You, through Your Son, Jesus
Christ. Lord, I understand that I am a steward of my nation and not an
idolater of my country. Please guide me in leading others to You
and sharing Your message of hope. (Continue praying.) In Jesus'
Name. Amen



#### **READ THE SCRIPTURE:**

"For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error. And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper, being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; they are gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful; and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them." (Romans 1:25–32, NASB95)

#### PRAY THE SCRIPTURE:

(Pray for the salvation of the LGBTQ2+, Environmentalist, those rebellious to parents) Heavenly Father, as a culture, we have abandoned Your truth and embraced falsehoods. We need to acknowledge Your divine authority and reject our greed. We have allowed evil to thrive and even celebrated those who engage in it. We have elevated sex to the status of a god, pleasure to an idol, and ease to the grand prize. We have cheapened grace to such an extent that we merely say, "You must forgive us." "We are Americans, Christians, and God is with us." However, we have been following the god of pleasure instead of You, the living, just, and holy God. We have become foolish and need to come back to Your ways. I pray that those lost in our society will come to know You and Your truth. May I always communicate Your truth clearly and walk in Your way. I also pray that You will bring a bountiful harvest. (Continue praying.) In Jesus' name, Amen.

#### **READ THE SCRIPTURE:**

"For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; Avoid such men as these." (2 Timothy 3:2–5, NASB95)

PRAY THE SCRIPTURE: (Pray for the lost religious to come to a saving knowledge of Jesus.)

Heavenly Father, I pray for those who pretend to follow You but are far from You in both the church and the public square. Please help them to come to true repentance and turn to You so they may know You as the living, all-present God and find compassion from You. I know You are drawing them closer to You, so please help me be a faithful servant and do my part to model godly living and share your good news of Jesus with them. (Continue praying.) In Jesus's name, Amen.





# PRAY FOR YOUR FAMILY & THEIR PUBLIC SQUARE INVOLVEMENT

#### **READ THE SCRIPTURE:**

"Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much." (James 5:16, NASB95)

Relative:	Involvement in the Public Square: (Employment/Volunteer)
Father:	
Mother:	
Grandparents:	
In-laws:	
Children:	
Grand Children:	
Great Grand Children:	
Other:	

#### **PRAY THE SCRIPTURE:**

Heavenly Father, draw my family to your side. Please help me to be an excellent example of your character. Please help me to be humble and repentant when I make a mistake. Lord, I want to be a living, breathing gospel example to them. Lord, draw them to the cross and let them come to the saving knowledge of Jesus. (Continue praying). In Jesus' Name, Amen.

#### PRAY THE SCRIPTURE:

Heavenly Father, I pray I will live a spirit-empowered life that brings glory and honor to you. I pray my family will do the same. We are living during hard days, but we know you are victorious over all our days. Teach me and my family to walk in your way. (Continue praying) In Jesus' Name, Amen.



#### PRAY FOR YOUR NEIGHBOR

#### **READ THE SCRIPTURE:**

"And He said to him, 'YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND." This is the great and foremost commandment. The second is like it, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF." (Matthew 22:37–39, NASB95)

Neighbors on your block:	Involvement in the Public Square: (Employment/Volunteer)
Example: Neighbor: BOB - house to the right	Electric Company / Homeless Shelter Volunteer
Neighbor:	

#### **PRAY THE SCRIPTURE:**

Heavenly Father, I see that the world has become increasingly isolated and disconnected. Today, I come to you with a humble prayer that I may have the courage to reach out to my neighbor and get to know them better. Please guide and bless me as I slow down and take the time to connect with them. In Jesus' Name, I pray for your help and guidance. (Continue praying.) In Jesus' Name, Amen.

#### PRAY THE SCRIPTURE:

Heavenly Father, I pray my neighbors and their families will come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. If you want to use me to share with my neighbor, I am willing. (Continue praying.) In Jesus' Name, Amen.





# PRAY FOR YOUR CITY OR TOWN

#### **READ THE SCRIPTURE:**

"First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity." (1 Timothy 2:1–2, NASB95)

Government	Church (Could Be Elder/Deacon/Council)
Mayor/Manager:	Pastor:
Council Member:	Board Member:
School District	Elementary School
Superintendent:	Principal:
Board Member:	Teacher:
Board Member:	Teacher:
Board Member:	Teacher:
Board Member:	
Board Member:	Teacher:
Middle School (Junior High)	High School
Principal:	Principal:
Teacher:	Teacher:
Teacher:	Teacher:
Teacher:	Teacher:
Law Enforcement	Fire Fighters
Chief of Police:	Fire Chief:
Officer:	Fire Fighter:
All Police Officers and support staff	All Fire Fighters and support staff
City Administration/Regulations	Medical
Official:	Official:
All administration positions and planning All medical professionals	
Business	
Leaders:	Leaders:
Leaders:	Leaders:

**PRAY THE SCRIPTURE:** Heavenly Father, I pray for the entire city and all those in positions of authority. We need repentance and a revival to occur. I trust You will give wisdom to those leading our community, keeping it safe and providing for it. May they receive the knowledge that You provide. May they take that knowledge and walk in obedience to you. I also pray for our churches and leaders to remain steadfast in your word. (Continue praying.) In Jesus' Name, Amen.



#### PRAY FOR YOUR COUNTY

#### **READ THE SCRIPTURE:**

"For the kingdom is the LORD'S And He rules over the nations." (Psalm 22:28, NASB95)

"Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor." (1 Peter 2:13–17, ESV)

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Appointed:		
Commissioner:	Commissioner:	
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Sheriff	County Auditor	
Sheriff:	Auditor:	
All Sheriff Officers & Staff	All Staff	
County Administrator	County Clerk	
Administrator:	Clerk:	
All Staff	All Staff	
Medical Examiner	Judges	
Examiner:	Judge:	
All medical professionals	Judge:	
	Judge:	
County Treasurer	Judge:	
Treasurer:	Judge:	
All support staff	All support staff	
Other:	Other:	
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PRAY THE SCRIPTURE: Heavenly Father, I recognize all authority is yours. Any power that has been given to our county officials has been given by you. Please help me to be an active participant in my county. Please help me to care about and be involved in witnessing to our elected officials. Lord, I pray they will have abundant wisdom and insight. I pray that you will move on them. My ultimate hope is in you. Help me to be helpful to them by honoring You. (Continue praying.) In Jesus' Name, Amen.



#### **READ THE SCRIPTURE:**

"Remind them to be subject to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good deed, to malign no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing every consideration for all men." (Titus 3:1–2, NASB95)

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#### **READ THE SCRIPTURE:**

"When the righteous increase, the people rejoice, But when a wicked man rules, people groan." (Proverbs 29:2, NASB95)

#### PRAY THE SCRIPTURE:

Heavenly Father, I come before you today to pray for my state. I pray that you will guide and help our leaders and those who have been placed in positions of authority to honor you. I pray that they will lead the people in righteousness and make decisions that will benefit the citizens of our state. I specifically pray for our governor, that you will grant him/her wisdom and discernment in making decisions that honor you and align with your word. May he/she be a person who listens to your voice and seeks your guidance in all things.



I pray that you will bless and protect our state and that Your will be done in all things. (Continue praying.) In Jesus' Name, Amen.



#### PRAY FOR YOUR NATION

#### **READ THE SCRIPTURE:**

"Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God. Therefore whoever resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves. For rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good and you will have praise from the same; for it is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath on the one who practices evil. Therefore it is necessary to be in subjection, not only because of wrath, but also for conscience's sake. For because of this you also pay taxes, for rulers are servants of God, devoting themselves to this very thing. Render to all what is due them: tax to whom tax is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor." (Romans 13:1–7, NASB95)

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Judge: ELENA KAGAN

Judge: BRETT M. KAVANAUGH Judge: KETANJI BROWN JACKSON

All support staff

Other: _	

#### **Vice-President:** KAMALA HARRIS (D)

#### **Senators**

Pray for 2 or 3

Senator:

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Judge: CLARENCE THOMAS Judge: SONIA SOTOMAYOR Judge: NEIL M. GORSUCH Judge: AMY CONEY BARRETT

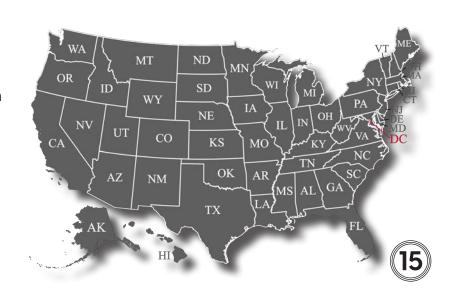
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#### READ THE SCRIPTURE:

"It is an abomination for kings to commit wicked acts, For a throne is established on righteousness." (Proverbs 16:12, NASB95)

PRAY THE SCRIPTURE: Heavenly Father, I am living in a time where it seems like the people in charge are not behaving honorably. Many of our elected officials have forgotten that they are your ministers. I ask for your forgiveness on behalf of my country and turn to you, the living God. Please show us your mercy and grace during these troubled times. Grant us your wisdom to guide us through this difficult situation. (Continue praying.) In Jesus' Name, Amen.





# PRAY FOR THE SHEPHERDS OF THE PUBLIC SQUARE

#### Acknowledgment:

"The Shepherds of the Public Square" refers to individuals whom God has appointed to care for others. This can include fathers, mothers, grandparents, pastors, elders, deacons, business leaders, elected officials, appointed officials, doctors, nurses, teachers, and so on. Although the scripture specifically refers to Israel shepherds, the general principles can also be applied to our present day and age.

#### **READ THE SCRIPTURE:**

""Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of My pasture!" declares the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD God of Israel concerning the shepherds who are tending My people: "You have scattered My flock and driven them away, and have not attended to them; behold, I am about to attend to you for the evil of your deeds," declares the LORD. "Then I Myself will gather the remnant of My flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and bring them back to their pasture, and they will be fruitful and multiply. "I will also raise up shepherds over them and they will tend them; and they will not be afraid any longer, nor be terrified, nor will any be missing," declares the LORD." (Jeremiah 23:1–4, NASB95)

**PRAY THE SCRIPTURE:** Heavenly Father, please help me not to scatter your flock and guide me to stand in your truth. I pray that you grant me the ability to tend to Your people and care for Your little ones. Lord, I ask that you guide our leaders in the Public Square so that they may tend to Your community in a way that brings Your glory and honor. We live in a scattering time, and I repent of our actions and turn to You. Please raise leaders who will be good shepherds of Your people. (Continue Praying) In Jesus' Name, Amen.

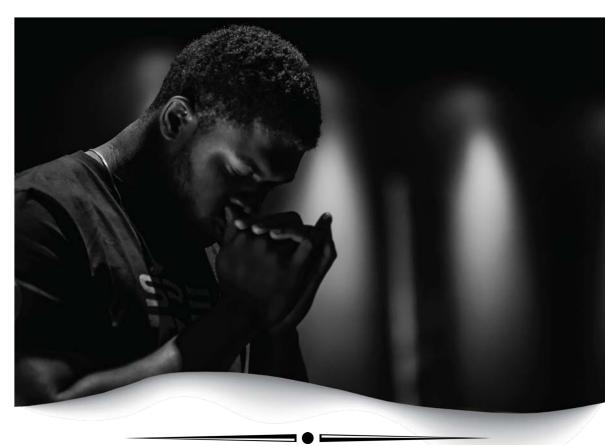
#### **READ THE SCRIPTURE:** (Read the entire chapter of Ezekiel 34)

"Then the word of the LORD came to me saying, "Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel. Prophesy and say to those shepherds, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "Woe, shepherds of Israel who have been feeding themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the flock? "You eat the fat and clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fat sheep without feeding the flock. "Those who are sickly you have not strengthened, the diseased you have not healed, the broken you have not bound up, the scattered you have not brought back, nor have you sought for the lost; but with force and with severity you have dominated them. "They were scattered for lack of a shepherd, and they became food for every beast of the field and were scattered. "My flock wandered through all the mountains and on every high hill; My flock was scattered over all the surface of the earth, and there was no one to search or seek for them." "" (Ezekiel 34:1–6, NASB95)

#### **PRAY THE SCRIPTURE:**

Heavenly Father, as a leader, I humbly ask for your guidance in taking care of my family, my business, and my community. Please help me to be a good shepherd to them, just as you are the good shepherd to us all. Help me to see and help those who are broken, and to lead with compassion and humility, not domination or control. Please empower me to find those who are lost and wandering, and to bring them back to you. Lord, please transform my heart to be more like yours, and guide me in bringing honor and glory to your name. (Continue Praying) In Jesus' Name, Amen.

#### PRAY FOR THE WATCHMEN OF THE PUBLIC SQUARE



#### **Acknowledgment:**

"The Watchmen of the Public Square" refers to individuals whom God has appointed to watch over others. This can include fathers, mothers, grandparents, pastors, elders, deacons, business leaders, elected officials, appointed officials, doctors, nurses, teachers, and so on. Although the scripture specifically refers to Israel watchmen, the general principles can also be applied to our present day and age.

#### **READ THE SCRIPTURE:**

"Son of man, I have appointed you a watchman to the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from My mouth, warn them from Me. When I say to the wicked, 'You will surely die,' and you do not warn him or speak out to warn the wicked from his wicked way that he may live, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. Yet if you have warned the wicked and he does not turn from his wickedness or from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered yourself. 'Again, when a righteous man turns away from his righteousness and commits iniquity, and I place an obstacle before him, he will die; since you have not warned him, he shall die in his sin, and his righteous deeds which he has done shall not be remembered; but his blood I will require at your hand. 'However, if you have warned the righteous man that the righteous should not sin and he does not sin, he shall surely live because he took warning; and you have delivered yourself."'
(Ezekiel 3:17–21, NASB95)

#### PRAY THE SCRIPTURE:

Heavenly Father, please help me to be vigilant and watchful over my family, a watchman. I ask that you also guide the watchmen in our city, county, or church to do what is right and just. Let us be a community that looks out for one another, warning each other of any wickedness that may come our way. Please keep us from any wrongdoing and help me overcome any fear or hesitation in speaking up. I love and trust in You, Lord. (Continue praying.) In Jesus' Name, Amen.



### PRAY FOR THE ELDERS OF THE PUBLIC SQUARE



#### Acknowledgment:

"The Elders of the Public Square" refers to individuals whom God has appointed to exercise wise oversight and godly examples. This can include fathers, mothers, grandparents, pastors, elders, deacons, business leaders, elected officials, appointed officials, doctors, nurses, teachers, and so on. Although the scripture specifically refers to Israel elders, the general principles can also be applied to our present day and age.

#### **READ THE SCRIPTURE:**

"Therefore, I exhort the elders among you, as your fellow elder and witness of the sufferings of Christ, and a partaker also of the glory that is to be revealed, shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to the will of God; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness; nor yet as lording it over those allotted to your charge, but proving to be examples to the flock." (1 Peter 5:1–3, NASB95)

#### PRAY THE SCRIPTURE:

Heavenly Father, I am grateful for the trust you have placed upon me in my role as an elder in my family. It is a great responsibility, one that I do not take lightly. I recognize that you have also appointed elders to lead in the public square, and I pray that they, too, lead with humility and do not misuse their positions of authority. I am conscious that my actions and behavior serve as an example for those around me. Empower me to set a good example so that we all may live by your will. I ask that you help us to willingly surrender our hearts to you without being forced to serve under compulsion. Lord, I seek to be a godly example, and I pray that others may be inspired to follow in your truth with boldness and courage.

May we all live our lives guided by your divine wisdom and grace. (Continue Praying) In Jesus' Name, Amen.

#### PRAY FOR THE KINGS OF THE PUBLIC SQUARE

#### **Acknowledgment:**

"The Kings of the Public Square" refers to individuals whom God has appointed to lead others. This can include fathers, mothers, grandparents, pastors, elders, deacons, business leaders, elected officials, appointed officials, doctors, nurses, teachers, and so on. Although the scripture specifically refers to Israel kings, the general principles can also be applied to our present day and age.

#### **READ THE SCRIPTURE:**

"The king gives stability to the land by justice, But a man who takes bribes overthrows it." (Proverbs 29:4, NASB95)

"A leader who is a great oppressor lacks understanding, But he who hates unjust gain will prolong his days." (Proverbs 28:16, NASB95)

#### **PRAY THE SCRIPTURE:**

Heavenly Father, help me to exercise justice in my home. Let me be a faithful king of the castle entrusted to me. Help those in authority over me to exercise justice with balanced scales and equal application of the law. Let me not be an oppressor. You empower me to find the need around me and bring justice to that need. Lord, help me to hate the things you hate. Please open my eyes to see the world the way you see the world. Please help me and those who lead to have understanding. We need revival in our land. (Continue praying.) In Jesus' Name, Amen.

#### **READ THE SCRIPTURE:**

"The king's heart is like channels of water in the hand of the LORD; He turns it wherever He wishes." (Proverbs 21:1, NASB95)

"Nebuchadnezzar responded and said to them, 'Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the golden image that I have set up? Now if you are ready, at the moment you hear the sound of the horn, flute, lyre, trigon, psaltery and bagpipe and all kinds of music, to fall down and worship the image that I have made, very well. But if you do not worship, you will immediately be cast into the midst of a furnace of blazing fire; and what god is there who can deliver you out of my hands?' Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego replied to the king, 'O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to give you an answer concerning this matter. If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire; and He will deliver us out of your hand, O king. But even if He does not, let it be known to you, O king, that we are not going to serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up." (Daniel 3:14–18, NASB95)

#### PRAY THE SCRIPTURE:

Heavenly Father, please hold my heart in your hands. I surrender myself to you and ask you to guide me wherever you wish to turn me. I love you and pray for your empowerment over the leadership in the public square so that they can bring honor and glory to you. Lord, we need your intervention in our culture and public square. We need to move in the right direction, and therefore, I ask for your help to have an attitude and courage like Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego so that if the king ever asks me to worship false gods, I will not do so. I also pray that those I lead will have the same courage if I ask them to bow to false gods. I repent of all my false gods and wandering heart and pray for your forgiveness. (Continue praying.) In Jesus' Name, Amen.

#### **READ THE SCRIPTURE:**

"I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants, by loving the LORD your God, by obeying His voice, and by holding fast to Him; for this is your life and the length of your days, that you may live in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them." (Deuteronomy 30:19–20, NASB95)

"For You formed my inward parts; You wove me in my mother's womb." (Psalm 139:13, NASB95)

#### PRAY THE SCRIPTURE:

Heavenly Father, today, I come to you with a heavy heart, praying that our community chooses life over death. I pray that we put an end to the genocide that is being committed through the abortion of the next generation. I ask that you bless and guide our local pregnancy centers, activists, and doctors as they work to demonstrate their love to others, act as an example of life, and act on principles for life. Lord, please show me the way and allow me to speak out against death. I pray that you close the doors of the abortion clinics and that those who work there will find a way to help bring life into the world instead. I also ask for your forgiveness for not taking a stronger stand against abortion. Please help me to make a difference and to be a voice for the voiceless. (Continue praying.) In Jesus' Name, Amen.

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Pray for your local pregnancy center	Pray for your pregnancy activist group
Director:	Director:
ORG. Name:	ORG. Name:
Pray abortions will stop at your local Planned Pc	arenthood or other abortion sites
Director:	Director:
ORG. Name:	ORG. Name:
Pray for christian doctors and nurses to have co	urage to take a stand for life
Doctor/Nurses:	Doctor/Nurses:
ORG. Name:	ORG. Name:
Pray for doctors and nurses are providing abort	ions
Doctor/Nurses:	Doctor/Nurses:
ORG. Name:	ORG. Name:



#### PRAY FOR PARENTAL RIGHTS

#### **READ THE SCRIPTURE:**

"Behold, children are a gift of the LORD, The fruit of the womb is a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So are the children of one's youth. How blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them; They will not be ashamed When they speak with their enemies in the gate." (Psalm 127:3–5, NASB95)

"Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one! "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. "These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. "You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up. "You shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead. "You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates." (Deuteronomy 6:4–9, NASB95)

#### PRAY THE SCRIPTURE:

Heavenly Father, I come to you in prayer today to ask for your help in guiding our government and parents in the right direction. Please help our government to stop interfering with our parenting responsibilities. I pray the church will encourage fathers and mothers to take their roles seriously. Lord, I pray that you empower us to raise our children in your ways and be good examples for them to follow. The birthrate is getting very low. It is also my humble request that you help increase the birth rate in the United States by instilling a desire in the next generation to have and raise families. I thank you for all your blessings and for hearing my prayers. (Continue praying.) In Jesus' Name, Amen.





# PRAY FOR BIBLICAL MARRIAGE

#### **READ THE SCRIPTURE:**

"Some Pharisees came to Jesus, testing Him and asking, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any reason at all?' And He answered and said, 'Have you not read that He who created them from the beginning MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE, and said, "FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH'? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate.'" (Matthew 19:3–6, NASB95)

#### PRAY THE SCRIPTURE:

Heavenly Father, I pray for my marriage, asking that you keep it healthy, vibrant, and God-honoring. I will also do my part in maintaining a healthy relationship with my spouse; I will love and cherish my spouse in all circumstances. I also ask that you strengthen the marriages in our community and forgive us for attempting to redefine marriage. You are the one who created, instituted, and defined marriage, and we should honor your creation. Sadly, selfishness and laziness have become a common issue in most marriages. I pray you to break their stronghold on these relationships and restore mutual submissiveness in marriages. (Continue praying.) In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Pray for an engaged couple	Pray for a newly married couple
His Name:	His Name:
Her Name:	Her Name:
Pray for a middle-aged couple	Pray for an older couple
His Name:	His Name:
Her Name:	Her Name:
Pray for couple with a healthy marriage	Pray for a couple on the verge of divorce
His Name:	His Name:
Her Name:	Her Name:
Pray for a recently divorced couple	Pray for a widow who just lost their spouse
His Name:	Living Spouse Name:
Her Name:	
Pray for grandparents	Pray for grandparents
His Name:	His Name:
22 Her Name:	Her Name:

#### PRAY FOR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY



#### **READ THE SCRIPTURE:**

"Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling." (Matthew 23:37, NASB95)

"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near." (Hebrews 10:23–25, NASB95)

#### PRAY THE SCRIPTURE:

Heavenly Father, we are grateful for the freedom to worship You, just like the people of "Jerusalem." We have the right to follow Your word freely, and we must use this freedom responsibly, being respectful stewards of the faith, You entrusted us. We pray that You protect our current religious liberty and increase it so we can boldly preach and proclaim the gospel without any hindrance. Your scripture commands us to "not forsake the assembling," we demand religious freedom across our state. We will not tolerate any government interference with our biblical right to worship, and we expect all government leaders to respect the boundaries You have set for the church. We will continue asserting our rights and standing firm in our faith, guided by Your blessings and guidance. (Continue praying.) In Jesus' Name, Amen.



# FPIW PRAY FOR A SOLUTION FOR CRIME AND LAWLESSNESS

#### **READ THE SCRIPTURE:**

"You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife or his male servant or his female servant or his ox or his donkey or anything that belongs to your neighbor." (Exodus 20:13–17, NASB95)

"Many false prophets will arise and will mislead many. **Because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold.** But the one who endures to the end, he will be saved." (Matthew 24:11–13, NASB95)



"Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority, or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right." (1 Peter 2:13–14, NASB95)

#### PRAY THE SCRIPTURE:

Instructions:

Pray for those who enforce the law.

Heavenly Father, I pray for our city and country where lawlessness seems to have taken over. I ask that You give our leaders the courage to do what You entrusted them to do: punish evil. Please be with our law enforcement as they risk their lives to keep us safe. I also pray for judges to enforce the laws equally. Lord, I have discerned that love among people is growing colder and colder. Please renew our desire to be patient with one another, to seek the interests of others instead of our own, and to have a forgiving heart that doesn't keep records of wrongs. We need Your help to mature and learn how to love one another. (Continue praying.) I pray all this in Jesus' name. Amen.

# Law Enforcement (Sheriff & Police) Judges Officer : Judge: Officer : Judge:



#### PRAY FOR FREE MARKETS & PROPERTY RIGHTS

#### **READ THE SCRIPTURE:**

"He who tends the fig tree will eat its fruit, And he who cares for his master will be honored." (Proverbs 27:18, NASB95)

"The hard-working farmer ought to be the first to receive his share of the crops." (2 Timothy 2:6, NASB95)

"God blessed them; and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth." (Genesis 1:28, NASB95)

"Then the LORD God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it." (Genesis 2:15, NASB95)

"If the thief is caught while breaking in and is struck so that he dies, there will be no blood guiltiness on his account. But if the sun has risen on him, there will be blood guiltiness on his account. He shall surely make restitution; if he owns nothing, then he shall be sold for his theft." (Exodus 22:2–3, NASB95)

#### PRAY THE SCRIPTURE:

Heavenly Father, I implore You to grant us the ability to consume the fruits of our labor. I request that the government uphold the responsibility to keep our citizens safe and maintain essential resources such as fire, police, and roads while limiting their spending and refraining from excessive taxes. Please guide us to cultivate and preserve the land You have bestowed upon us. Let us vow to treat each other's property with respect and dignity and not resort to theft. Let each citizen ask for Your divine guidance and blessings as we navigate our daily lives. (Continue praying.) In Jesus' Name, Amen.





# PRAY FOR A SOLUTION TO HOMELESSNESS

#### **READ THE SCRIPTURE:**

"For the poor will never cease to be in the land; therefore command you, saying, 'You shall freely open your hand to your brother, to your needy and poor in your land." (Deuteronomy 15:11, NASB95)

"For you always have the poor with you; but you do not always have Me." (Matthew 26:11, NASB95)

"He who oppresses the poor to make more for himself Or who gives to the rich, will only come to poverty." (Proverbs 22:16, NASB95)

"The righteous is concerned for the rights of the poor, The wicked does not understand such concern." (Proverbs 29:7, NASB95)



#### **PRAY THE SCRIPTURE:**

Heavenly Father, as citizens, we are obligated to assist those in need. Please help me have a compassionate heart and willingly extend a helping hand to those who require it, but allow me to do this freely and not forcefully through taxation. I also pray that the church community will have a softened heart and extend their support to those in need without hesitation. I want to be more aware of the people around me who are hurting, oppressed, needy, frustrated, addicted, poor, and vulnerable. Please help me to be more observant of my surroundings and the plight of humanity. Lord, guide me to advocate for the rights of the poor. I pray that the government will not redistribute wealth from one group of people to another. I pray we can freely give as the Holy Spirit gives us direction. (Continue praying.) In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Instructions:  Pray for specific areas that have a higher level of homelessness.
Area #1:
Area #2 :
Area #3 :
Area #4 :
Area #5 :
Area #6 :
Area #7 :

#### PRAY FOR JUSTICE



#### **READ THE SCRIPTURE:**

"He has told you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you But to do justice, to love kindness, And to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:8, NASB95)

"But let justice roll down like waters And righteousness like an ever-flowing stream." (Amos 5:24, NASB95)

"How long will you judge unjustly And show partiality to the wicked? Selah. Vindicate the weak and fatherless; Do justice to the afflicted and destitute. Rescue the weak and needy; Deliver them out of the hand of the wicked." (Psalm 82:2–4, NASB95)

"Learn to do good; Seek justice, Reprove the ruthless, Defend the orphan, Plead for the widow." (Isaiah 1:17, NASB95)

"You shall do no injustice in judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor nor defer to the great, but you are to judge your neighbor fairly." (Leviticus 19:15, NASB95)

#### PRAY THE SCRIPTURE:

Heavenly Father, we acknowledge that justice is needed in our land. As a state, we have perverted justice by removing punishment for evil and criminal acts, and by failing to hold people accountable. We have turned away from your precepts of justice, causing unequal treatment and loss of balanced scales. Please help us return to righteousness and fair judgment, without favoring the poor or deferring to the rich.

We repent of our lack of justice and commit to equal justice. (Continue praying.) In Jesus' Name, Amen. 27



#### **READ THE SCRIPTURE:**

"When they had brought them, they stood them before the Council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to continue teaching in this name, and yet, you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and intend to bring this man's blood upon us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men." (Acts 5:27–29, NASB95)

"Open your mouth for the mute, For the rights of all the unfortunate. Open your mouth, judge righteously, And defend the rights of the afflicted and needy." (Proverbs 31:8–9, NASB95)

"And the tongue is a fire, the very world of iniquity; the tongue is set among our members as that which defiles the entire body, and sets on fire the course of our life, and is set on fire by hell. For every species of beasts and birds, of reptiles and creatures of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by the human race. But no one can tame the tongue; it is a restless evil and full of deadly poison." (James 3:6–8, NASB95)

#### PRAY THE SCRIPTURE:

Heavenly Father, I know that You have entrusted me with the freedom of speech, and I am grateful for that. In situations where religious leaders and government officials try to take away this freedom, I ask for Your divine empowerment to speak out with confidence, clarity, and boldness. I promise to use my voice to defend the vulnerable, the weak, and the afflicted with unwavering determination. May my words always glorify You and not serve my own interests. Please help me to boldly proclaim Your truth and stand up for what is right, just as You do. I thank You for Your guidance. (Continue praying.) In Jesus' Name, Amen.



#### PRAY FOR SEXUAL IDENTITY



#### **READ THE SCRIPTURE:**

"God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them." (Genesis 1:27, NASB95)

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, And before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you a prophet to the nations." (Jeremiah 1:5, NASB95)

#### **PRAY THE SCRIPTURE:**

Heavenly Father, I come to you with a heavy heart as I see the confusion that has taken over our society regarding gender. Some people claim that there are as many as 72 different genders, causing chaos and uncertainty among us. I pray that we will come to our senses and return to the biblical worldview of male and female, the way you created us. Please guide and help those who are struggling with their gender identity and give them clarity and peace of mind. I also pray that you protect our children from the harmful influence of adults who are trying to confuse them with false ideas about gender and encourage them to mutilate their bodies. May your love and truth shine upon us all and help us return to your path. (Continue praying.) In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Instructions: Please remember to pray for individuals who are struggling with gender dysphoria.
Individual #1 :
Individual #2:
Individual #3:
Individual #4 :
<b>Instructions:</b> Please pray for the parents of individuals who are struggling with gender dysphoria.
Parents #1 :
Parents #2 :
Parents #3 :
Parents #4 :



# **FPIW** PRAY FOR LIMITED GOVERNMENT

#### **READ THE SCRIPTURE:**

"Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God. Therefore whoever resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves. For rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good and you will have praise from the same; for it is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath on the one who practices evil. Therefore it is necessary to be in subjection, not only because of wrath, but also for conscience' sake. For because of this you also pay taxes, for rulers are servants of God, devoting themselves to this very thing. Render to all what is due them: tax to whom tax is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor." (Romans 13:1–7, NASB95)

#### PRAY THE SCRIPTURE:

Heavenly Father, you have limited the role of government to only a few things. You have limited to justice, Heavenly Father, you have defined a limited role for the government which includes justice, ensuring the safety of the people, and punishing evil. Lord, we pray that we return to the fundamental roles of government and ensure equal justice for all citizens. Please help us protect our borders, uphold the law, and allow truth and righteousness to prevail in government. Lord, we understand that when citizens go against your teachings, the nation is likely to follow the same path. We repent and change course. (Continue praying.) In Jesus' Name, Amen.



#### **Instructions:**

Pray for the government to be limited to what the bible says the government should be limited to.

Security and Safety of Its	Citizens:		
Punishing Crime:			

#### PRAY FOR INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS

#### **READ THE SCRIPTURE:**

"Act as free men, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but use it as bondslaves of God." (1 Peter 2:16, NASB95)

"Now at this time while the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint arose on the part of the Hellenistic Jews against the native Hebrews, because their widows were being overlooked in the daily serving of food." (Acts 6:1, NASB95)

"But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man will be blessed in what he does." (James 1:25, NASB95)

#### **PRAY THE SCRIPTURE:**

Heavenly Father, as we enjoy our rights, we must also remember that we are responsible for using them in a way that honors You. I choose to exercise my liberty and ask for Your help to bring You glory. Lord, please give me the strength to be accountable to You and to walk in righteousness and holiness. Father, our rights are from You, our freedom is from You, our life is from You, and our happiness can only be found in You. (Continue praying.) In Jesus' Name, Amen.

#### Instructions:

Pray for our God-given rights and our God-entrusted responsibilities.

#### **FOR EXAMPLE**

#### Right:

Freedom of Speech

#### Responsibility:

**Individual Rights** 

Be honest, clear, and compassionate. Avoid false or exaggerated claims. Consider serving others. Do not threaten or use intimidating words.

Right #1 :	
Right #2 :	
Right #3:	
Right #4:	

Right #6:			
3			

Right #5: \_\_\_\_\_

Individual Responsibility	

Responsibility #1:
Responsibility #2:
Responsibility #3:
Responsibility #4:
Responsibility #5:

Responsibility #6: \_\_\_\_\_



# PRAY FOR THE ELECTIONS (NATIONAL, STATE, COUNTY, & CITY)

#### Instructions:

Pray for the governmental actions that will be happening this year: elections, legislative sessions, etc.



#### National Executive Branch

#### **Washington State Executive Branch**

WA Governor (JAY INSLEE - D) WA LT Governor (DENNY HECK - D) 2024 - 2028 - 2032 - 2036 - 2040 - 2044



National Legislative Branch (US SENATE) Article I, section 3 of the Constitution requires the Senate to be divided into three classes for purposes of elections.

Senators are elected to six-year terms, and every two years the members of one class—approximately one-third of the senators—face election or reelection.

MARIA CANTWELL- D Class One - 2025 - 2031 - 2037 - 2043

PATTY MURRAY - D Class Three - 2029 - 2035 - 2041 -2047



#### Washington State Legislative Branch (Senate)

The Senate has 49 members; one from each legislative district in the state. Senators are elected to four-year terms, and approximately one-half the membership of the Senate is up for election each even-numbered year.

2024 - 2026 - 2028 - 2030 - 2032 - 2034 - 2036 - 2038 - 2040 - 2042

Detailed Info: https://leg.wa.gov/Senate/Senators/Pages/TermExpirations.aspx



**National Legislative Branch (US Representative)** Members of the House of Representatives serve two-year terms and are considered for reelection every even year. The number of representatives with full voting rights is 435, a number set by Public Law 62-5 on August 8, 1911, and in effect since 1913. The number of representatives per state is proportionate to population.

**Washington Legislative Branch (STATE Representative)** All House members are elected for two years. All members stand for reelection in the general election during even years and begin serving the first day of the legislative session following the general election (the second Monday of January). It is composed of 98 Representatives from 49 districts, each of which elects one Senator and two members of the House

**NOTE:** Due to space limitations, we regret that we cannot list every election. Therefore, we kindly request you to familiarize yourself with the information regarding the elections of your city & county.

#### Instructions:

Pray for the governmental actions that will be happening this year: elections, legislative sessions, etc.



#### Washington State Judicial Branch (Supreme Court Justice)

The Washington Supreme Court is the highest judiciary in the state. State Supreme Court justices hear appeals and decide cases from Courts of Appeals and other lower courts. The only requirement for the office is that the prospective justice be admitted to the practice of law in Washington State. Vacancies are filled by appointment of the Governor until the next general election.

#### Washington State Judicial Branch (Court of Appeals Judge)

Court of Appeals judges hear appeals from Superior Courts. A total of 22 judges serve three divisions headquartered in Seattle, Tacoma, and Spokane. Court of Appeals judges serve six-year terms.



#### Washington State Judicial Branch (Superior Court Judge)

Superior Courts hear felony criminal cases, civil matters, divorces, juvenile cases, and appeals from the lower courts. Superior Courts are organized by county into 3O districts. Superior Court judges serve four-year terms.



#### **USA CONGRESS LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Every odd-numbered year following a general election, a new Congress begins at noon on January 3, unless it passes a law designating a different day. Each Congress lasts for two years and is divided into separate sessions, one for each year. The Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970 mandates that Congress must adjourn sine die no later than July 31 of every year, except in the case of a declared war or unless Congress provides otherwise. If the Congress fails to adjourn by July 31 in odd-numbered years, it must take an August recess. Neither the House nor the Senate may adjourn for more than three days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, without the agreement of the other chamber. It has also become customary for the Congress to adjourn but remain on call in the event of an emergency. Likewise, the Constitution empowers the President to call for a special session of Congress if necessary.



#### WASHINGTON LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Washington legislative session begins in January and varies in length each year. In odd-numbered years, the Legislature is in session for 105 days and is required to formulate a state budget for the next two years. In even-numbered years, the Legislature holds a shorter 60-day session. During this session, they are not obligated to draft a full two-year budget, but they do often make adjustments to the one they passed in the previous year.



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