

# **Prayer Guide for the National Elections**

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The Prayer Ministry of Grace DC Downtown

## Call to Prayer

Grace DC Downtown prayer ministry is inviting you to a call to prayer for our nation. This is a great opportunity to intercede specifically for the elections but also to pray for renewal in the land. This booklet is to help us pray together for 21 days beginning Sunday, October 18 and through the week of the elections. We recommend that you set aside a specific time each day to come before the Lord, to cry to Him and to listen to Him.

### How to use this guide

These three weeks of prayer are set to three specific themes - **Repentance**, **Petition** and a cry, as Jesus taught us, "**Thy Kingdom Come**." The guide is developed along several examples of intercessory prayer and verses from the Bible. Ask the Holy Spirit to lead you, to open your eyes, ears and heart, and to strengthen you to persevere in prayer these twenty one days. Read the appointed scriptures for the day, then pause to reflect. After this pray the multiple prayer points for the day. The prayer points may be prayed through in one session or at different time points through the day.

### Repentance

The Word of God says that "*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.*" We dedicate the first week to a time of confession and repentance. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves. God is Holy. He has already made a way for us. We shall first ask forgiveness for our own sins. Today, we have a heightened sensitivity to evil and injustice in the world. Repentance, that is finding and fighting the evil within ourselves, is where to begin! Repentance stirs hope in our hearts and joy in heaven! And we also pray for forgiveness for the sins of the land.

### Petition

God initiates the call to petition Him, and it is direct: that prayers, petitions and intercessions and thanksgiving be made ... And He adds, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petitions with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." So we ask with boldness and confidence.

### "Thy Kingdom Come"

We are His people and we are called by His name! Let us pray that we shall bring the Good News of salvation to a hurting world. Let us pray for godliness and righteousness in the land. Let us pray that we shall be salt to the earth. Jesus says, "Yes, I am coming soon!" And we say, Amen! Come, Lord Jesus! And begin your rule.

## **THEME: REPENTANCE**

We are like sheep that have gone astray. How may we approach a Holy God? God already made a way for us when He offered His Son as payment for our transgressions. We do not take this for granted. We need to come with shame and humility before God and ask Him for forgiveness. This means we are truly sorry; so we turn from our sins. The Holy Spirit comes to dwell in us and He instructs us and quickly draws our attention to what is not right in our lives. True confession and repentance daily draw us closer to God. Repentance makes us humble as we acknowledge how much we have been forgiven. Not the least, there is a lot of joy in heaven when a sinner repents. Let us with all sincerity spend time with God and genuinely confess our sins.

Day 1: Monday October 19, 2020

### **Opening Prayer**

“Blessed are those whose ways are blameless,  
who walk according to the law of the Lord.” (Psalm 119:1)

### **Bible reading**

Psalm 2

Why do the nations rage  
and the peoples plot in vain?  
<sup>2</sup> The kings of the earth set themselves,  
and the rulers take counsel together,  
against the Lord and against his Anointed, saying,  
<sup>3</sup> “Let us burst their bonds apart  
and cast away their cords from us.”  
<sup>4</sup> He who sits in the heavens laughs;  
the Lord holds them in derision.  
<sup>5</sup> Then he will speak to them in his wrath,  
and terrify them in his fury, saying,  
<sup>6</sup> “As for me, I have set my King  
on Zion, my holy hill.”  
<sup>7</sup> I will tell of the decree:  
The Lord said to me, “You are my Son;  
today I have begotten you.  
<sup>8</sup> Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,  
and the ends of the earth your possession.  
<sup>9</sup> You shall break them with a rod of iron  
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.”  
<sup>10</sup> Now therefore, O kings, be wise;  
be warned, O rulers of the earth.  
<sup>11</sup> Serve the Lord with fear,  
and rejoice with trembling.  
<sup>12</sup> Kiss the Son,  
lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,  
for his wrath is quickly kindled.  
Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

### **Praise**

Psalm 138

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I sing your praise;  
<sup>2</sup> I bow down toward your holy temple  
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,  
for you have exalted above all things  
your name and your word.

<sup>3</sup> On the day I called, you answered me;  
my strength of soul you increased.  
<sup>4</sup> All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O Lord,  
for they have heard the words of your mouth,  
<sup>5</sup> and they shall sing of the ways of the Lord,  
for great is the glory of the Lord.  
<sup>6</sup> For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly,  
but the haughty he knows from afar.  
<sup>7</sup> Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
you preserve my life;  
you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies,  
and your right hand delivers me.  
<sup>8</sup> The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me;  
your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.  
Do not forsake the work of your hands.

Revelations 15,4

“Who will not fear, O Lord,  
and glorify your name?  
For you alone are holy.  
All nations will come  
and worship you,  
for your righteous acts have been revealed.”

### **Meditation**

1. Do you fear God?
2. Do we as a people fear and honor God?
3. How do our sins affect our fear of God?

### **Prayer Points**

Let us earnestly confess our sins:

1. Pray and confess the many ways we sin against and grieve God.
2. Pray and confess ways that our nation has strayed from the Holy One.
3. Confess ways that our society - perhaps even at its core - reflects indifference, rebellion or mockery of God.
4. Confess any way we may participate in this indifference, rebellion, or mockery of God.
5. Wait on God, listen to Him, and receive his patience, forgiveness, and acceptance despite our sins.

The Prayer of Moses [Optional Reading]

9 And the Lord said to Moses, “I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stiff-necked people. 10 Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, in order that I may make a great nation of you.”

11 But Moses implored the Lord his God and said, “O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you have brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with

a mighty hand? 12 Why should the Egyptians say, ‘With evil intent did he bring them out, to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your burning anger and relent from this disaster against your people. 13 Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, to whom you swore by your own self, and said to them, ‘I will multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your offspring, and they shall inherit it forever.’” 14 And the Lord relented from the disaster that he had spoken of bringing on his people.

**Benediction**

Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting (Psalm 139:23-24).

Day 2: Tuesday October 20, 2020

### **Opening Prayer**

“Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law” (Psalm 119:18)

### **Bible reading**

Genesis 1

26 Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

27 So God created man in his own image,  
in the image of God he created him;  
male and female he created them.

28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” 29 And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. 30 And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. 31 And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. (Genesis 1)

### **Genesis 3:8**

And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day.

### **Psalms [Optional Additional Readings]**

Psalms 1

1 Blessed is the man  
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor stands in the way of sinners,  
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;  
2 but his delight is in the law of the Lord,  
and on his law he meditates day and night.  
3 He is like a tree  
planted by streams of water  
that yields its fruit in its season,  
and its leaf does not wither.  
In all that he does, he prospers.  
4 The wicked are not so,  
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.  
5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;  
6 for the Lord knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.

### **Psalm 27: 7-9**

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud;  
    be gracious to me and answer me!  
8 You have said, "Seek my face."  
My heart says to you,  
    "Your face, Lord, do I seek."  
9 Hide not your face from me.  
Turn not your servant away in anger,  
    O you who have been my help.  
Cast me not off; forsake me not,  
    O God of my salvation!

### **Meditation**

Is it not amazing that God chose to create us in His own image? And, further, He sought to have fellowship with us. He still seeks us.

### **Prayer Points**

Let us earnestly confess our sins:

1. Let us confess - acknowledge and turn from - sins that were present in our families of origin and the surroundings in which we grew up.
2. The personal sins we are so attached to.
3. Let us confess and ask forgiveness for corporate sins - particularly sins of injustice.
4. Wait on God and listen to Him.

### **The Compassion of the Lord**

Isaiah 55:6-13

6 "Seek the Lord while he may be found;  
    call upon him while he is near;  
7 let the wicked forsake his way,  
    and the unrighteous man his thoughts;  
let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him,  
    and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.  
8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
    neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.  
9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
    so are my ways higher than your ways  
    and my thoughts than your thoughts.

10 "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven  
    and do not return there but water the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
    giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
11 so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
    it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,



and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

12 “For you shall go out in joy  
and be led forth in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you  
shall break forth into singing,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.  
13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;  
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;  
and it shall make a name for the Lord,  
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

Daniel 4:34-35 [Optional Reading]

“... And I blessed the Most High, and praised and honored him who lives forever,  
for his dominion is an everlasting dominion,  
and his kingdom endures from generation to generation;  
all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing,  
and he does according to his will among the host of heaven  
and among the inhabitants of the earth;  
and none can stay his hand  
or say to him, ‘What have you done?’”

**Benediction**

To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever.  
Amen (1 Timothy 1:17)

Day 3: Wednesday October 21, 2020

### **Opening Prayer**

“Blessed are those whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the Lord.”  
(Psalm 119:1)

### **Bible reading**

Deuteronomy 4:1-14; 32-40.

### **Psalm**

“Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,  
from everlasting to everlasting!  
Amen and Amen.” Psalm 41:13

### **Meditation**

“Talk no more so very proudly,  
let not arrogance come from your mouth;  
for the Lord is a God of knowledge,  
and by him actions are weighed.” (1 Samuel 2:3)

1. Am I receptive to God’s Word, or do I keep my own opinions?
2. Do we obey and honor God?
3. How do our opinions and self-proclaimed rights align with God’s commands?

### **Prayer Points**

Let us earnestly confess our sins:

1. Let us pray for a spirit of humility.
2. Let us pray for the help to make time for God’s word.
3. Let us pray for a spirit of repentance and healing for our nation.
4. Wait on God and listen to Him.

### **Benediction**

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.  
(Romans 11: 33,36)

Day 4: Thursday October 22, 2020

### **Opening Prayer**

I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you (Psalm 119:11)

### **Praise**

Sing to the Lord, all the earth!

Tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations,  
his marvelous works among all the peoples!

For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,

and he is to be feared above all gods.

For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,

but the Lord made the heavens.

Splendor and majesty are before him;

strength and joy are in his place.

Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,

ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;

bring an offering and come before him!

Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness;[a]

tremble before him, all the earth;

yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice,

and let them say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!"

### **Bible reading** Deuteronomy 6: 1-14

### **Meditation**

1. Do you have any sins that you should confess to God? (Remember His word: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8-9)
2. Can you see how each passage portrays the character of God? What specific characteristics of God are clear to you as you read these passages?
3. Believer: does God's word hold any hope for us of forgiveness? Reflect on the hope for forgiveness that you have in Christ.

### **Prayers**

1. Search your heart and identify specific sins you wish to confess today.
2. Pray and acknowledge God for His holiness and faithfulness
3. Confess your sins to God and stand on His word to ask for forgiveness
4. Pray for our nation and intercede that God will open our eyes and minds to see Him as God, Holy, and Almighty.
5. Pray that God will forgive us for turning away from Him to seek after our own ways.

6. Thank God.

**Psalm of David**

Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.  
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin!

For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.  
Against you, you only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you may be justified in your words  
and blameless in your judgment.  
Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,  
and in sin did my mother conceive me.  
Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,  
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.  
Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that you have broken rejoice.  
Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right[b] spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Then I will teach transgressors your ways,  
and sinners will return to you.  
Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God,  
O God of my salvation,  
and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.  
O Lord, open my lips,  
and my mouth will declare your praise.  
For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it;  
you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.  
The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Do good to Zion in your good pleasure;  
build up the walls of Jerusalem;  
then will you delight in right sacrifices,  
in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings;  
then bulls will be offered on your altar.

**Benediction**

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. (Micah 7:18)

Day 5: Friday October 23, 2020

### **Opening Prayer**

Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things; and give me life in your ways. (Psalm 119:37).

### **Psalm**

Oh sing to the LORD a new song;  
sing to the LORD, all the earth!  
Sing to the LORD, bless his name;  
tell of his salvation from day to day.  
Declare his glory among the nations,  
his marvelous works among all the peoples!  
For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;  
he is to be feared above all gods.  
For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,  
but the LORD made the heavens.  
Splendor and majesty are before him;  
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.  
Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!  
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
bring an offering, and come into his courts!  
Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;<sup>[a]</sup>  
tremble before him, all the earth!  
Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!  
Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved;  
he will judge the peoples with equity."  
Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;  
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
let the field exult, and everything in it!  
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy  
before the LORD, for he comes,  
for he comes to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world in righteousness,  
and the peoples in his faithfulness.

### **Bible reading**

Joshua 24: 14-27

### **Meditation**

1. Name three attributes of God, drawing from these passages or other promptings of the Spirit.
2. Consider reasons why you may withhold aspects of yourself, or your life, from your life of discipleship. Do you fall back on excuses about why you are not able to serve the Lord?

## **Prayer Points**

Let us earnestly confess our sins:

1. Pray that God will break the chains of bondage that hold us hostage to sin.
2. Pray that the Holy Spirit will light a new flame of love for God.
3. Pray that God, in his power and mercy, would end the coronavirus pestilence.
4. Pray that, in this time of great national distress, our people will show patience, kindness, and love to all - and not turn to panic, greed, and mischief.
5. Pray that all those who have lost jobs will be able to return to work soon.
6. Wait on God.

## **The Prayer of Abraham**

Abraham answered and said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him and said, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." And the Lord went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

## **Benediction**

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen. (Jude 24,25)

Day 6: Saturday, October 24 2020

### **Opening Prayer**

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. (Psalm 119:105)

### **Bible Lesson**

Psalm 32

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.  
Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.  
For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.  
For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.  
I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not cover my iniquity;  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"  
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.  
Therefore let everyone who is godly  
offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;  
surely in the rush of great waters,  
they shall not reach him.  
You are a hiding place for me;  
you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.  
I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;  
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.  
Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding,  
which must be curbed with bit and bridle,  
or it will not stay near you.  
Many are the sorrows of the wicked,  
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord.  
Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous,  
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

Acts 3: 19

Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out ...

### **Praise**

"Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,  
who was and is and is to come!" (Revelations 4:11)

### **Meditation**

1. What character of God can you glean in these verses?



2. How can we be right with God?
3. How does God respond when we repent of our sins?

### **Isaiah 53**

Who has believed what he has heard from us?  
And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?  
For he grew up before him like a young plant,  
and like a root out of dry ground;  
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,  
and no beauty that we should desire him.  
He was despised and rejected by men,  
a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;  
and as one from whom men hide their faces  
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Surely he has borne our griefs  
and carried our sorrows;  
yet we esteemed him stricken,  
smitten by God, and afflicted.  
But he was pierced for our transgressions;  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,  
and with his wounds we are healed.  
All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have turned—every one—to his own way;  
and the Lord has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,  
yet he opened not his mouth;  
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,  
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,  
so he opened not his mouth.  
By oppression and judgment he was taken away;  
and as for his generation, who considered  
that he was cut off out of the land of the living,  
stricken for the transgression of my people?  
And they made his grave with the wicked  
and with a rich man in his death,  
although he had done no violence,  
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him;  
he has put him to grief;  
when his soul makes an offering for guilt,  
he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;

the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.  
Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied;  
by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant,  
    make many to be accounted righteous,  
    and he shall bear their iniquities.  
Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many,  
    and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,  
because he poured out his soul to death  
    and was numbered with the transgressors;  
yet he bore the sin of many,  
    and makes intercession for the transgressors.

### **Prayer Points**

Let us earnestly confess our sins:

1. Pray and confess how we have sinned as individuals and as a nation.
2. Pray for cleansing and healing in our land.
3. Pray that the Lord may mercifully thwart evil plan devised by the powers of darkness.
4. Pray for godliness and [the] Christian leadership in this country
5. Pray for revival and a thirst for God.

### **Benediction**

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. (Revelations 1:5-6)

Day 7: Sunday October 25, 2020

### **Opening Prayer**

“Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!” (Psalm 33:8)

### **Bible reading**

Romans 1: 16-25

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

Therefore, God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

### **Praise**

Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord! (Psalm 117)

“You are worthy, our Lord and God,  
to receive glory and honor and power,  
for you created all things,  
and by your will they were created  
and have their being.” (Revelations 4:11)

### **Meditation**

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)

### **Prayer Points**

Let us earnestly confess our sins and ask for God’s help and mercy:

1. Pray and confess the many ways we continue to sin against God and grieve the Holy Spirit. Ask God will transform your desires.
2. Pray for the salvation of those who do not know the Good News of Jesus Christ.
3. Pray that God will heal our land and that we shall return to the fear of God.
4. Pray for the White House and the Executive Branch of government.
5. Pray for Congress, the two major parties, the Supreme Court and judges at all levels.

6. Pray for those who enforce the law and for emergency responders: the military, police, firefighters, and their families.
7. Wait on God and hear what He says.

### **The Prayer of Daniel [Optional Reading]**

Then I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking him by prayer and pleas for mercy with fasting and sackcloth and ashes. I prayed to the Lord my God and made confession, saying, “O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules. We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land. To you, O Lord, belongs righteousness, but to us open shame, as at this day, to the men of Judah, to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to all Israel, those who are near and those who are far away, in all the lands to which you have driven them, because of the treachery that they have committed against you. To us, O Lord, belongs open shame, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against you. To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by walking in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets. All Israel has transgressed your law and turned aside, refusing to obey your voice. And the curse and oath that are written in the Law of Moses the servant of God have been poured out upon us, because we have sinned against him. He has confirmed his words, which he spoke against us and against our rulers who ruled us, by bringing upon us a great calamity. For under the whole heaven there has not been done anything like what has been done against Jerusalem. As it is written in the Law of Moses, all this calamity has come upon us; yet we have not entreated the favor of the Lord our God, turning from our iniquities and gaining insight by your truth. Therefore the Lord has kept ready the calamity and has brought it upon us, for the Lord our God is righteous in all the works that he has done, and we have not obeyed his voice. And now, O Lord our God, who brought your people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and have made a name for yourself, as at this day, we have sinned, we have done wickedly.

“O Lord, according to all your righteous acts, let your anger and your wrath turn away from your city Jerusalem, your holy hill, because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and your people have become a byword among all who are around us. Now therefore, O our God, listen to the prayer of your servant and to his pleas for mercy, and for your own sake, O Lord make your face to shine upon your sanctuary, which is desolate. O my God, incline your ear and hear. Open your eyes and see our desolations, and the city that is called by your name. For we do not present our pleas before you because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy. O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive. O Lord, pay attention and act. Delay not, for your own sake, O my God, because your city and your people are called by your name.”

### **Benediction**

He who is the faithful witness to all these things says, “Yes, I am coming soon!”

Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

May the grace of the Lord Jesus be with God’s holy people. (Revelations 22:20-21)

## **THEME: OUR PETITIONS**

After thorough confession and repentance of our sins, we may come to the Father, in humility, and with confidence, to present our petitions. We are called to pray for our rulers. Let us pray earnestly for our system of government, and the instruments of justice and peace, that those who are placed in positions of authority will exercise their role with wisdom and the fear of God. Let us pray to practice love. And may the God of grace grant our requests that we may live a peaceful and quiet life.

Day 8: Monday October 26, 2020

### **Bible Reading**

I John 3:11-23

<sup>11</sup> For this is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another. <sup>12</sup> Do not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own actions were evil and his brother's were righteous. <sup>13</sup> Do not be surprised, my brothers and sisters, if the world hates you. <sup>14</sup> We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love each other. Anyone who does not love remains in death. <sup>15</sup> Anyone who hates a brother or sister is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life residing in him.

<sup>16</sup> This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. <sup>17</sup> 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? <sup>18</sup> Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

<sup>19</sup> This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: <sup>20</sup> If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup> Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God <sup>22</sup> and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup> And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us.

Timothy 4:12

<sup>12</sup> Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.

### **Meditation**

1. How do you hear the call of God to you to "love one another" right now? Does this call impact the way you think about or engage in politics during this season?
2. How do you hear the call of God to you to "lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters?" Is God showing you that you have closed your heart against any of your brothers and sisters, especially in providing for their physical needs? It may help to think about the ways we consciously and unconsciously expect our leaders to "lay down their lives" for our communities, regions, and nation – and then to think about if we are willing to make the same sacrifices of love for others.
3. What could it mean for you to "set an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity" for our church community and for other communities?

### **Prayer Points**

Pray for the triune God, Jesus, and Holy Spirit to graciously:

1. Root and establish us in love, so that we can be strengthened by the Spirit – particularly in areas where we may be prone to despair.
2. Re-introduce us to the love of Christ for us, and give us enthusiasm to reflect and give this love to everyone in our circle of influence – particularly to people whose political positions and attitudes differ from our own.
3. Show us where our conduct, our positions, and our attitudes are out of line with the will of God.

4. Help us repent – acknowledge and change – where we may be resisting loving one another and resisting laying down our lives for one another.

**Benediction**

The LORD said to Moses, “Tell Aaron and his sons, ‘This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them: ““The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.”” (Numbers 6:22-26)

Day 9: Tuesday October 27, 2020

### **Bible Reading**

Psalm 112

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD.

Blessed are those who fear the LORD,  
who find great delight in his commands.

<sup>2</sup> Their children will be mighty in the land;  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

<sup>3</sup> Wealth and riches are in their houses,  
and their righteousness endures forever.

<sup>4</sup> Even in darkness light dawns for the upright,  
for those who are gracious and compassionate and righteous.

<sup>5</sup> Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely,  
who conduct their affairs with justice.

<sup>6</sup> Surely the righteous will never be shaken;  
they will be remembered forever.

<sup>7</sup> They will have no fear of bad news;  
their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

<sup>8</sup> Their hearts are secure, they will have no fear;  
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.

<sup>9</sup> They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor,  
their righteousness endures forever;  
their horn will be lifted high in honor.

<sup>10</sup> The wicked will see and be vexed,  
they will gnash their teeth and waste away;  
the longings of the wicked will come to nothing.

Psalm 89:13-18 [Optional Reading]

<sup>13</sup> Your arm is endowed with power;  
your hand is strong, your right hand exalted.

<sup>14</sup> Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;  
love and faithfulness go before you.

<sup>15</sup> Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you,  
who walk in the light of your presence, LORD.

<sup>16</sup> They rejoice in your name all day long;  
they celebrate your righteousness.

<sup>17</sup> For you are their glory and strength,  
and by your favor you exalt our horn.<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>18</sup> Indeed, our shield<sup>[b]</sup> belongs to the LORD,  
our king to the Holy One of Israel.

### **Meditation**



1. Psalm 112 describes several characteristics of the righteous person – the first is that they “fear the Lord” and “delight greatly in his commandments.” How do you think this fear of the Lord and delight in his commandments leads to the righteousness described in the rest of the Psalm?
2. Psalm 112:5-8 describes the righteous person’s courage and steadfast spirit in the face of bad news, and their expectation of triumph over adversaries. Verses 9-10 describe what this triumph over adversaries looks like. Do you see yourself in the description of the righteous person in verses 5-8? Conversely, do you see any elements of your attitudes or perspectives in the description of the adversary in verse 10?
3. Both passages indicate an intertwined relationship between righteousness and justice. Psalm 89:14 describes the close relationship between righteousness and justice, and between steadfast love and faithfulness. In what ways is the Spirit leading you to pray for these virtues on behalf of our elected leaders at all levels of government?

### **Prayer Points**

Pray for the triune God, Jesus, and Holy Spirit to graciously:

1. Anchor us in the righteousness that Christ provides to us, so that we are increasingly freed from needing to establish our own righteousness and can lean on that which he gives to us.
2. Lead us as a church and as individual believers toward righteous perspectives and actions, strengthening our witness in the public square.
3. Increase our trust in Christ and our courage in light of bad news, troubling times, and personal tragedy.

### **Benediction**

When Samuel reached him, Saul said, “The LORD bless you! I have carried out the LORD’s instructions.” (1 Samuel 15:13)

Day 10: Wednesday October 28, 2020

### **Bible Reading**

Psalm 72

- <sup>1</sup> Endow the king with your justice, O God,  
the royal son with your righteousness.
- <sup>2</sup> May he judge your people in righteousness,  
your afflicted ones with justice.
- <sup>3</sup> May the mountains bring prosperity to the people,  
the hills the fruit of righteousness.
- <sup>4</sup> May he defend the afflicted among the people  
and save the children of the needy;  
may he crush the oppressor.
- <sup>5</sup> May he endure as long as the sun,  
as long as the moon, through all generations.
- <sup>6</sup> May he be like rain falling on a mown field,  
like showers watering the earth.
- <sup>7</sup> In his days may the righteous flourish  
and prosperity abound till the moon is no more.
- <sup>8</sup> May he rule from sea to sea  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.
- <sup>9</sup> May the desert tribes bow before him  
and his enemies lick the dust.
- <sup>10</sup> May the kings of Tarshish and of distant shores  
bring tribute to him.  
May the kings of Sheba and Seba  
present him gifts.
- <sup>11</sup> May all kings bow down to him  
and all nations serve him.
- <sup>12</sup> For he will deliver the needy who cry out,  
the afflicted who have no one to help.
- <sup>13</sup> He will take pity on the weak and the needy  
and save the needy from death.
- <sup>14</sup> He will rescue them from oppression and violence,  
for precious is their blood in his sight.
- <sup>15</sup> Long may he live!  
May gold from Sheba be given him.  
May people ever pray for him  
and bless him all day long.
- <sup>16</sup> May grain abound throughout the land;  
on the tops of the hills may it sway.  
May the crops flourish like Lebanon  
and thrive like the grass of the field.
- <sup>17</sup> May his name endure forever;  
may it continue as long as the sun.

Then all nations will be blessed through him,  
and they will call him blessed.

<sup>18</sup> Praise be to the LORD God, the God of Israel,  
who alone does marvelous deeds.

<sup>19</sup> Praise be to his glorious name forever;  
may the whole earth be filled with his glory.

Amen and Amen.

<sup>20</sup> This concludes the prayers of David son of Jesse.

Luke 18:1-8 [Optional Reading]

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. <sup>2</sup> He said: “In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. <sup>3</sup> And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, ‘Grant me justice against my adversary.’

<sup>4</sup> “For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, ‘Even though I don’t fear God or care what people think, <sup>5</sup> yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won’t eventually come and attack me!’”

<sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. <sup>7</sup> And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? <sup>8</sup> I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?”

### **Meditation**

1. Justice is a huge topic in the Scriptures and in the church - as this year has reminded us. The Psalms are one of the guides God has given us for asking him to bring justice and to strengthen us to perform justice. As you read Psalm 72, how do you hear God’s call to you about obeying his command to do justice? How is He leading you to pray for our leaders in working for justice?
2. Consider if you are usually quick to focus on specific examples of injustice. Might the Holy Spirit be introducing new examples or areas of injustice to your awareness - seeking to expand your vision about issues of justice that matter to Him? Open your heart to Christ and ask for humility, discernment, and a desire for just dealings in our society and relationships.
3. The pursuit of justice can feel profoundly tiring and discouraging. How do Jesus’ words, particularly at the beginning and end of this parable, encourage and/or challenge you? How do you hear God’s call to you to “not weary in doing good” in the work of justice?

### **Prayer Points**

Pray for the triune God, Jesus, and Holy Spirit to graciously:

1. Bring Shalom on earth, as it is in heaven.
2. Give us strength as we engage in the work of justice across various dimensions of our society and relationships.
3. Increase our vision of our King who is already fighting oppression on behalf of the weak and needy (including us).

### **Benediction**

Just then Boaz arrived from Bethlehem and greeted the harvesters, “The LORD be with you!”  
“The LORD bless you!” they answered. (Ruth 2:4)

Day 11: Thursday October 29, 2020

### **Bible Reading**

Proverbs 11:2

<sup>2</sup>When pride comes, then comes disgrace,  
but with humility comes wisdom.

Micah 6:8

<sup>8</sup>He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.  
And what does the LORD require of you?  
To act justly and to love mercy  
and to walk humbly with your God.

II Chronicles 7:14

<sup>14</sup>if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

Proverbs 22:4

<sup>4</sup>Humility is the fear of the LORD;  
its wages are riches and honor and life.

### **Meditation**

1. "...with the humble is wisdom." God gave Solomon famous wisdom because of his humility (I Kings 3). Solomon's humility wasn't about self-deprecation - it was about him seeing himself rightly, not trying to mis-represent himself to make himself look "better" than he was, and being willing to admit his limits and ask for help. Do you see humility as the gateway to wise perspective and wise living - and even prosperity (Proverbs 22:4)?
2. Humility involves being honest with God about our sins and shortcomings, and asking for his rescue and help (II Chronicles 7:14). It also involves long, steady obedience in showing justice and mercy to each other (Micah 6:8). Where is the Spirit prompting you about your need for greater humility?
3. Pride is an insidious vice, and it impacts not only our leaders, but all of us. Ask God to search you, and listen for the voice of the Spirit about areas where your engagement in political issues may be motivated or influenced by pride. As the Spirit brings these areas to your mind, repent, pray for healing, and ask Christ to replace your pride with humility and love.
4. We are not called to sit in the place of God in judging the hearts of our leaders. We are called to live in wisdom and discernment as we pray for our leaders and as we exercise leadership ourselves. Pray with humility (with an honest heart) for the humility of our elected leaders.

### **Prayer Points**

Pray for the triune God, Jesus, and Holy Spirit to graciously:

1. Give you the strength to repent in areas where your political involvement may be motivated or influenced by pride. Pray that God would replace your pride with humility and love.
2. Give a sense of true humility and honesty to our elected officials at all levels of government.
3. Move in the words and actions that we as Christians take in the political realm, that our involvement would demonstrate our humility and would make the way of Christ seem more attractive than the ways of pride.

**Benediction**

To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be his holy people: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 1:7)

Day 12: Friday October 30, 2020

### **Bible Reading**

Deuteronomy 31:6

<sup>6</sup>Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.”

Psalms 27:1

The LORD is my light and my salvation—  
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life—  
of whom shall I be afraid?

Joshua 1:9

<sup>9</sup>Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”

Proverbs 28:1

The wicked flee though no one pursues,  
but the righteous are as bold as a lion.

II Timothy 1:7

<sup>7</sup>For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

### **Meditation**

1. “God has not given us a spirit of fear - but of power, and love, and a sound mind.” II Tim 1:7 does not deny that there are fearful things around us - but this and the other verses above plainly tell us that we are not to think and act in a spirit of fear. Instead, we are to take shelter in God and to draw our strength from him. Quite simply: is the Spirit bringing to your mind areas where your political positions and political engagement are motivated by fear? Pray honestly about those fears, repent from living in fear, and ask the Spirit to replace your fear with courage.
2. Political leadership requires courage. It takes courage to promote controversial policy positions that you believe to be right, always engaging with opponents in good faith. It takes courage to undergo continuous scrutiny from unsympathetic perspectives in all aspects of your life, and in some cases to introduce your loved ones to that scrutiny as well. And most significantly, it takes courage to advocate for what is right when it's unpopular to do so. Reflect on specific areas where you think our political leaders - at all levels of government - might experience fear, and might need to be strengthened in their courage. Pray specifically for government officials who are Christians to draw their strength from Christ.
3. Political engagement requires courage. It takes courage to engage in good faith on controversial political topics - and it especially takes courage to maintain good faith when we are met with hostility and unfairness. It takes courage to voice perspectives - especially perspectives informed by our faith - when we know those perspectives are not

likely to be well received. It takes courage to maintain healthy relationships with those whose politics differ sharply from ours. And it takes courage to refine and reform our positions when we're confronted with new evidence or with truths spoken by our "opponents." Reflect on specific areas where you need courage to engage in politics in a way that honors Christ.

### **Prayer Points**

Pray for the triune God, Jesus, and Holy Spirit to graciously:

1. Expand our vision to identify fears in your own perspectives, in the perspectives of our communities, and/or in the perspectives of our political parties and governments.
2. Strengthen us by faith in Christ, that we would be courageous in Christ's strength against our fears.
3. Help us faithfully engage in politics - through our speech and acts - with a spirit of confidence and courage that makes Christ look glorious.

### **Benediction**

Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen. (Romans 11:33,36)



Day 13 Saturday October 31, 2020

## **Bible Reading**

James 1:5

<sup>5</sup> If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

James 3:13-18

<sup>13</sup> Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. <sup>14</sup> But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. <sup>15</sup> Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. <sup>16</sup> For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

<sup>17</sup> 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. <sup>18</sup> Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

Psalms 111:10

<sup>10</sup> The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;  
all who follow his precepts have good understanding.  
To him belongs eternal praise.

Proverbs 3:7

<sup>7</sup> Do not be wise in your own eyes;  
fear the LORD and shun evil.

I Corinthians 1:25

<sup>25</sup> For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

## **Meditation**

1. God’s wisdom is different than ours (I Corinthians 1:25). James 3 gives us practical examples of what this means - we’re not wise when we operate from jealousy and selfish ambition. James goes so far as to call that mentality “demonic,” and notes that it leads to “disorder.” Reflect on ways that the views you accept as wise may draw on a spirit of jealousy and selfish ambition. Listen to the Spirit’s prompting, and repent of jealousy and selfish ambition that you may be clinging to - particularly in the area of politics.
2. Pray through the wise attributes listed in James 3:17-18. It can be easy for us to identify instances of unwise decision-making in our politics - but it may take more effort to actively identify and celebrate wise decision-making and perspectives on the part of our elected leaders. Listen to the Spirit’s prompting, ask for the Spirit to enlarge your perspective, and celebrate the good things he reveals.
3. Scripture consistently confronts us by telling us not to “be wise in our own eyes,” but to “fear the Lord and turn away from evil” (Proverbs 3:7). This requires continuous self-reflection (Psalms 139:23-24), submitting to one another (Ephesians 5:21) and seeking agreement with each other in the Lord - even despite differences (Philippians 4:2-3).

**Prayer Points**

Pray for the triune God, Jesus, and Holy Spirit to graciously:

1. Challenge us through his love to identify and turn from political perspectives and positions that ultimately orient in jealousy and selfish ambition, instead of purity and peace. Pray that God would teach us to hold our positions for God-honoring reasons.
2. Make us quick to pursue gentleness and to be open to reason as we try to determine wise positions about a variety of issues, and as we try to convince others about our positions.
3. Reveal to us what is pleasing to the Lord (Eph 5:10).

**Benediction**

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. (Romans 15:5-6)

Day 14: Sunday November 1, 2020

### **Bible Reading**

Psalm 119:68

<sup>68</sup> You are good, and what you do is good;  
teach me your decrees.

Matthew 12:35

<sup>35</sup> A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him.

Romans 12:21

<sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Galatians 5:22-24

<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup> Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

### **Meditation**

1. Goodness is a fruit of the Spirit. It could alternatively be translated as “integrity” - being consistent and genuine in all situations, and resisting the temptation to deal unjustly when it’s advantageous to do so. Reflect on areas where you feel a struggle to live with integrity between your words and your actions, or where you struggle to live consistently in all situations. Listen to the promptings of the Spirit and repent as God leads.
2. Scripture continually tells us that the hidden things will be revealed, and people’s true character will eventually shine through. We all have areas of our character that need to be brought to light and reformed in the image of Christ. Listen to the promptings of the Spirit as you invite God to search your heart and to reveal your character.
3. While political situations change - and leaders need to adjust with those changes - we still want to see our leaders pursue righteousness, justice with consistency. Thank God for areas where you see honorable consistency in the positions and decisions of elected leaders at all levels of government.

### **Prayer Points:**

Pray for the triune God, Jesus, and Holy Spirit to graciously:

1. Strengthen us to live with integrity and consistency in all areas of our lives, including in the way we engage in politics and in our political positions.
2. Strengthen our leaders, so that they do not grow weary in doing good. Pray that they maintain righteousness and justice where it currently exists.
3. Make us more in the image of God’s good and unchanging character.

### **Benediction**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 15:13)

## **THEME: THY KINGDOM COME**

The theme in Week 3, Week of the Elections, is “**Thy Kingdom Come.**” This week, we pray fervently that Satan’s kingdom of darkness, oppression and selfishness may be destroyed; and that the kingdom of grace and peace may reign. This means the transformation of ourselves by the renewal of our minds through the Holy Spirit. Further, we pray that God’s kingdom would come quickly with Christ’s return.

Day 15: Monday November 2, 2020

### **Bible Reading**

John 1:14

<sup>14</sup>The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Matthew 4:17, 23-25

<sup>17</sup>From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

<sup>23</sup>Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. <sup>24</sup>News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed; and he healed them. <sup>25</sup>Large crowds from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea and the region across the Jordan followed him.

### **Meditation**

1. In John 1:14, Jesus is presented as the tabernacle: a place where a sinful man and a holy God are able to meet intimately. All possible because of the initiative-taking grace of God. Like the tabernacle—Jesus—how are you a mediator between the Kingdom of God and the world?
2. At the beginning of Jesus’ ministry, he arrests the crowd with the word, “Repent.” It is a refrain he uses in Matthew 4:17 before taking action to bring the Kingdom into this world through miraculous healings in Matthew 4:23-25. How do you arrest yourself to become sober minded, before entering the public square as mediator to the Kingdom?
3. So, we must first repent before adopting our role as Kingdom ambassadors - a role given to us without merit. Knowing these things, what posture should we take toward those outside of the Church? Do we engage with anger or humility; contempt or empathy?

### **Prayer Points**

Pray for the triune God, Jesus, and Holy Spirit to graciously:

1. Prepare us for the work of exemplifying the Father’s grace, Jesus’ compassion, and the Spirit’s patient devotion.
2. Give us clear and honest perspectives on where our hearts lie as we take action to bring the kingdom into reality around us.
3. Extend the Holy Spirit to appeal to our hearts, that we would be the better person in the public square.

### **Benediction**

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons,<sup>[a]</sup> neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38-39)

Day 16: Tuesday November 3, 2020

### **Bible Reading**

Colossians 3:1-3

<sup>1</sup> Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. <sup>3</sup> For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.

Matthew 6:25a

<sup>25</sup> “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear...

Matthew 6:33-34

<sup>33</sup> But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. <sup>34</sup> Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

### **Meditation**

1. Can you identify any anxious and unfruitful thoughts in you about tomorrow’s election? Are there specific thoughts, of this earth, that the Spirit of God may be personally calling you to deliberately lay down at his feet, both in this moment and throughout this week?
2. How might God be personally calling you to actively seek and claim the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God as the sovereign and good Lord who righteously reigns over all, including individuals, governments, and nations?
3. How can you be seeking first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, moment to moment, today?

### **Prayer Points**

Pray for the triune God, Jesus, and Holy Spirit to graciously:

1. Fill our minds with thoughts that are aligned to the heavenly kingdom above, where Christ sits at the right hand of God as the one true king.
2. Help the sons and daughters of the one true and eternal king to cast all anxieties about today or tomorrow on Jesus, who cares for us and who is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Ask God to grant us a heavenly kingdom mindset and help us seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness in our thoughts, desires, hopes, words, prayers, and actions.
3. Compel us through the Gospel to faithfully respond to, vote about, and engage on the issues and concerns that confront our cities, states, and nation. Pray that we would do this in ways that align with and uphold truths in the word of God.
4. Grant us the wisdom of God and guide us with his discernment to elect government leaders who will hear, understand, and listen to the Word of God, conduct their lives with noble character to honor God, keep in the ways of God’s truths, and guide our nation with God’s justice, righteousness, mercy, and peace. Pray that Christians will vote as followers of Christ. Pray that our eyes would read the Word of God through God’s perspective, and

that our eyes would see the names and issues on voting ballots through his perspective as well.

5. Oversee and protect the election process, before, during, and after tomorrow's Election Day. Pray that elections are conducted, executed, and upheld safely and peaceably with fairness, accuracy, and timeliness. No matter the final outcomes, ask God to ultimately and sovereignly carry out his wise, noble, righteous, just, and merciful purposes through all elected government leaders.

**Benediction**

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. (1 Corinthians 15:58)

Day 17: Wednesday November 4, 2020

### **Bible Reading**

Matthew 6:9-13

<sup>9</sup>“This, then, is how you should pray:

“Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,

<sup>10</sup> your kingdom come,  
your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

<sup>11</sup> Give us today our daily bread.

<sup>12</sup> And forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

<sup>13</sup> And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from the evil one.’

Matthew 5:43-48

<sup>43</sup>“You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ <sup>44</sup> But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup> that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. <sup>46</sup> If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? <sup>47</sup> And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? <sup>48</sup> Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

### **Meditation**

1. In the Our Father prayer, Jesus asks that the Kingdom comes, and that it comes in whatever way the Father may will it. Knowing where this would ultimately lead Jesus, this could not have been easy to say. In whatever direction this election may go, how do you intend to reconcile with those who hold opposing views, with the Father’s will being your ultimate aim?
2. In Jesus’ upside down Kingdom, you are living under God’s plan when you respond to your enemies by forgiving them and seeking peace. This is hard work. How do you intend to perfect this ethic?
3. After the course of an election, emotions can run high and regrets can sink in. What must you do to re-center yourself toward Kingdom prosperity, and find resolution with your opposing party?

### **Prayer Points**

Pray for the triune God, Jesus, and Holy Spirit to graciously:

1. Build within us a sincere heart toward those whom we politically oppose.
2. Remind us of the collective experience of the persecuted Church and how God has always been faithful to provide.
3. Appeal to the Father that the Kingdom comes, and that it does so swiftly.



**Benediction**

Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you. (2 Corinthians 13:11)

Day 18: Thursday November 5, 2020

### **Bible Reading**

Isaiah 9:2-7

<sup>2</sup>The people walking in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
on those living in the land of deep darkness  
a light has dawned.

<sup>3</sup>You have enlarged the nation  
and increased their joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as people rejoice at the harvest,  
as warriors rejoice  
when dividing the plunder.

<sup>4</sup>For as in the day of Midian's defeat,  
you have shattered  
the yoke that burdens them,  
the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor.

<sup>5</sup>Every warrior's boot used in battle  
and every garment rolled in blood  
will be destined for burning,  
will be fuel for the fire.

<sup>6</sup>For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given,  
and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup>Of the greatness of his government and peace  
there will be no end.

He will reign on David's throne  
and over his kingdom,  
establishing and upholding it  
with justice and righteousness  
from that time on and forever.

The zeal of the LORD Almighty  
will accomplish this.

Hebrews 1:2-4 [Optional Reading]

<sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. <sup>3</sup>The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. <sup>4</sup>So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.

## **Meditation**

1. Can you recall how being known and loved by God shined light during moments of darkness in the past? Does remembering this encourage you to continually call upon the “light” that guides us as Christians when we are walking in “darkness”?
2. What are a few of Jesus’s names, characteristics, attributes, and actions? Scripture tells us that the government shall be upon Jesus’ shoulder. What specific characteristics about the government shall rest upon Jesus’ shoulder? How can these characteristics orient us as we eagerly pray for the kingdom of God to be made real on earth – just as it is in heaven?
3. The Lord of hosts promises to establish and uphold the true and eternal kingdom with his justice and righteousness – doing so with zeal. Does knowing this promise and, more importantly, the trustworthy and faithful keeper of the promise give you hope? Can you trust that God who is ultimately sovereign and who reigns over all things – including angels, authorities, and powers – will continue to be faithful to shine his light upon you, our society, and our nation, guiding us through dark times of uncertainties?

## **Prayer Points**

Pray for the triune God, Jesus, and Holy Spirit to graciously:

1. Remind us of his truths that, no matter who sits in the Oval Office, seats of Congress, and other positions:
  - God raised and “exalted [Jesus] at his right hand as Leader and Savior” to give repentance to us and to forgive us of our sins (Acts 5:31)
  - God appointed Jesus as the heir of all things
  - God created the world through Jesus who radiates with God’s glory and is the exact imprint of God’s nature
  - God raised Christ Jesus from the dead to intercede and pray for us at his right hand (Romans 8:34)
  - God appointed Jesus to reign over all angels, authorities, powers, governments, and kingdoms.
2. Help us to praise and thank God for giving to us a true leader in Jesus who came to love and save us – laying down his life – and who is sovereign, loving, wise, just, merciful, powerful, strong, peace-abiding, kind, compassionate, humble, and gentle over all that he has made. Praise God that it is upon the shoulder of such a leader - who is the exact imprint of God’s nature and character - that the government of the true and lasting kingdom to come will rest. Praise God that Jesus alone is the one eternal ruler “over all the kingdoms of the earth,” having made heaven and earth (2 Kings 19:15), and who is also our Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, and Savior. Praise the God of heaven and earth that he will set up a true kingdom and dominion that shall stand and endure forever (Daniel 2:44 and 6:26) with no end to an increase of his righteous, just, and peaceable government. Praise God that the throne of God is forever and ever beyond four-year, presidential terms and that “the scepter of [God’s] kingdom is a scepter of uprightness” (Psalm 45:6).
3. Draw elected government leaders of every city, county, state, and nation who may not rightly know and fear God to himself, granting them understanding of him and saving

them. Pray for all government officials to lead with the wisdom of God “from above [that] is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere” (James 3:17). Pray for God to convict all who are serving in government offices to humbly seek and uphold the interests of the broader good over their own self-interests, in ways that align with God’s Word and his noble, just, and righteous purposes. Pray for God to put His Spirit within all government leaders, cause them to walk in the statutes of God, and help them to be careful to obey God’s rules (Ezekiel 36:27) – following Jesus and upholding his ways.

4. Use even these post-election times to draw many more people in the United States, including elected government officials and leaders who may not know God, yet, to himself in salvation. Pray for God to pour out the living Spirit of God upon the nation and people of America and for the Holy Spirit to fall afresh from on high to renew us into a nation that seeks, first and foremost, the face and wisdom of the living God with godly and trembling fear. Pray for a spiritual revival for the United States of America to become a greater and stronger nation with God-fearing people, of whom God will be pleased to say, “I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them ... I will be their God, and they shall be my people” (2 Corinthians 6:16).

### **Benediction**

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (2 Corinthians 13:14)

Day 19: Friday November 6, 2020

### **Bible Reading**

John 18:36-37

<sup>36</sup> Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.”

<sup>37</sup> “You are a king, then!” said Pilate.

Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”

### **Meditation**

1. What is Jesus’s kingdom of and from, if not of this world and not from the world? What is a characteristic of those who follow Him and belong to the kingdom of God? When life is unjust, why is there no reason to “fight” when you know who is Jesus and whose you are?
2. What does Jesus reveal about who he is and the purpose for which he was born and brought into the world?
3. What are the truths in God’s Word about: who is Jesus, what kind of eternal ruler and king is Jesus, and what God asks of those who belong to His kingdom? What truths and promises in God’s Word do you need to actively remember to help you listen to his voice today?

### **Prayer Points**

Pray for the triune God, Jesus, and Holy Spirit to graciously:

1. Remind us of how Jesus’s kingdom is not of and not from this world, but is of a true, heavenly, and eternal kingdom. Give thanks to God for sending Jesus into the world to love and save us, make us his own, and bring us into his ultimate kingdom to come that he will establish with true and unending righteousness, redemption, restoration, justice, love, mercy, compassion, hope, joy, and peace.
2. Help the sons and daughters of the true and eternal king continue to conduct themselves in these days after election day with thoughts, hopes, desires, words, and actions as peaceable citizens of heaven – letting the manner of their lives “be worthy of the gospel of Christ,” so that whether Jesus comes and sees us or is absent, He will hear of us and know that we are standing firm in one spirit with one mind, striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, and not frightened in anything by our momentary opponents on earth (Philippians 1:27-30).
3. Guard and protect the United States and its people with his peace and grant civil rest. Ask God to establish his true righteousness and peace on earth. Pray for peace (an effect of righteousness) and quietness and trust ( results of righteousness) to abide forever in America as his people “abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwelling, and in quiet resting places” (Isaiah 32:15-18).
4. Help us as believers, in whom Jesus and his truths reside and who know and are of the truth, to continually and courageously bear witness to the truth about the true king and his kingdom. Ask the Spirit of God to help us know, listen to, and follow his unchanging voice above all. Pray for God to embolden his people of faith, who are not of this world, to continually join him in his purposes to renew this world and to bring forth his kingdom

here on earth - just as it is in heaven. Ask God to bring forth the kingdom of God that is already in our midst (Luke 17:20), here and now, residing within us through the Spirit of God (1 Corinthians 3:16).

5. Guide and convict all elected leaders of our nation in their decision-making and responsibilities during the days to come. Pray that they continually hear God's voice as God helps them to seek out and uphold truths in the word of God, above all.

**Benediction**

(May) Christ dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. (Ephesians 3:17-19)

Day 20: Saturday November 7, 2020

### **Bible Reading**

Matthew 6:10

<sup>10</sup> Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

James 4:2-3

<sup>2</sup> You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. <sup>3</sup> When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

Philippians 3:20-21

<sup>20</sup> But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup> who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

Romans 14:17

<sup>17</sup> For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit,

1 Corinthians 4:20

<sup>20</sup> For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power.

Daniel 2:44

<sup>44</sup> “In the time of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, nor will it be left to another people. It will crush all those kingdoms and bring them to an end, but it will itself endure forever.

### **Meditation**

We cannot move the hand of God by our own efforts. It is the Spirit of Christ in us that moves the hand of God. It is the outworking of the Spirit in our lives, in which he transforms us daily into the image of Christ, that moves the hand of God. Only those in the kingdom of God can move the hand of God. Entrance into the kingdom is first required. When we are in the kingdom, we pray the will of the king. Practically speaking, it's not wrong to pray for your daily bread or for your mother to be healed or for a spouse, etc., but biblical pray starts with the will of God. James says, “You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.” (James 4:2-3) God want us to pray, your kingdom come, and your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Do you desire God's kingdom and will to be done more than you want anything else?

### **Prayer Points**

1. That the God of peace will rule in our church

2. That we would seek peace and unity in Christ with those whom we disagree with politically in our church
3. That we would hunger and thirst for righteousness
4. That the schemes and plans of the kingdom of Satan in DC would be frustrated, weakened, and ultimately destroyed
5. That our workplaces would be free from division, envy, jealousy, and bitterness during this election season
6. That God would protect our city from violence whatever the outcome of this election
7. That DC would be an example of unity and harmony for the entire country
8. That the future or current President of the United States will lead with wisdom, justice, and peace.
9. That the future or current President will be surrounded by godly counsel
10. That the Senate and House will work together in bipartisan ways that will benefit the American people
11. That local, state, and federal leaders will not forget the poor, the marginalized, the immigrant, the unborn, the homeless, and those for whom is any justice
12. That world leaders would see their countries and communities as family members worthy of love and respect

### **Benediction**

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. (Hebrews 13:20)



Day 21 Sunday November 8, 2020

### **Bible Reading**

Psalm 8

- <sup>1</sup> LORD, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory  
in the heavens.
- <sup>2</sup> Through the praise of children and infants  
you have established a stronghold against your enemies,  
to silence the foe and the avenger.
- <sup>3</sup> When I consider your heavens,  
the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars,  
which you have set in place,  
<sup>4</sup> what is mankind that you are mindful of them,  
human beings that you care for them?<sup>[c]</sup>
- <sup>5</sup> You have made them<sup>[d]</sup> a little lower than the angels<sup>[e]</sup>  
and crowned them<sup>[f]</sup> with glory and honor.
- <sup>6</sup> You made them rulers over the works of your hands;  
you put everything under their<sup>[g]</sup> feet:
- <sup>7</sup> all flocks and herds,  
and the animals of the wild,  
<sup>8</sup> the birds in the sky,  
and the fish in the sea,  
all that swim the paths of the seas.
- <sup>9</sup> LORD, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Revelation 22:1-5 [Optional Reading]

<sup>1</sup> Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup> down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup> No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. <sup>4</sup> They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup> There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

### **Meditation:**

1. Our initial purpose on earth was to know God and to do good work. That good work was to restore the Kingdom. Has our purpose changed?
2. In the final chapter of the bible, we re-engage with that ultimate purpose: kingdom prosperity. This time, we engage with full knowledge of whose we are. With the final

chapter of this election season coming to a close, how do you reflect on that future reality when there will no longer be any curse and we will see his face?

### **Prayer Points**

Pray for the triune God, Jesus, and Holy Spirit to graciously:

1. Give us a peace of mind and even-keeled heart to weather every loss and victory, knowing full well who we ultimately belong to and what our eventual reality will be.
2. Remind us that the God who counts the stars and orders angels has given us kingship over His handiwork.
3. Pour into our lives, that we live up to the mandate God has given us.
4. Engage our imaginations with the poetry of the scriptures, that it may stir our hearts and lead us into action for the kingdom's cause.
5. Bring to light that fair city, teeming with every tongue, tribe, and nations - all at peace under the ruling hand of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

### **Benediction**

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. (Ephesians 3:20-21)