

12-POINT PRAYER FOCUS FOR THE NATION

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DAY 1: REMOVE THE ROADBLOCKS

Build up, build up, prepare the road! Remove the obstacles out of the way of my people. (Isaiah 57:14)

- Repent for past mistakes including apathy, denial, rebellion, and independence.
 - *Come near to God and He will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up. (James 4:8-10)*
- Ask the Lord for fresh insight into roadblocks and obstacles; acknowledge them and apply His mercy.
 - *You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence. (Psalms 90:8)*
- Look for where God is working and where He is blessing; surrender any personal agenda for Kingdom purposes.
 - *Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. (Matthew 3:8)*

DAY 2: INVITE THE FEAR OF THE LORD

Who, then, are those who fear the Lord? He will instruct them in the ways they should choose. They will spend their days in prosperity, and their descendants will inherit the land. The Lord confides in those who fear Him; He makes His covenant known to them. (Ps 25:12-14)

- Pray for our nation to walk in the fear of the Lord and the knowledge of His holiness.
 - *And he will delight in the fear of the Lord. (Isaiah 11:3)*
- Pray for the wisdom and insight needed for the days ahead, grounded in the fear of the Lord.
 - *He will be the sure foundation for your times, a rich store of salvation and wisdom and knowledge; the fear of the Lord is the key to this treasure. (Isaiah 33:6)*
- Thank God for fighting on our behalf and displacing man's terror with a holy reverence for Him.
 - *Do not call conspiracy everything this people calls a conspiracy; do not fear what they fear, and do not dread it. The Lord Almighty is the one you are to regard as holy, He is the one you are to fear, He is the one you are to dread. (Isaiah 8:12-13)*

DAY 3: PURIFY OUR VISION

As we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal. (2 Corinthians 4:18)

- Pray for spiritual discernment to distinguish between good and evil, true and counterfeit.
 - *They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood. (1 John 4:5-6)*
- Pray that believers would discern according to the heart and spirit of a matter and not according to the flesh.
 - *But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart." (1 Samuel 16:7)*
- Pray that our judgment would be pure by the Spirit of the Lord.
 - *He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes or decide by what he hears with his ears; but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. (Isaiah 11:3-4)*

DAY 4: DECLARE A RIGHTEOUS STANDARD

Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin condemns any people. (Proverbs 14:34)

- Pray that the Church would be free from cultural mind-molding and set apart unto the Lord.
 - *Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is —His good, pleasing and perfect will. (Romans 12:2)*
- Pray that believers would model a standard of holiness and righteousness for others to follow.
 - *In the last days the mountain of the Lord's temple will be established as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills, and peoples will stream to it. (Micah 4:1)*
- Pray for the establishment of right and just rule in every sphere of the culture.
 - *Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; love and faithfulness go before You. (Psalms 89:14)*

DAY 5: ESTABLISH GODLY RULERS

I will restore your leaders as in days of old, your rulers as at the beginning. Afterward, you will be called the City of Righteousness, the Faithful City (Isaiah 1:26).

- Pray for God to raise up leaders with a passion for truth and empowered by the zeal of the Lord.
 - *Moreover, look for able men from all the people, men who fear God, who are trustworthy and hate a bribe. (Exodus 18:21a)*
- Pray for leaders to be faithful to the truth and honor God's Word.
 - *Those who walk righteously and speak what is right, who reject gain from extortion and keep their hands from accepting bribes, who stop their ears against plots of murder and shut their eyes against contemplating evil—they are the ones who will dwell on the heights, whose refuge will be the mountain fortress. Their bread will be supplied, and water will not fail them. (Isaiah 33:15-16)*
- Ask that God remove those leaders whose life and witness do not honor Him or His Word.
 - *The integrity of the upright guides them, but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity. (Proverbs 11:3)*

DAY 6: BECOME ONE IN MIND AND SPIRIT

Holy Father protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. (John 17:11)

- Pray that the Church would hear the word of the Lord together and move as one.
 - *I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought. (1 Corinthians 1:10)*
- Pray that each part of the Body would do their part, recognizing mutual need for one another.
 - *But in fact, God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body. (1 Corinthians 12:18-20)*
- Pray that the Church would rise up with one voice to drown out the counterfeit calls.
 - *May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 15:5-6)*

DAY 7: STAND AGAINST EVIL

In Him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. (John 1:4-5)

- Repent for any door that has been opened to the enemy due to pride, rebellion, or independence.
 - *But you have planted wickedness, you have reaped evil, you have eaten the fruit of deception. Because you have depended on your own strength and on your many warriors. (Hosea 10:13)*
- Pray for boldness to confront the darkness and renounce sinful practices and intents.
 - *Who will rise up for me against the wicked? Who will take a stand for me against evildoers? (Psalms 94:16)*
- Pray that wicked practices would be exposed, bringing salvation and the fear of the Lord in power.
 - *A number who had practiced sorcery brought their scrolls together and burned them publicly... In this way the word of the Lord spread widely and grew in power. (Acts 19:19-20)*

DAY 8: CALL THE WATCHMEN

Lift up a banner against the walls of Babylon! Reinforce the guard, station the watchmen, prepare an ambush! The Lord will carry out his purpose, His decree against the people of Babylon. (Jeremiah 51:12)

- Bless the watchmen and intercessors with increased wisdom, insight, and strategy.
 - *Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. (Ezekiel 3:17)*
- Pray for all who report the news, both secular and sacred, to speak that which is true and right.
 - *Discretion will protect you, and understanding will guard you. Wisdom will save you from the ways of wicked men, from men whose words are perverse. (Proverbs 2:11-12)*
- Pray for greater boldness in those called to stand watch in the nation, that they may speak God's word clearly.
 - *Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" (Isaiah 40:9)*

DAY 9: ASK FOR A GREATER OUTPOURING OF HIS SPIRIT

Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim You, who walk in the light of Your presence, Lord. They rejoice in Your name all day long; they celebrate Your righteousness. For You are their glory and strength, and by Your favor You exalt our horn. (Ps 89:15-17)

- Pray for greater empowering of the Spirit to come to the Church.
 - *And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. (Isaiah 11:2)*
- Pray that the Church would display God's glory so that all will know He is God.
 - *Then Moses said to him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?" (Exodus 33:15-16)*
- Pray for the fire of the Lord to fall on our land to bring transforming and healing power.
 - *"And I myself will be a wall of fire around it," declares the Lord, "and I will be its glory within." (Zechariah 2:5)*

DAY 10: BLESS ALL IN AUTHORITY

Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. (Romans 13:1)

- Pray that our leaders would embrace godly wisdom and sound advice.

- *For lack of guidance a nation falls, but victory is won through many advisers. (Prv 11:14)*
- Pray for citizens to elect leaders who fear God, walk in integrity, and hate bribes.
 - *But, select capable men from all the people—men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain —and appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens. (Exodus 18:21)*
- Bless our elected leaders to do what is honorable before God and good for the people.
 - *Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear and celebrate His rule with trembling. Kiss His son, or He will be angry and your way will lead to your destruction, for His wrath can flare up in a moment. Blessed are all who take refuge in Him. (Psalms 2:10-12)*

DAY 11: BLESS THE INCREASE OF HIS GOVERNMENT

Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever; a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom. (Ps 45:6)

- Rejoice in the supremacy of the Kingdom of God.
 - *The Lord has established His throne in heaven, and His Kingdom rules over all. (Psalms 103:19)*
- Praise Him for His sovereignty over every nation of the earth, to His Father’s glory.
 - *He makes nations great, and destroys them; He enlarges nations, and disperses them. (Job 12:23)*
- Thank Him for making our nation His inheritance.
 - *Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people He chose for His inheritance. (Ps 33:12)*

DAY 12: EXALT HIS NAME ABOVE EVERY OTHER NAME

For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise. God reigns over the nations; God is seated on His holy throne. (Ps 47:7-8)

- Declare that He, alone, is King.
 - *For kingship belongs to the LORD, and He rules over the nations. (Psalms 22:28)*
 - Rejoice in His righteous judgment over every nation.
 - *Who rules by His might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations - let not the rebellious exalt themselves. (Psalms 66:7)*
 - Declare that every knee will bow and every tongue confess that He, alone, is God.
 - *By Myself I have sworn; from My mouth has gone out in righteousness a word that shall not return: To Me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear allegiance.’ (Isaiah 45:23)*
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