

# 31 Days of Prayer

*Strengthen our Nation, Strengthen our World – October, 2017*

**Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> - The Light of Jesus**

Pray for the light of Jesus to shine into each and every pocket of darkness within our community, for the darkness to be dispelled, and for genuine transformation of lives as a result of the love of Jesus. Pray for opportunities for yourself and for others to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with those we come into contact with.

**Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> - Our National Leaders**

Pray for our President, Vice President, the Cabinet and the leadership in Washington, D.C. Pray for a genuine respect for God's will to be accomplished through each of their lives and their work in the political arena. Pray that their work would accomplish much in the way of strengthening our nation and presenting ourselves as a voice of strength, peace and integrity to the world. Pray for a spirit of unity to come upon our leaders, that they would work together to unify our nation.

**Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> - Unity in America**

Pray for a spirit of grace in the hearts, minds and tongues of the American people. Pray that speech would be seasoned with grace, rather than division. Pray for discretion and for discernment in how we exercise our voice and our rights. Pray for a willingness of people to listen and understand one another, across the complete spectra of political leanings, race, and ideology.

**Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> - Pastors**

Pray for the pastors and leaders of our own Church and all of the Gospel-driven churches within our region. Pray for wisdom and Holy Spirit discernment, for boldness to preach the Gospel in a spirit of love, and for a spirit of unity among each other. Pray that pastors would remain true to their calling before God and serve their congregations with integrity and faithfulness. Pray for refreshing and strengthening, and pray for protection against the devices of an enemy who seeks to take them out!

**Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> - Our Schools**

Pray for our local schools. Pray for the physical safety and security of all children, staff and educators. Pray for the minds and hearts of the children to be shaped in ways that honor God. Pray for the light of Jesus to shine in the schools. Pray for curriculum that honors God.

**Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> - Universities**

Pray for our universities, which are called to be institutions of higher learning. Pray for revival among students and educators. Pray that the education people are receiving would be beneficial for learning and would lead to them becoming productive influences within society. Pray that behaviors and mindsets on campus and associated with the universities would honor God. Pray for the safety of those who are seeking to learn and grow at the university campuses.

**Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> - The Leaders in our Community**

Pray for the leaders within our community. Pray for the mayor; for the City Administrator; for the City Council. Pray for the City and County Commissioners. Pray for all of the city leadership, that they would be blessed with open hearts to discern the will of God; that they would be attuned to the leading of the Almighty, even when they don't recognize it as such. Pray for godliness within our communities. Pray that community leaders would work to strengthen our communities, and that they would lead by

example in their personal lives as well.

**Sunday, October 8th - The Drug Problem**

Pray against the stronghold of drugs and alcohol on lives in our community and nation. Pray for miraculous release from the bondages of drugs and alcohol, that destroy lives and relationships. Pray against the drug trade and access to drugs in our community. Pray that drugs would be stopped; that the cartel would be halted; that the drug trade would dry up in our communities across America. Pray for the strength of drug-resistance programs that seek to counter the influence of drugs and help people maintain freedom from these bondages.

**Monday, October 9th - The Police and Sheriff's Departments, and the State Patrol**

Pray for the protection of our local law enforcement. Pray for good wisdom, discretion and judgment. Pray for their boldness to act righteously and uphold the law. Pray for continued funding for the departments that we call upon to protect and serve. Pray for safety. Pray for the Police Chief and the County Sheriff, and for the leaders within the State Patrol to work together with city and county leaders to protect and bless our communities.

**Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> - Medical Professionals and First Responders**

Pray for the hospitals and for all medical professionals who are called on to save and preserve lives. Pray for health in our communities! Pray for protection over those who work in the medical field. Pray for their emotions as they face trying situations.

**Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> - Marriages**

Pray for the health of marriages in our community. Pray for the covenant of marriage to be withheld with integrity and sacrifice. Pray for a willingness of couples to work through issues, thick and thin. Pray for healing and for walls of division within marriages to be dismantled. Pray for forgiveness and for understanding. Pray for righteousness. Pray for the preservation of families, which are a backbone in our society.

**Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> - Our Military and Border Security**

Pray for all of those who are willing to put their lives on the line for the freedom and protection of our nation. Pray for those who are stationed abroad and deployed in foreign nations. Pray for their protection and wisdom. Pray for a strength and a resolve within them to continue to serve for a greater cause.

**Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> - The Families and Spouses of Military Personnel**

Pray for the families of military personnel, including spouses and children. Pray that the spouses would be strengthened to hold things together while they are away. Pray that the children would be blessed by an abundance of love and support in the absence of a parent. Pray that the family unit would be protected and preserved while spouses are away. Pray for peace in these families!

**Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> - Revival**

Pray for revival to start in the hearts of mankind. Pray for revival to begin in our own hearts and homes! Pray that the Spirit of the Lord would do an incredible work to stir up passion and ignite our souls on fire for Jesus. Pray that our own eyes would be fixed on Jesus and the passion that flows from us would spread like a fire to those all around.

**Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> - Sexual Purity**

Pray for an all-encompassing desire and fortitude to maintain sexual integrity. Pray against the rampant spread of pornography. Pray for an end to the sex trafficking trade. Pray for a sexual ideal that honors God within our schools, our homes, and our nation.

**Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup> - The Next Generation**

Pray for wisdom in leading and shaping the next generation. Pray for your own generation to set an example of what it means to "delight in the Law of God" (Psalm 112). Pray for influence on the next generation! Pray for an example of godliness to be set, which results in the next generation becoming "mighty in the land" and respected in the city.

**Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> - The Generation that's Gone Before**

Pray for our seniors. Pray for those who have gone ahead - that they would be blessed and continue with purpose as they strive for the finish line. Pray that they won't be the "forgotten generation", but will be respected and listened to. Pray for those in nursing homes and other places to not be forgotten, but to be blessed by the blessing of relationships.

**Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> - Integrity**

Pray for integrity and character! We need a foundation of integrity. Pray for the Word of God to take root in lives, and for godly character to be built as a foundation, and that it would bear much fruit. Pray Psalm 1 over your life and the lives of others around you.

**Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> - Churches**

Pray for the health of churches. Pray that churches would reflect the love of Jesus. Pray that churches in our communities would be impactful and hit the target of reaching the community with the love of Jesus. Pray that our churches would build community and have open hearts and hands to bless our communities and express the grace and truth of Jesus. Pray also that churches would remain true to the cross that is set before us.

**Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> - Kim Jong Un and North Korea**

Pray for a miracle in the heart of North Korea's leadership. Pray that the Gospel of Jesus Christ would penetrate the inner circle of the "Hermit Kingdom." Pray for an end to the evil atrocities that have been committed, and for genuine repentance to take place. Pray that the people of North Korea would have opportunity to receive the good news about Jesus. Pray against the stronghold of the enemy, the devil, in this nation.

**Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> - Clarity in Spiritual Battle**

Pray for a clarity in spiritual warfare. We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers. Pray for clear identification of how the enemy is at work, so that we may pray and battle effectively. Pray that we don't misidentify the enemy, as he wants to divide people and to remove our eyes from Jesus.

**Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> – Apologists Defending the Gospel**

Pray for the work of apologists in our nation and the world. Pray that their work to provide a defense of Christian faith would be effective to penetrate ears and reach hearts. Pray for an openness in the hearts of those of differing faiths, that they would hear and consider the truth and historicity of the Christian faith, and that they would see the fruit produced from lives that honor Jesus.

**Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> – Widows and Orphans**

Pray for widows, that they would be well taken care of and blessed. Pray for comfort in times of grief, and for joy that comes from the Lord. Pray that they would be protected and that they would draw near to God for comfort. Pray for orphans to be brought into homes of love and experience the love of fathers and mothers.

**Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> – Pray for the Persecuted**

Pray for persecuted Christians. Pray for strength to endure and to keep their eyes fixed on the cross of Jesus. Pray for relief from persecution, and for God to be glorified in the midst of trials. Pray that they would bring glory to the Lord and see fruit as a result of the trial they face.

**Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> – Pray for Those Who Persecute You**

Pray that those who have declared themselves as enemies of the cross of Christ would see the character of Christ within you. Pray that they will relent of the persecution and turn to Jesus. Pray for them to be blessed as they repent and come to know the amazing grace and love of Christ.

**Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> – Missionaries and Foreign Missions**

Pray for missionaries and those engaging in foreign relief missions. Pray that needs would be met and that the love of Jesus would be demonstrated through the gift of mercy and compassion. Pray that the Gospel of Jesus Christ would come across through the missions of mercy. Pray for ground to be plowed by missionaries, for their strength and enduring passion for the work they are involved in. Pray for conversions and fruit!

**Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> – Signs & Wonders**

Pray for signs and wonders. The early church did! Pray that signs and wonders would accompany the proclamation of the Gospel. Pray that the signs would glorify God and bring people into a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

**Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> – Wisdom**

Pray for godly wisdom, for yourself, those who are close to you, your pastors and leaders. Pray the prayer of Solomon, that God would grant wisdom. Pray for wisdom that comes from above; for wisdom in decision-making and how you handle your affairs.

**Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> – Financial Integrity**

Pray for financial stability in our markets and in the world. Pray for integrity in handling finances with biblical wisdom and principle. Pray for a move away from over-spending and opulent lifestyles, toward living within our means and handling God's resources with integrity. Pray for a spirit of generosity toward the work of God and to be a blessing to others.

**Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup> – Homelessness and Poverty**

Pray for those who have no place to call home. Pray for opportunities for them to get established with a roof over their heads. Pray that the homeless with mental illnesses would be adequately helped. Pray for opportunities for work and to establish a better foundation and future for those struggling in poverty or with homelessness. Pray for provision from God.

**Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> – The Gospel**

Pray that the Gospel would be proclaimed to every tribe and nation. Pray for those in the field of Bible translation, that their work would prosper and that unreached people groups would have access to the Gospel. Pray that you would be able to preach the Gospel fearlessly and with boldness and the grace of the Holy Spirit! Pray that the Gospel would go through our nation and earth, that God would inspire and we would respond, and that many would be saved as a result of the good news of Jesus Christ reaching the hearts of many.