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Lord, we exist to give You glory. We exist because of Your glory, and in Your glory, as our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. We give you thanks and praise for every breath and moment You have given to us. We repent of our sin; for the shameful things we have done against You and for our silence when we did not speak up to proclaim Your Name, profess Your Word, or protect and practice Your will. We ask Your forgiveness. We pray that the knowledge of the glory of the Lord will spread across our nation and the entire earth as we seek Your Kingdom and righteousness; as we walk in obedience to You, and in humble unity, love one another. Jesus, the Bible says that You are “the knowledge of the glory of the Lord.” You have taught us to pray, commanded us to love, and commissioned us to share Your gospel of grace. Your glory fills our hearts and families, it overflows into our neighborhoods, workplaces, campuses, churches, in our entertainment and media. We give thanks for our military and ask that Your glory would spread to, and through them as they preserve freedom around the world. We pray for our government, that all our leaders and laws would be filled with Your glory, that they would magnify Your Holy Word and honor Your will and ways. We pray that Your grace and glory would spread to bring hope to the hopeless, and love where there is hurt and hate. God, use us as we pray your promise, that “the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.” Amen!

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Day 1 - March 29 The Church (Religion, Revival, Spiritual Awakening)

Pray specifically for Hoffmantown Church and other churches in Albuquerque. As you pray through today's passages of Scripture, apply these promises to the Church. Pray for revival in the hearts of each Hoffmantown family member. Pray for a spiritual awakening in the Albuquerque area and our state so that many might come to Christ as a result. Also, pray for people of other faiths and religions, that they might experience the transforming grace of Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 3:14-21

For this reason, I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.

Ephesians 1:17-19

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe.

Day 2 - March 30 Christian Laborers (Remembering Pastors, Evangelists, Teachers, Other Workers)

Today our primary focus is for those who help spread or teach the Good News of Christ in our community and nation. Pray "by name" those who are serving to advance the kingdom of Christ. Whether known world-wide or only known to a small community, they need our prayers. Pray for more laborers to be called into the harvest (Matthew 9:37-38) Pray that those who proclaim the Gospel, that it will be "the pure Gospel and that all will remember Peter's compelling words: "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:12, NKJV)

Matthew 9:37-38

Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

Romans 10:13-15

For whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved. How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?

Day 3 - March 31 Evangelism and Discipleship

The mission of the Church is called the Great Commission – to fully carry out Christ’s command to “go and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19). It is a 2-pronged strategy of sharing the Gospel with lost and then discipling new believers through sound Bible teaching in order to preserve fruit that remains (John 15:16). Focus on today’s theme – worldwide movements, denominations, strategies, and ministries committed to global evangelism and discipleship. Jesus commissioned His disciples to go and disciple all nations, “teaching them to obey everything” that He commanded them (Matthew 29:19-20). Pray for key ministries, denominations, and other agencies with a vision to reach the lost and disciple them. Many are involved in church planting.

Matthew 24:14

And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

Matthew 28:18-20

Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Day 4 - April 1 Other Faiths and Belief Systems

Many Americans embrace belief systems and ideologies that claim to point the way to salvation through some system of self-sacrifice and good works yet miss the transforming power of the cross and resurrection. The apostle Paul taught, “If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. The old has gone, the new is here!” (2 Corinthians 5:17). Pray that believers across America will have opportunities to share the reality of knowing Christ with those who have never experienced His “amazing grace.” Pray that the growing “prayer, care, share” strategy of truly praying for and loving those of other faiths through caring for and helping meet their felt needs will become national strategy of the Body of Christ. Pray “by name” for neighbors and friends you know who embrace different belief systems, asking God to enable you to share the Good News of your own testimony with them in love and humility.

Acts 26:16-18

“But rise and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to make you a minister and a witness both of the things which you have seen and of the things which I will yet reveal to you. I will deliver you from the Jewish people, as well as from the Gentiles, to whom I now send you, to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.”

Day 5 - April 2 Unreached Peoples

A compelling love for the lost led Jesus to the cross to die for the sins of the world, yet nearly 2,000 years later millions of inhabitants of the world live among unreached people groups that have yet to receive a clear presentation of the Gospel. Pockets live within America. Pray that all barriers that hinder the spread of the Gospel to these people will be overcome. Pray that God will divinely call and save key individuals to help share the Good News, make disciples, and plant churches. Pray for ministries using Christian radio programs, gospel literature, and other methods to help introduce these unreached people to Christ. Draw encouragement from the apostle John's vision in heaven: "After these things I looked and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands" (Revelation 7:9, NKJV).

John 10:15-17

"As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice, and there will be one flock and one shepherd. Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again."

Day 6 - April 3 Personal Prayer List

On Day 6 of this season of prayer, take special time in those areas of the sphere of "Religion" that God has impressed on your heart. Take time to write out a few ministries and individuals in ministry that you can today pray for.

Day 7 - April 4 Family and Marriages (Influencing Family Values and the Sanctity of Marriage through Prayer)

Satan seems to have initiated all-out warfare on marriages in recent years, including Christian marriages and those of pastors and leaders. Satan knows that if he can destroy marriages, and thus the family, he can destroy the very fabric of any society. Pray today especially for families in distress that you know of as well as your own family. Pray for marriages of those close to you and for those of Christian leaders.

Ephesians 5:25-30

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the Word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church. For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones.

Day 8 - April 5 Children (Children in Danger, Children Trafficking, Protection of all Children)

Jesus loved children. In Matthew 19:14 He said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” Today we remember these innocent ones of society. Child prostitution and the trafficking of young children are on the rise in America. Also, in America who are without homes, food, and families. The children of America need our prayers today. Pray “by name” for children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews in your family. Extend your prayers to children in your neighborhood, your state, and the nation. Pray that Christian parents will raise their alternatives in TV programs, movies, video games, and music that will help build a child’s faith, rather than destroy it. And pray for international evangelistic ministries that help share the Gospel and make disciples of children around the world.

Matthew 18:2-5

Then Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them, and said, “Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me.”

Deuteronomy 6:6-9

And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Day 9 - April 6 The Elderly

The elderly often face difficult challenges without complaint, and many have no one to help them in times of need. Pray that the younger generation will respect the unique gifts and wisdom of the elderly. Proverbs 16:31 says, “Gray hair is a crown of splendor; it is attained in the way of righteousness.” Ask God to reveal to elderly believers that they have a special opportunity to use their wisdom and spiritual maturity to be dedicated intercessors for the lost and others in need. Some may even feel called to be full-time intercessors. Pray that God will show them how to embrace this unique calling. Pray, too, about starting or joining an outreach team at Hoffmantown Church or our community that specifically aids the elderly. Pray “by name” for the elderly in our Hoffmantown Church family who may need assistance. Befriend them, visiting them at home or in a senior care facility where they live. Pray for opportunities for sharing the Gospel with people who may have lived long lives but have not yet asked Jesus to come into their hearts.

Psalm 71:17-23

O God, You have taught me from my youth; And to this day I declare Your wondrous works. Now also when I am old and gray headed, O God, do not forsake me, Until I declare Your strength to this generation, Your power to everyone who is to come. Also Your righteousness, O God, is very high, You who have done great things; O God, who is like You? You, who have shown me great and severe troubles, Shall revive me again, And bring me up again from the depths of the earth. You shall increase my greatness, And comfort me on every side. Also with lute I will praise You – And Your faithfulness, O my God! To You I will sing with the harp. O Holy One of Israel. My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing to You, And my soul, which You have redeemed.

Day 10 - April 7 The Disabled

Daily life is difficult for people who were born with physical or mental challenges or who were left with a disability by a severe illness or injury. Often some of the most neglected people are those with serious handicaps or various physical or mental impairments. They also can be the most severely mistreated and regularly abused. Today, in addition to all else we claim in prayer as followers of Jesus in these areas to seek out the needs of such people and to find ways to love and care for them – in the name of Jesus. Prayerfully remember those in this condition in your own community. Do some “prayer homework” and learn of ministries that specifically target the disabled and pray for them as well as support them in their mandate to care for and disciple people with disabilities. Pray also for the creation of more church-based outreaches to the people with disabilities in local communities. Pray that every church, especially in the less developed areas of the nation, will be sensitive to the needs of people with disabilities who are part of their congregation or people they know. Pray by name for people with disabilities you may know at church or in your neighborhood. Also pray for family members and caregivers who help loved ones with special needs.

Isaiah 35:4-6

Say to those who are fearful-hearted, “Be strong, do not fear! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, With the recompense of God; He will come and save you.” Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, And the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then the lame shall leap like a deer. And the tongue of the dumb sing. For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert.

Day 11 - April 8 The Homeless

Today we place special emphasis during our prayer on those who lack a place to dwell, the homeless. In some regions of America, children live and sleep in city culverts and under bridges because that is their home. An increasing number of families are seeking help from local homeless shelters because they have no place to live. Many are homeless, who often suffer from mental illness or addictions, sleep in parks and beside the road in bushes and shrubs. Pray for the well-being of the homeless and especially that the Church will rise to help meet this growing need. Pray about ways that you and your church might become specifically involved in ministering to the homeless – providing food, clothing, and assistance in finding employment and meeting family needs. Especially remember ministries you know of that are devoted to this specific challenge. Above all, pray for opportunities for sharing the Gospel with homeless people who do not know the Lord. Encourage them with the words of the prophet Samuel: “The Lord...raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap; he seats them with princes and has them inherit a throne of honor” (1 Samuel 2:7-8).

Psalm 61:2-4

From the end of the earth I will cry to You, When my heart is overwhelmed; Lead me to the rock that is higher than I. For You have been a shelter for me. A strong tower from the enemy. I will abide in Your tabernacle forever; I will trust in the shelter of Your wings. Selah.

Psalm 12:5

“For the oppression of the poor, for the sighting of the needy, Now I will arise,” says the LORD; “I will arise,” says the LORD; “I will set him in the safety for which he yearns.”

Day 12 - April 9 Personal Prayer List for Family and Marriage

On day twelve of this season of prayer, take special time to pray for those areas of the sphere of “Family and Marriage” that God has specifically impressed on your heart. Take time to write the names of members of your family (or other family members dear to you) that are especially in need of prayer.

Day 13 - April 10 Education (All Institutions of Learning, Teachers, Administrators; include Home Schools)

Pray for all levels of education – from younger children in elementary school through more advanced education, including college and university students. Pray for an awakening among students of all ages as well as for their teachers. When possible pray “by name” for students and teachers you know. Pray also that godly principles will come into the curriculum being taught at all levels of education.

Ecclesiastes 12:9-10

And moreover, because the Preacher was wise, he still taught the people knowledge; yes, he pondered and sought out and set in order many proverbs. The Preacher sought to find acceptable words; and what was written was upright – words of truth.

Day 14 - April 11 Youth (The Next Generation)

Young people, especially teenagers, are bombarded with immoral messages and temptations through movies, TV, music, and the Internet. Social networking is adding to this dilemma. We need to enter the spiritual battle that is raging for the souls of our youth. The words of Proverbs are still true today: “Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it” (Proverbs 22:6, NKJV). Pray “by name” for youth leaders at Hoffmantown and in the community. Ask God to raise up many who can meaningfully share His Word and encourage young people to follow the Lord. Pray for effective youth programs at Hoffmantown and in churches in our community for young people to hear the Gospel. Pray that churches will offer training to Christian youth in how to share their faith with non-Christian friends.

Psalm 119:9-12

How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word. With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments! Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You, Blessed are You, O LORD! Teach me Your statutes.

Day 15 - April 12 Colleges and Universities

Pray for colleges and universities across America. Today our nation, the next generation of leaders is being educated, many times by professors who hold disdain or disregard toward Christ. Pray that students will establish a solid foundation in their walks with God and not be persuaded to follow empty philosophies. Pray that students will be Christ-centered and seek to find the truth in Christ. Pray that the Lord will empower believing students to resist the godless culture that surround them and instead be an instrument of light and the love of Christ. Pray for unbelieving students across college campuses, that the Holy Spirit will move on their hearts and that they will find their identity and purpose in Christ. Pray for teachers and officials who instruct and lead college campuses across America to encounter Jesus. Pray for Christian ministries that focus on college and university outreach, that the Lord will make them effective in shaping this generation. Pray for an awakening on college campuses across America, that this next generation will love Jesus with all their hearts, souls, minds, and strength.

1 Corinthians 15:58

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

Philippians 4:8-9

Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy – meditate on these things. The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

Day 16 - April 13 High Schools

Pray today for the high school students, teachers, and administrators of America. (This includes home schools). Amid the rising tide of immorality, violence, and broken families affecting the youth of America, we must position ourselves as intercessors to proclaim and release God's purposes. In a culture where it is acceptable and even encouraged for youth to squander and experiment, pray that the Lord will raise up an army of young people who will view their youth as a great opportunity to spend their strength for Christ. Pray that the youth of America will be God's great instrument of change in America and that Jesus will captivate their hearts. Pray for those struggling with depression, suicide, cutting, eating disorders, bullying, family dysfunction, divorce, peer pressure, drugs, domestic violence, substance abuse, and sexual bondage. Pray specifically for high school students you may know "by name" that the Lord will encounter them and shape them by the Holy Spirit. Pray for teachers and administrators to have the mind of Christ. Pray that they will lead students with integrity and the fear of the Lord. Pray that the Lord will give them strength and courage. Pray for those responsible for shaping curriculum, that God will mold the information being taught. Pray for high school church ministries and outreaches that the Lord will use them to mightily impact lives and transform hearts. Pray that the youth of America will be equipped to follow Jesus their whole lives with passionate fervor.

Jeremiah 29:11-13

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me with all your heart.

Day 17 - April 14 Elementary and Junior High Schools

Pray today for elementary schools and junior high schools, including home schools. Children are a blessing from the Lord and something He has fashioned very purposefully. Pray that they will be treasured and seen as gifts. Pray for the very young people in America, that Jesus will encounter and keep their hearts. Pray that the Lord will protect and preserve their innocence. Especially pray that the Lord will protect each child from the enemy so that they will fulfill the plan God has for him/her. Pray for those children who have little or no contact with Godly influences, that they would be divinely connected with people who will intentionally reflect Christ to them. Pray for the young in the foster care system, that the Lord will set them in Godly families. Pray for their young minds to be taught the truth of Christ and to be protected from falsehood that would lead them into believing lies about Jesus. As the young of America mature into junior high students, pray that the Lord will protect their identity. Declare over junior high students that they are loved and accepted; pray that no confusion would cause them to believe otherwise. Pray that junior high students would be concerned with Christ and that the Holy Spirit would release grace to them to pursue the things of God instead of being consumed with material things. Pray that junior high students will be filled with discernment and that they will have real, authentic encounters with Christ that will keep them into their teen years and beyond. Pray for all teachers and administrators who impact the very young and junior high students of America.

Psalm 31:20

You shall hide them in the secret place of Your presence from the plots of man; You shall keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues.

Day 18 - April 15 Personal Prayer List for Education

On day 18 of this season of prayer, take special time to list those aspects of the sphere of “education” that have been specifically impressed on your heart. Take time to write the names of young people who are currently learning in the American education system. Pray for those young people you name. Also consider writing down the names of teachers who you know that currently work in the American education system and spend time interceding for them.

Day 19 - April 16 Business (The Influence of the Marketplace)

Pray for businesses in our community or nation, that God will use them to accomplish His purposes. Ask God to raise up Godly businessmen and women to be witnesses for Him wherever they serve. Apply today's passages of Scripture specifically to the marketplace. Pray that God will release funds from businesses in our area and throughout the world to make possible the advancement of Christ's kingdom and the completion of the Great Commission.

Isaiah 60:1-5

Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the LORD will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you. The Gentiles shall come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising. Lift up your eyes all around, and see: They all gather together, they come to you; Your sons shall see and come from afar, And your daughters shall be nursed at your side. Then you shall see and become radiant, And you heart shall swell with joy; Because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, The wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you.

Day 20 - April 17 The Economy (Banks, Lending Institutions, Greed)

The uncertainties of the economy affect all of us in different ways, including those ministries that seek to spread the Gospel globally. Very often missions organizations are the first to suffer in an economic slowdown. Pray for a healthy recovery in all sectors of the economy and that a spiritual awakening will take place that helps overcome greed. Pray also that God will get the attention of Christians to depend on Him, to reject the ways of the world, and that a true revival will result. The great spiritual awakening of the 1850's, in which hundreds of thousands came to Christ, began as a result of a nationwide failure of America's banking system. In particular, as you serve as a watchman of the Lord today, ask God to allow Hebrews 13:5 (paraphrased) to come alive in the hearts of His children: "Make sure that your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, 'I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you.'" More specifically, intercede for individuals you know of "by name" who have lost their jobs and are struggling financially. Ask God to open opportunities for them to find meaningful employment. Additionally, pray that Christians will continue to give faithfully to their local churches and other worthy ministries.

1 Timothy 6:5-10

Useless wranglings of men of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain. From such withdraw yourself. Now godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

Day 21 - April 18 Health Care (Doctors, Nurses, and Medical Professionals)

Pray today for those who do not have adequate medical care and for those who have a heart to help meet this need in our nation. Ask God to use Christian doctors and nurses not only to minister to the physical needs of their patients but to spiritual needs as well. Pray especially for those involved in medical missionary enterprises as they often risk contracting the very diseases they seek to treat. Pray “by name” for doctors, nurses, and other medical professionals you may know. Pray that those Americans who are followers of Christ will make themselves available as frequently as possible to go on short-term mission trips to use their unique gifts to help the sick and suffering in less-developed nations of the world. In this way they will help fulfill God’s promise of Psalm 72:12: “For he will deliver the needy who cry out, the afflicted who have no one to help.” Pray for all health care professionals - that God would protect them and that they would seek God’s wisdom in all they do.

Jeremiah 33:6-8

Behold, I will bring to it health and healing; I will heal them; and I will reveal to them the abundance of peace and truth. And I will cause the captives of Judah and the captives of Israel to return, and will rebuild those places as at the first.

Day 22 - April 19 Humanitarian Ministries (Charities, Nonprofit agencies, and NGO’s)

Christian humanitarian ministries, often referred to as NGOs or “Non-Government Organizations,” provide aid to people living in poverty or who have become victims of natural disasters, acts of violence, and other unexpected tragedies. They see Christ in those they serve, remembering His words in Matthew 25:35: “**For I was hungry, and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in.**” (NKJV). Pray “by name” for humanitarian ministries working today in America that you support or are familiar with. Pray for the protection of Christian aid workers who often work in dangerous conditions to minister to people in need. Pray especially that Christian ministries will not compromise their responsibility to share the Gospel with the people they minister to. Pray they will have many opportunities to share the message of salvation openly in areas that might not otherwise be freely open to Christian evangelism.

Proverbs 3:27-29

Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, When it is in the power of your hand to do so. Do not say to your neighbor, “Go, and come back, And tomorrow I will give it.” Do not devise evil against your neighbor, For he dwells by you for safety’s sake.

Day 23 - April 20 Personal Prayer List for Business

On day 23 of this season of prayer, take special time to pray for those aspects of the sphere of “Business” that God has specifically impressed on your heart. Take time to write down the names of Christian businessmen and business leaders who are active today in America. Pray for these people by name. Write down the names of Christian businesses you may know and intercede for their business.

Day 24 - April 21 Government (Local and National Government)

The apostle Paul instructed Timothy in his first letter to this young leader to, “pray for all that are in authority” (1 Timothy 2:1-2). There is little doubt that Paul’s first concern in this regard was for prayer that impacted those in government positions. Pray for your local government leaders as well as for national government leaders.

Romans 13:1

Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities, For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.

I Timothy 2:1-4

Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Day 25 - April 22 The Military (Those serving in the Protection of the Nation)

Men and women who serve in the armed forces are willing to make the ultimate sacrifice, giving their lives to protect their nation and help maintain peace in the world. Pray for the various branches of the military in our nation as the Holy Spirit leads. Ask God to hold back any armies that may seek to create arbitrary conflicts that may lead to war in various regions of the world. Pray especially that Christians in all branches of service will “put on the whole armor of God” as described in Ephesians 6:10-20. Pray that godly officers and particularly chaplains will lead their troops with moral character and courage. Intercede for conflicts now underway in the nations that peace will be restored so that the Gospel can go freely throughout those nations or regions. Pray “by name” for servicemen and women you may know. Ask God to minister to the spiritual, emotional, and practical needs of the spouses, children, and family members of military personnel who are away on dangerous deployments around the world.

Psalm 33:12-20

Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people He has chosen as His own inheritance. The LORD looks from heaven; He sees all the sons of men. From the place of His dwelling He looks on all the inhabitants of the earth; He fashions their hearts individually; considers all their works. No king is saved by the multitude of an army; A mighty man is not delivered by great strength. A horse is a vain hope for safety; Neither shall it deliver any by its great strength. Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him. On those who hope in His mercy. To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine. Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and our shield.

Day 26 - April 23 Liberty and Freedom (Issues of Human Rights and Individual Freedoms)

One of the most important spheres of influence involves government and politics. People around the world are willing to lay down their lives for the freedoms expressed in the United States’ Declaration of Independence in 1776: “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.” Pray that we, as Americans, do not forget that the freedoms and liberties we experience are gifts from God that can be lost if we turn our backs on Him. Pray that God will intervene in America’s national and local governments in ways that promote individual freedoms. Pray that more devoted, righteous people will seek and be elected to public office, thus helping provide a moral compass for their communities and nations, for where there is no vision, the people perish (Proverbs 28:18).

Romans 8:19-21

For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

Day 27 - April 24 Civil Servants (Police, Firefighters, Others Who Serve in Our Communities)

Men and women who hold city, state, or federal jobs serve in a sphere of influence that is foundational to government structures. The responsibilities they have and the decisions they make impact communities on multiple levels and in ways that may affect thousands of people. Pray that public servants will act responsibly in their jobs. Pray “by name” for people you may know who work in the public sector. Also pray that Christians will stand out as model employees as they mirror Christ’s example of a faithful servant, mindful of His words: **“If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of and servant of all”** (Mark 9:35, NKJV). Pray especially for the police of our community, that they will be protected as they often are in harm’s way. Pray against all corruption that can often be tempting to those in such positions of trust. Pray, too, for the families of those in law enforcement, as often the intensity of their work impacts their home life in negative ways. The same is true for firefighters who generally must live away from home for many days at a time in order to be on call at all hours of the day and night.

Philippians 2:3-8

Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even death on the cross.

Day 28 - April 25 Crime and Violence (Drug Cartels, Drug Trafficking, Organized Crime)

Escalating crime and violence are symptoms of a society that has drifted away from God or outright rejected Him. Commenting on the end-times, Christ said, **“Many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold, But he who endures to the end shall be saved.”** (Matthew 24:11-13, NKJV). Pray against all those who would seek to tarnish our culture through criminal activity and all manner of corruption. Pray that God will show the younger generation that involvement with any kind of “recreational” drug use does not only destroy their health, but fuels organized crime in the nations. Pray against the drug cartels operating throughout the country. Ask that God would cause cartel leaders to make critical errors in how they conduct their business in such a way that leads to downfall. Pray especially for the protection of Christian workers who work in the fearful atmosphere of these drug cartels. Pray also for those in law enforcement specifically focused on this problem will find more and better ways to combat this plague through modern technology and other means.

Psalms 11:1-7

In the LORD I put my trust; How can you say to my soul, Flee as a bird to your mountain? For Look! The wicked bend their bow, They make ready their arrow on the string, That they may shoot secretly at the upright in heart. If the foundations are destroyed, What can the righteous do? The LORD is in His holy temple, The LORD’s throne is in heaven; His eyes behold, His eyelids test the sons of men. The LORD tests the righteous, But the wicked and the one who loves violence His soul hates. Upon the wicked He will rain coals; Fire and brimstone and a burning wind Shall be the portion of their cup. For the LORD is righteous, He loves righteousness; His countenance beholds the upright.

Day 29 - April 26 Justice (The Courts and Judges of America)

Justice is defined as “the upholding of what is just, especially fair treatment in accordance with honor, standards, or law.” It is to “treat adequately, fairly, or with full appreciation.” The judicial branch of the government is clearly an influential authority in America. Their decisions touch the life of every citizen and, when functioning properly, help protect individuals from exploitation, settle disputes, and punish criminals who break the law. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you areas in our nation and community where justice is desperately needed. Pray specifically for areas of the government that you know to be lacking in administering true justice to people. As followers of Jesus we should be model citizens who, “Defend the poor and fatherless; do justice to the afflicted and needy. Deliver the poor and needy; free them from the hand of the wicked” (Psalm 82:3-4, NKJV). Pray that God will raise up more Christian judges and lawyers in America who are guided by honesty and truth.

Proverbs 2:1-9

My son, if you receive my words, And treasure my commands within you, So that you incline your ear to wisdom, And apply your heart to understanding; Yes, if you cry out for discernment, And lift up your voice for understanding, If you seek her as silver, And search for her as for hidden treasures; Then you understand the fear of the LORD, And find the knowledge of God. For the LORD gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding; He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; He guards the paths of justice, And preserves the way of His saints. Then you will understand righteousness and justice, Equity and every good path.

Day 30 - April 27 Personal Prayer List for Government

On day 30 of this season of prayer, take special time to pray for those aspects of the sphere of “Government” that God has specifically impressed on your heart. Take time to write the names of the men or women who serve in government that directly represent you at the state and federal level. Pray for these people by name. Pray for the President of the United States.

Day 31 - April 28 Media (Radio, TV, Print, and internet)

The impact of all forms of media in the American culture cannot be overemphasized. Whether it is the print media (newspapers and magazines), television, radio, or the rapidly spreading influence of the Internet and all forms of social networking, media should be an object of our daily prayers. Today we will make time to concentrate our prayers specifically on the media. Pray that God will use publishers of newspapers and magazines as well as Internet websites to report in such a manner that is ethically and morally sound. Ask that God will redeem the media to advance His kingdom. Claim the same for the television industry. Ask that God will continue to use radio in a significant way to spread the Gospel globally. Especially pray for the growing influence of the Internet and social networking. Pray against the spread of pornography on the internet and that God will cause those who “surf” the Internet to come upon godly websites that draw them to salvation in Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 2:1-7

And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Day 32 - April 29 Social Networking

With the vast change in the way Americans communicate and receive information today, there is a great opportunity for the Church to use social networking for Christ. Pray today that God will give inspiration and new ideas to believers who have influence and skill in social networking. Pray that these ideas will shape the industry and cause its influence to be in the hands of godly leaders. Pray that this medium of communication will be used to spread the name of Jesus and put the truth before people’s eyes.

Proverbs 2:6

For the LORD gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding

I John 5:20

And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

Day 33 - April 33 News Media

With the explosion of the Internet in the late 90s and the creation of mobile devices that now allow unlimited access to Internet data and news around the world, Americans literally have endless information at their fingertips. It is now normal for us to know what is happening across the globe at the push of a button. However, with the great inundation of information there have also come more opinions, propaganda, and exaggeration in the reporting of news. As believers we have a great responsibility to shape the culture around us and literally change the news that happens around our nation. Pray that the news media will be flooded with the influence of Christ. Pray that broadcasts, reporters, websites, and online reports will be filled with integrity. Pray that believers will seek out useful information in the news that will help them to pray more effectively for the circumstances impacting our nation and our world. Pray that God would give believers discernment as they watch the news and help them to be guided by His Spirit. Pray that the news media will not use fear tactics nor exaggerations in their reporting to gain better ratings or increase their profits. Pray that broadcasters will use their influence with pure motive and not for selfish gain. Pray that all corruption and falsehood would be replaced with the truth and authenticity of Christ.

Colossians 3:17

And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Hebrews 13:5

Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, **“I will never leave you nor forsake you.”**

Day 34 - May 1 Pornography (Sex Trafficking) Industry

The vile and perverted images that fill the worldwide web are grounds for us to shut down the whole system and render it unbeneficial for the consumption of American society. However, the manifestation of pornography and the sex trafficking industry are sad reflections of the desires of the hearts of Americans. The Internet is not bad in and of itself; it is the people who have chosen to pervert this medium that clearly show where the problem lies. Shutting down the system may help temporarily, but it is our hearts and our minds that need healing so that we as a society do not crave and perpetuate these vile practices. Pray for revival in the hearts of Americans. Pray that we will return to our first love and that every power of sexual immorality we have agreed with will be broken as we turn our hearts back to Jesus. Pray that we will no longer prostitute ourselves to practices that steal the innocence of our children, rob our marriages, and give us counterfeit ideas of intimacy. Pray for the Church to rise, overcome, and be a loving witness to the world that these practices will not make their hearts whole. Pray for a great turning of hearts and that every pimp, prostitute, and consumer of this industry will encounter the powerful love of Christ that sets them free. Pray that the framework and ideology that enforces these practices and mindset will be dismantled and replaced with the truth of Christ. Pray for all the victims of this industry who have forcefully swept into its chains, that they will be released and healed in the name of Jesus.

Psalm 119:37

Turn away my eyes from looking at worthless things, And revive me in Your way.

Day 35 - May 2 Personal Prayer List for Media

On day 35 of this season of prayer, take special time to pray for those aspects of the sphere of “Media” that God has specifically impressed on your heart. Take time to write down the names of people who have broad influence within the realm of the media. Pray for those people by name.

Day 36 - May 3 Arts and Entertainment (Influencing the influencers of All Forms of Entertainment)

Related to the previous focus (the media) are the areas of arts, entertainment, and sports. Praise God for the growing number of famous entertainers and sports personalities who have professed Christ as Savior. Pray that God will greatly expand their influence. Use today’s passages of Scripture to claim God’s presence in the entertainment industry and sports arena in our nation. Ask God to raise up more anointed Christian spokespersons in all areas of sports and entertainment. Pray also that God will open the eyes of those who are impacted by the entertainment industry or sports industry to recognize when they are being led astray by ungodly influences.

Ephesians 4:17-24

This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. But that is not the way you have learned from Christ, if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus; that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

Day 37 - May 4 Professional Sports

God has given us all different talents and gifts. For some of us and for some of our children, professional sports athletes have served or currently serve as role models. Professional sports athletes have a great opportunity to not only serve as positive role models but to make an impact for Christ. Pray that they will be given boldness to reflect Christ in the culture of sports and serve as positive role models. Pray that their Christ-centered lives will lead fans and teammates to realize the love of Christ and the joy in living life for Him. Pray that the Lord will cause Christian athletes to stand firm in their faith and convictions despite negative media or comments by fans or others in social media. Pray for the whole of professional sports, that it will be used as a media to teach ethics, responsibility, and good values to Americans.

Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by a great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross despising the shame, and has sat down at the right handoff the throne of God.

I Timothy 4:8

For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come.

Day 38 - May 5 Movie Industry

Stories have always moved the hearts of Americans. Not only stories, but good stories. We like to see happy endings, stories of redemption, and restoration. Our desire for good stories stems from our one great desire to be a part of God's story. It is the story that we were made to live, and sometimes movies remind us of this story. However, movies also reflect our fallen flesh and our desire for the things of this world. Pray that God will invade the movie industry. Pray that He will send in bold witnesses who will produce films that draw Americans and turn their hearts back to God. Pray that Americans would no longer crave the filth and defilement that fill the industry because of changed hearts. Pray for the production of films that reach audiences who would not otherwise be open to hearing about the story of Jesus. Pray that the profits from godly films would go toward spreading the Good News about Jesus around the world.

Titus 2:11-13

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.

Colossians 3:5

Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

Day 39 - May 6 Art and Music

Pieces of art have always had the power to move our minds and impact our hearts. God Himself made everything that we can see in order to reveal who He is. He crafted the earth and filled it with beauty to show us what He is like. Likewise, God gave us the ability to create music and songs. Today, artists create pieces of art to reflect certain truths, and musicians write songs to gather people around certain ideas. Pray that today God would influence artists to create works of art that reflect His truth. Pray that artists around America would be drawn into a revelation of Jesus and that they would seek ways to share this revelation through art. Pray for musicians and popular music that it would be flooded with the sounds of heaven and would support the cause of Christ. Pray for musicians to encounter the truth of Jesus that causes them to sing His praises and turn the minds of their listeners to Christ.

Romans 1:20

For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse

Psalm 105:2

Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; Talk of all His wondrous works!

Day 40 - May 7 Personal Prayer List for Arts and Entertainment

On the last day of this season of prayer, take special time to pray for those aspects of the sphere of “Arts and Entertainment” that God has specifically impressed on your heart. Take time to write down the names of professional athletes, musicians, and movie stars who may need to know Jesus. Pray for these people by name.