



Christ CHURCH

IF MY PEOPLE

PRAY

FALL 2020 PRAYER GUIDE

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

2 CHRONICLES 7:14



INTRODUCTION

Because of all of the difficulties in our nation right now, many prayer ministries are calling us, as believers, to pray to God in extraordinary prayer: times of prayer where we cry out to Him knowing that He is the One who saves us (Psalm 88:1), agreeing with Him that we are desperate for Him to work in us and through us. This seems to be a time when we are to humble ourselves, to prepare our hearts, and ask for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit for revival.

In order to join in on this prayer movement, we will be praying through 2 Chronicles 7:14 over five days. We will be praying through one part of this verse each day. We will prepare our hearts for His work in us by humbling ourselves, praying, seeking His face, and turning from our wicked ways.

It is important to remember that this verse is a covenant promise to national Israel at that time. In order to pray this verse for our present day, we will allow this verse to guide us as we pray for ourselves and our nation. We will avoid using this verse as a formula, meaning that if we do all of this right and meet all of the conditions, then God is obligated in some way to do all that we ask. Instead, we pray in humility, knowing that His ways are higher than our ways and His thoughts are higher than our thoughts, so any delay for His answer to our requests must have a reason that only He knows. We are to pray with perseverance, not give up, and wait on His timing. He calls us to pray and ask for revival and for His healing of our land, trusting in His character and His Word.

Praying for an Unsaved Person

Each of us will also be praying for one unsaved person that we know. Please prayerfully choose one person and put his/her name in the blank in the prayer that is at the bottom of each page.

Helping Children to Pray

Parents, please help your children to use the children's prayer guide and to choose an unsaved person they know to pray for this week.

May God be glorified and may He heal our land.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

We Humble Ourselves

Jesus, You are the Humble Servant,

We confess our pride, our arrogance, and our lack of dependence on You.

You humbled Yourself by coming to earth as a servant. We follow Your example and humble ourselves before You. Your Word tells us that You resist the proud, but give grace to the humble. We ask for grace to be humble and contrite in spirit and tremble at Your Word. You require us to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with You, our God. Teach us what it means to walk humbly with You in our everyday lives as we interact with our family, our friends, and others. Give us grace to not think of ourselves more highly than we ought, but to think of ourselves with sober judgment as we clothe ourselves with humility toward one another.

For the Unsaved Person

Draw _____ to Yourself, Father.

Scripture References

Philippians 2:7, 1 Peter 5:5, Isaiah 66:2, Micah 6:8, Romans 12:3, John 6:44

Children's Prayer

We humble ourselves.

Praise: Jesus is the humble Servant.

Ask God: Teach us what it means to depend on You more and more everyday.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26

We Pray

The One who always lives to intercede for us,

We confess our prayerlessness which reveals that we are depending on ourselves, and not depending on You alone. Prayerlessness is not pleasing to You, so we turn from it, and give of our time and attention to prayer.

Thank you that You hear us when we pray. Whenever we call upon You, You are near to us. We call upon You in these days of trouble. Rescue us, O God. Deliver us. We honor and glorify You.

As we all face difficult situations in our lives, in our community, in our country, keep us from becoming anxious. Guide us into praying about everything, presenting our requests to You with thanksgiving. Keep us alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints. Your Word tells us that the prayer of the upright is Your delight and is acceptable to You. We devote ourselves to prayer, so that we may be faithful in prayer, and pray continually.

For the Unsaved Person

Open the eyes of _____, so that _____ may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that _____ may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in Jesus Christ.

Scripture References

Psalm 88:6, Deuteronomy 4:7, Psalm 50:15, Philippians 4:6-7, Proverbs 15:8, Acts 6:4, Acts 26:18

Children's Prayer

We pray.

Praise: Jesus lives to pray for us.

Ask God: Help me to pray about everything and not worry.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

We Seek His Face

O Lord, God of our fathers,

We confess that at times we have not sought Your face. We have been complacent, led astray by deception, half-hearted. We have looked to people and to the world for help, but Your word declares that our help comes from You.

We agree that it is time to seek You, so we earnestly, wholeheartedly, intensely, and seriously seek You. We look to You and Your strength, we seek Your face always. We search for You with all our hearts and souls. As we seek You, we ask that You revive us. Jehoshaphat sought You when he faced a very difficult situation. He humbled himself before You and agreed with You that he was powerless against his enemies. He did not know what to do, but his eyes were on You. We do the same as we now face many difficult situations in our land. And we agree that we are powerless. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on You. Thank you that as we seek You, You will answer.

For the Unsaved Person

*I ask that You would grant repentance to _____ which will lead
_____ to a knowledge of the truth so that _____ would come
to his/her senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.*

Scripture References

Psalm 121:1-2, Hosea 10:12, Psalm 63:1, Psalm 105:4, Psalm 69:32, 2 Chronicles 20: 1-12, Psalm 34:4,
2 Timothy 2:25-26

Children's Prayer

We seek His face.

Praise: God is Lord and God of our fathers.

Thank Him: for His steadfast love.

Ask God: for a love for You so I will stay near to You.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

We Turn from Our Wicked Ways

Holy One of Israel,

We confess our iniquity. We confess that we are _____ (name personal sins and our nation's sins as the Lord leads you). We are sorry for our sin.

We turn from our evil ways. We repent and turn back to You that our sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from Your presence. Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast love. According to Your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Thank you that You are faithful and just. As we confess our sins, You forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

For the Unsaved Person

Give _____ a new heart and a new spirit. Remove _____'s heart of stone and give _____ a heart of flesh. Put Your Spirit within _____ and cause him/her to walk in Your statutes and to be careful to obey Your rules.

Scripture References

Psalm 38:18; Ezekiel 33:11; Acts 3:19, Psalm 51: 1, 2, 10; 1 John 1:9, Ezekiel 36:26-27

Children's Prayer

We turn from our wicked ways.

Praise: God is the Holy One.

Confess: I am sorry for my sins.

Thank Him: that when we confess our sins,
You forgive us.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

We Ask

You are the God who hears us,

Thank you that You hear us as we cry out to You.

We humble ourselves before You, and we ask You to forgive our sin and heal our land. We cry out to You for ourselves, and on behalf of our community and our country. We are in a difficult place in our nation right now so we ask You to intervene. We are desperate for You and we cry out to You in our trouble. Deliver us from our distress. Our eyes are on You, Lord. We return to You. Will You not revive us again, that we, Your people, may rejoice in You? Restore us, O God, let Your face shine, that we may be saved. We thank You for Your steadfast love and for Your wondrous works to the children of men!

For the Unsaved Person

Lead _____ to confess with his/her mouth that Jesus is Lord and to believe in his/her heart that You raised Him from the dead, so that _____ will be saved.

Scripture References

Psalm 107:6, Hosea 6:1, Psalm 85:6, Psalm 80:3, Psalm 107:31, Romans 10:9

Children's Prayer

We ask.

Praise: You hear us when we pray.

Ask God: Help us turn away from sin and return to You.