PRAY for OUR NATION and Families

31 DAY PRAYER GUIDE
Quotes from our Founding Fathers, Scripture, Questions, and Daily Prayers
1 TIMOTHY 2:1-3

Pray for all people. As you make your requests, plead for God’s mercy upon them, and give thanks. Pray this way for kings and all others who are in authority, so that we can live in peace and quietness, in godliness and dignity. This is good and pleases God our Savior. NLT

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DANIEL 9:4, 5, 8

I prayed to the LORD my God and confessed: O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with all who love him and obey his commands, we have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and have rebelled; we have turned away from your commands and laws…O LORD, we and our kings, our princes and our fathers are covered with shame because we have sinned against you.

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Dear Fellow Americans and Praying Friends:

This 31 Day prayer initiative is about the history of the founding of our country and what our forefathers envisioned for us: God, Scriptures and morality.

Each day will highlight a quote from one of our founding fathers, a scripture passage, reflection and discussion questions, and a prayer for a return to those ideals in our nation and families.

This 31 Day Prayer Guide is designed to be used for family devotions at the dinner table and/or during personal devotions, but it can also be used in any class or group setting.

It is our hope and prayer that churches, schools, Sunday school classes, prayer groups, Bible study groups, families, couples, and individuals everywhere will join in this prayer initiative to help heal and transform our nation and families for the glory of God.
THE MAYFLOWER COMPACT

The Mayflower Compact was signed in November of 1620 by all the men from the group of 102 Pilgrims who traveled from England on the Mayflower ship to escape religious persecution. They landed in what is now Cape Cod, Massachusetts and founded the Plymouth Colony.

“Having undertaken, for the glory of God, and advancement of the Christian faith, and honor of our King and Country, a voyage to plant the first colony in the northern parts of Virginia, do by these presents solemnly and mutually, in the presence of God, and one of another, covenant and combine our selves together”

QUOTE from William Bradford

“for the propagating and advancing the gospel of the kingdom of Christ in those remote parts of the world.”

MATTHEW 28:19-20 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.

REFLECT/DISCUS: If our leaders lived for the glory of God and for spreading the good news about Jesus Christ to others, what are some ways we could do this in our lives?

PRAYER: Lord God Thank You for our pilgrims who loved and trusted You. We pray that the peoples of this nation will continue to love and trust You. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit once again.

PRAY for our President

WILLIAM BRADFORD: Leader of the Pilgrims and Governor of the Plymouth Colony
QUOTE from JOHN ADAMS and JOHN HANCOCK
“We recognize no Sovereign but God, and no King but Jesus!”
April 18, 1775

1 TIMOTHY 6:12-16 Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which God will bring about in His own time - God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To Him be honor and might forever. Amen

REFLECT/DISCUSS: Do you think Jesus is the King on the throne of your life? Why or why not? What do you think would be different in your life if He was on the throne?

PRAYER: Father, we pray that Christians everywhere and our family will be strong in faith and wise in Your Word. That we will be mighty witnesses for you, unafraid to speak Your name no matter the circumstances.

PRAY for our Vice President
JAMES MADISON

At the Constitutional Convention of 1787, James Madison proposed the plan to divide the central government into three branches. He discovered this model of government from the Perfect Governor as he read his Bible.

ISAIAH 33:22 For the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our king; He will save us.

REFLECT/DISCUSS: James Madison got ideas from the Bible that helped him form our government. Have you ever gotten help or answers from the Bible that guided you to do something in your life? If so, when?

PRAYER: Lord You are our judge, lawgiver and King; Save us!

PRAY for our SUPREME COURT

QUOTE from JOHN ADAMS

“I have examined all religions... and the result is that the Bible is the best Book in the world.”

December 25, 1813 letter to Thomas Jefferson

2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

REFLECT/DISCUSS: On a scale of 1 to 10 (10 being most important and 1 being not important at all), how important is the Bible in your life? Why do you think this is?

PRAYER: Lord, give our government leaders and the peoples of this nation a hunger and thirst for Your word. Surround our leaders with good Christian men and women who will show them the way to You.

PRAY for our SENATE/SENATORS

JAMES MADISON: American Politician and Political Philosopher

JOHN ADAMS: American Politician and Political Philosopher
“Let divines and philosophers, statesmen and patriots, unite their endeavors to renovate the age by impressing the minds of men with the importance of educating their little boys and girls, inculcating in the minds of youth the fear and love of the Deity … and leading them in the study and practice of the exalted virtues of the Christian system.” October 4, 1790

Deuteronomy 6:1-3 These are the commands, decrees and laws the Lord your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the Lord your God as long as you live by keeping all His decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life. Hear, O Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the Lord, the God of your fathers, promised.

Reflect/Discuss: How do you think people's lives can be hurt if they don't fear/respect God and follow His Word?

Prayer: Be with our families. Give us parents a longing to teach our children Your truths. Give our children an openness to receive Your word and salvation.

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Pray for your Congress/Representatives

Samuel Adams: Political philosopher and leader in the American Revolution
**QUOTE** from **SAMUEL ADAMS**

“He who made all men hath made the truths necessary to human happiness obvious to all...Our forefathers opened the Bible to all.”

August 1, 1776. Speech delivered at the State House in Philadelphia.

**MATTHEW 22:36-39** Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.

**REFLECT/DISCUSS:** Do you think you could show more love to God? How? Do you think you could show more love to others? How?

**PRAYER:** We pray that as a nation we will love You with all our hearts, all our souls, and all our minds and each other as we love ourselves.

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**QUOTE** from **THOMAS JEFFERSON**

“The doctrines of Jesus are simple, and tend to all the happiness of man.”

**JOHN 13:35** By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

**REFLECT/DISCUSS:** Is there anyone you have a hard time loving right now? Why? What could you do to be more loving to this person with God’s help?

**PRAYER:** As Your people I pray that we will love one another so that all peoples and nations will know we are Your disciples.

**PRAY for our STATE SUPREME COURT**
QUOTE from John Quincy Adams
“The law given from Sinai (The Ten Commandments) was a civil and municipal as well as a moral and religious code.”

QUOTE from Elias Boudinot “Be religiously careful in our choice of all public officers … and judge of the tree by its fruits.”

QUOTE from Charles Carroll “Without morals a republic cannot subsist any length of time …”

Exodus 20:1-17 And God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below … You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God … Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy … Honor your father and your mother…You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor’s house … neighbor’s wife … manservant or maidservant … ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Romans 13:9 The commandments, “Do not commit adultery,” “Do not murder,” “Do not steal,” “Do not covet,” and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this one rule: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

Reflect/Discuss: Do you think most people today even know what the 10 commandments specifically say? Why do you think this is true?

Prayer - Your commandments are just and fair. They are meant to guide us. Lord, bring us back to Your truths.

Pray for our State Senators
Quote from Benjamin Franklin:

“God governs in the affairs of man. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid? We have been assured in the Sacred Writings that except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it.”

Matthew 6:26,33

Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?” But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Ps. 127:1

Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain.

Reflect/Discuss:

God sees and knows everything happening in your life. What is troubling or worrying you right now?

Prayer:

We pray that the work of our forefathers has not been in vain. We pray that the house of the United States will be built on Your Rock and that we will keep the oaths our forefathers made to You.

Pray for our State Representatives.

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Quote from Noah Webster:

“Education is useless without the Bible.”

Deuteronomy 11:19

Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Reflect/Discuss:

What do we mainly talk about when we walk, drive, sit, or eat together? Why would it be a good idea to talk more about what the Bible says in our conversations?

Prayer:

Let us live our lives in such a way that all the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations will bow down before You.

Pray for our Mayor.

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Benjamin Franklin: One of the Founding Fathers, also a Diplomat, Scientist, Inventor and Author

Noah Webster: In 1808 he Published what is now the Modern Merriam-Webster Dictionary
QUOTE from ALEXANDER HAMILTON
“I have tender reliance on the mercy of the Almighty, through the merits of
the Lord Jesus Christ. I am a sinner. I look to Him for mercy; pray for me.”

PSALM 5:4-7  Show me Your ways, O Lord, teach me Your paths;
guide me in Your truth and teach me, for You are God my Savior, and
my hope is in You all day long. Remember, O Lord, Your great mercy
and love, for they are from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth
and my rebellious ways; according to Your love remember me, for You
are good, O Lord.

REFLECT/DISCUSS: What do you think have been some of the sins
of your youth and rebellious ways? Have you ever prayed and asked
God for forgiveness for these specific things?

PRAYER: We as a people and nation have sinned. We have turned our
back on Your precepts. Show us Your ways; teach us Your paths; guide
us in Your truth and teach us; I pray that once again You will be our
God and Savior; that our hope will be in You all day long. Remember
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QUOTE from Alexander Hamilton

“For my part, I sincerely esteem it (the Constitution) a system which without the finger of God, never could have been suggested and agreed upon by such a diversity of interests.” 1787 after the Constitutional Convention

ROM. 13:1 Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established.

REFLECT/DISCUSS: Name some authorities in your life? What are ways you can better submit/yield to their authority/leadership in your life?

PRAYER: Father, it is hard sometimes to submit to governing authorities. Being mere mortals we don’t always understand what You are accomplishing through our leaders. Help us to embrace the idea that Your finger of grace is leading and orchestrating current events.

QUOTE from John Hancock

“… to humble themselves before God under the heavy judgments felt and feared, to confess the sins that have deserved them, to implore the forgiveness of all our transgressions, and a spirit of repentance and reformation … and a blessing on the … Union of the American Colonies …”

2 Chronicles 7:14 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 will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

REFLECT/DISCUSS: Why do you think God says He will heal our land “If my people…will humble themselves and pray” instead of “if all the evil and wicked people…will humble themselves and pray”

PRAYER: We humble ourselves before You God, we confess our sins and ask for forgiveness of all our wrongs. Bring us to repentance and reformation. We ask for Your blessing on our family and the United States of America.

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Pray for our Firemen/Paramedics

Alexander Hamilton: A Founding Father and First Secretary of the Treasury
John Hancock: Merchant, Statesman, and Prominent Patriot of the American Revolution
QUOTE from PATRICK HENRY

“This is all the inheritance I can give my dear family. The religion of Christ can give them one which will make them rich indeed.”

1 PETER 1:3–5 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade - kept in heaven for you who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

REFLECT/DISCUSS: Jesus is the only One that can make people born-again and give them a brand new start. What other religions in the world can you name? Do any of these religions allow people to become born-again?

PRAYER: We pray You will fill us and the peoples of this land with Your inheritance. An inheritance, legacy, new birth into a living hope - the resurrection of Jesus Christ - an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade.

PRAY for our
POLICE/DEPUTIES/TROOPERS
**Quote from Jedediah Morse**

“To the kindly influence of Christianity we owe that degree of civil freedom, and political and social happiness which mankind now enjoys … Whenever the pillars of Christianity shall be overthrown, our present republican forms of government, and all blessings which flow from them, must fall with them.”

**Colossians 1:15-16** He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created; things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him.

**Reflect/Discuss:** Do you think there are people in America that are trying to actively overthrow Christianity? How? If they are victorious, what will happen to Christians in the future?

**Prayer:** We beg You to help us maintain the pillars of Christianity in our nation. Open the eyes of our families and our nation to the fact that all things were created by You and for You.

**Pray for our Judges/Courts/Attorneys**

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**Quote from Liberty Bell Inscription**

“Proclaim liberty throughout the land and to all the inhabitants thereof.”

**Leviticus 25:10** Consecrate the fiftieth year and proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants.

**Reflect/Discuss:** Can you name any groups of people in our community or country that are hurting and need liberty, freedom, and God’s help proclaimed to them?

**Prayer:** We praise You Lord for the love and liberty you have shown us. Show our family and our church how to proclaim your love and liberty to people and to bring help, hope, and healing to people in need in our community and country.

**Pray for our Prisons/Prisoners**

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**Jedediah Morse:** Graduate of Yale, Pastor, and Creator of the Morse Code

**Liberty Bell:** One of the Most Prominent Symbols of the American Revolutionary War
QUOTE from James Madison
“We’ve staked our future on our ability to follow the Ten Commandments with all of our heart.”

PROV. 4:20–23 My son, pay attention to what I say; listen closely to my words. Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart; for they are life to those who find them and health to a man’s whole body. Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.

REFLECT/DISCUSS: Are you paying attention to God’s Word? If yes, how are you doing this? If no, what are things that are distracting you from God’s Word?

PRAYER: Your commandments are under attack not only in our nation but around the world. Write those commandments on our hearts. Bring them back to us and to the minds of our countrymen so that we will be a wellspring of Your love and life.

QUOTE from John Adams
“The general principles upon which the Fathers achieved independence were the general principles of Christianity … I will avow that I believed and now believe that those general principles of Christianity are as eternal and immutable as the existence and attributes of God.” “(July 4th) ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty.”

1 TIMOTHY 1:17 Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever.

REFLECT/DISCUSS: Do you think most leaders today are strong Christians? Why or why not? What might be different if they were strong Christians?

PRAYER: Heavenly Father, may our national, state and local leaders become mindful that the principles of Christianity were written by You and are eternal, unchangeable, and helpful to people everywhere.

PRAY for our STAFF/LEADERS in our Church
QUOTE from JAMES MADISON
“We’ve staked the future of all our political institutions upon our capacity … to sustain ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God.”
1778 to the General Assembly of the State of Virginia

DEUTERONOMY 30:16,19-20 I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess. This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the Lord you God, listen to His voice, and hold fast to Him. For the Lord is your life, and He will give you many years in the land He swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

REFLECT/DISCUSS: What activities lead to death and curses in people’s lives? What activities lead to life and blessings? Which are you choosing?

PRAYER: You Lord are life. Your voice is truth. Give us, fellow Americans, and leaders of our country, a deep longing for Your life, Your love, and Your truth.

PRAY for our SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS and YOUTH WORKERS

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**- DAY 20 -**

**QUOTE from JAMES WILSON**

“Human law must rest its authority ultimately upon the authority of that law which is Divine … Far from being rivals or enemies, religion and law are twin sisters, friends, and mutual assistants.”

**Psalm. 119:12-16** Praise be to You, O Lord; teach me Your decrees. With my lips I recount all the laws that come from Your mouth. I rejoice in following Your statutes as one rejoices in great riches. I meditate on Your precepts and consider Your ways. I delight in Your decrees; I will not neglect Your word.

**REFLECT/DISCUSS:** Share one of your favorite Bible verses. Why is this a favorite of yours?

**PRAYER:** We pray that we will no longer neglect Your word. May we find joy in Your decrees.

**PRAY for PEOPLE IN MEDIA (News, TV, Movies, Print, Internet)**

**- DAY 21 -**

**QUOTE from SAMUEL ADAMS**

“Religion and good morals are the only solid foundations of public liberty and happiness.”

**Psalm. 144:15** Blessed are the people whose God is the Lord.

**REFLECT/DISCUSS:** Do you feel blessed by God? In what ways has He blessed you?

**PRAYER:** We pray that religion and good morals will be the solid foundation for us and our country so that we may enjoy liberty and happiness as a people whose God is the Lord.

**PRAY for our BUSINESS OWNERS**

**JAMES WILSON:** Founding Father, Signer of the Declaration of Independence,

**SAMUEL ADAMS:** Fourth Governor of Massachusetts
**QUOTE from NOAH WEBSTER**

“The moral principles and precepts contained in the Scriptures ought to form the basis of all our civil constitutions and laws … All the miseries and evils which men suffer from vice, crime, ambition, injustice, oppression, slavery, and war, proceed from their despising or neglecting the precepts contained in the Bible.”

1 JOHN 2:3-5 We know that we have come to know him if we obey his commands. The man who says, “I know him,” but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But if anyone obeys his word, God’s love is truly made complete in him.

REFLECT/DISCUSS: Who is someone that you feel is a genuine Christian that really knows and follows Christ? What have you noticed about their life, attitudes, or actions that causes you to believe they are a real Christ follower and not a hypocrite?

PRAYER: Heavenly Father, help us not to be hypocrites, but to be genuine Christians who truly know You, obey You, and follow You. Help us to be a shining light to people who do not know you. Help influential leaders, media people, and sports figures that are Christians to also shine brightly for You.

**PRAY for our EMPLOYERS and SUPERVISORS**
**QUOTE from Benjamin Rush**

“Christianity is the only true and perfect religion, and that in proportion as mankind adopt its principles and obey its precepts they will be wise and happy.”

Psalm 119:1-4  Blessed are they whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the Lord. Blessed are they who keep His statutes and seek Him with all their heart. They do nothing wrong; they walk in His way. You have laid down precepts that are to be fully obeyed.

**Reflect/Discuss:** Can you name something you have done wrong lately? If you would have followed the truths in the Bible, would this have helped you avoid doing this wrong thing?

**Prayer:** Turn our faces to You, Lord God. Make us steadfast in obeying Your decrees. (Psalm 119:5) We will praise You with an upright heart as we learn Your righteous laws. (Psalm 119:7) We will obey Your decrees; do not utterly forsake us. (Psalm 119:8)

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**QUOTE from Edward Coke**

“The law of nature is that which God at the time of creation of the nature of man infused into his heart, for his preservation and direction...the moral law, called also the law of nature.”

Job 38:36  Who endowed the heart with wisdom or gave understanding to the mind?

**Reflect/Discuss:** Some people believe in their hearts that there is no God that created us and that we are all here by accident or chance. How does believing in a God who created us give meaning and purpose to people’s lives?

**Prayer:** Endow our hearts with Your wisdom and give understanding to our minds, the understanding that You are God and Savior. Infuse that understanding and wisdom into our hearts.

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**Pray for our Co-Workers**

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**Pray for our School Principals**

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Benjamin Rush: A Medical Doctor and Signer of the Declaration of Independence

Edward Coke: Solicitor General for England & Wales (1592-1594)
**Quote from George Washington**

“I humbly beseech Thee to be merciful to me in the free pardon of my sins for the sake of Thy dear Son and only Savior Jesus Christ who came to call not the righteous, but sinners to repentance. Thou gavest Thy Son to die for me.”

**Isaiah 55:6-11**

Seek the Lord while He may be found; call on Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake His way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the Lord, and He will have mercy on him, and to our God, for He will freely pardon. “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord. As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

**Reflect/Discuss:** If George Washington, the most famous Founding Father of our country, was a sinner that needed Jesus to be his personal Savior, what should this make us realize in our lives?

**Prayer:** Search us, O God, and know our hearts; test us and know our anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in us, and lead us in the way everlasting. (Psalm 139: 23-24)

**Pray for our School Teachers**
**- DAY 26 -

**QUOTE from BENJAMIN RUSH**

“The only foundation for … a republic is to be laid in religion. Without this there can be no virtue, and without virtue there can be no liberty, and liberty is the object and life of all republican governments.”

2 CORINTHIANS 3:17  Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

**REFLECT/DISCUSS:** Participating in a church is a major part of a person’s religious activity. What are some things you like best about our church? About our pastor? Who are some people you like that are your favorite people in our church?

**PRAYER:** Heavenly Father, rain Your Spirit down upon our family, our church, and our land - - because wherever Your Spirit is present there is true freedom.

**PRAY for our COACHES/CLUB ADVISORS**

**- DAY 27 -

**QUOTE from PATRICK HENRY**

“The great pillars of all government and of social life (are) virtue, morality, and religion. This is the armor … and this alone, that renders us invincible.”

ROMANS 13:12-14  So let us put aside the deed of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

**REFLECT/DISCUSS:** Has this 31 Day Prayer Guide stirred your heart about being concerned for America? What have you learned or how has your heart been stirred?

**PRAYER:** Father we ask that we will clothe ourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ and embrace the pillars of virtue, morality and Christianity.

**PRAY for our LOCAL PASTORS/CHURCHES**
QUOTE from GEORGE WASHINGTON

“Although guided by our excellent Constitution in the discharge of official duties, and actuated, through the whole course of my public life, solely by a wish to promote the best interests or our country; yet, without the beneficial interposition of the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, we could not have reached the distinguished situation which we have attained with such unprecedented rapidity. To HIM, therefore, should we bow with gratitude and reverence, and endeavor to merit a continuance of HIS special favors”.

1797 letter to John Adams

PSALM 21:1 O Lord, the king rejoices in Your strength. How great is his joy in the victories You give!

REFLECT/DISCUSS: George Washington gave all the credit to God for America’s success. Have you ever seen someone give credit to God for their success? When, who, and for what?

PRAYER: We ascribe to You Lord all glory and strength; the glory due Your name and we worship You in the splendor of Your holiness. (Psalm 29:1-2)

PRAY for our DOCTORS/MEDICAL STAFF
QUOTE from JOHN ADAMS
“Statesmen, my dear Sir, may plan and speculate for liberty, but it is religion and morality alone, which can establish the principles upon which freedom can securely stand.”

GALATIANS 5:13  You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love.

REFLECT/DISCUSS: Can you think of anyone in need that you personally (or we as a family) could serve to show God’s love? Who is it? What need do they have? How can they be helped? When?

PRAYER: We pray that we will no longer use the freedom we have in this country to indulge in our sinful nature; but rather serve one another in love.

QUOTE from HUDSON TAYLOR
“If the enemy can destroy the Christian’s passion for America, then he has won the major battle for the soul of this nation.”

JOHN 17:20-21  My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as You are in Me and I am in You. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that You have sent me.

JOHN 17:25-26  Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that You have sent me. I have made You known to them, and will continue to make You known in order that the love You have for me may be in them and I myself may be in them.

REFLECT/DISCUSS: Has this 31 Day Prayer Guide stirred your heart about being concerned for America? What have you learned or how has your heart been stirred?

PRAYER: Though all the people in our community and this nation do not know You, we pray that as Your disciples, we will be Your witnesses so that many may come to believe that Jesus is Lord.

PRAY for our NEIGHBORS

PRAY for our FRIENDS

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QUOTE from **ALEXIS DE TOCQUEVILLE**

“The Americans combine the notions of Christianity and liberty so intimately in their minds that it is impossible to make them conceive one without the other.”

2 Peter 1:3-11  His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of Him who called us by his own glory and goodness … For this reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness, love. But if anyone does not have them, he is nearsighted and blind, and has forgotten that he has been cleansed from his past sins … be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure. For if you do these things, you will never fall, and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**REFLECT/DISCUSS:** What new efforts do you think you need to make to add to your faith in the coming days, weeks, and months?

**PRAY:**  Your divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness. Through these very great and precious promises we may participate in Your divine nature. Visit Your divine nature upon us and our nation so that we may escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. We desire to make our calling and election sure so we will never fall, and receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

*Lord Jesus, Come Heal Our Land,*

so that all men will praise Your Name … Amen

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**BODY:** Health, protection, strength

**LABOR:** Work, income, productivity, wisdom, security

**EMOTIONS:** Joy, peace, hope, love

**SPIRITUAL:** Salvation, faith, grace, mercy, spiritual growth

**SOCIAL:** Love, marriage, good relationships with family, friends, neighbors, work colleagues

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