### **Prayer for the Media**

**God, we praise You** that we have the ability to share our stories and the story of Jesus Christ through so many different media outlets. We praise You for making this big world seem smaller as we are networked with people all over the world.

**Lord, forgive us** for the times we have misused the gift of modern media; convict our media leaders of their responsibilities to act wisely; Forgive us for opening a door to sin by what we bring into our homes.

**Father, we ask that we Your children** would be sensitive to the conviction of the Holy Spirit as we read or watch things that pollute our minds and hearts and give us an obedient heart to turn from those things.

We ask that the media that promotes Christian morals & values would be salt and light in the media world.

**Lord, inspire artists** and those in the entertainment industry with creativity and wisdom that reflect Your beauty; I ask that they seek You and follow Jesus with courage; that their work will bring strength, goodness and hope to our communities.

**Father, we pray** for favor and open doors for Christian leaders in the media. God reveal to them Your heart and protect them.

**God, give us and our loved ones** the strength to "be wise in what is good, and innocent in what is evil." (*Romans 16:19*)

Truth to be reported.

#### Other Key Areas to Pray for:

Ukraine Conflict, COVID, Healthcare Workers, Police, Firefighters, Service Men, Other Front-Line workers, Teachers, Missionaries and Racial Unrest.

# NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Thursday May 5, 2022

12:00 - 1pm & 7:00 - 8:30pm in Room 138

National Theme: Exalt the Lord Who has established us. (Based on Colossians 2:6-7.)

# **Prayer for the Church**

**But you are a chosen people**, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. (1 Peter 2:9)

**We praise You Jesus** that You are our Bridegroom, the Great High Priest our Savior. We praise You that You understand everything we go through and that because of what You did on the cross we can approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. (*Hebrews 4:16*)

**Lord, forgive us**, the bride of Christ for not always representing You well, for not loving You purely, for not being entirely faithful to You. Heal us and make us fully devoted to you.

**Thank You Lord for our salvation**, thank You for Your Holy Spirit that is alive and living inside each one of us. Thank You that we all have amazing testimonies of what You have done in our lives. Thank You for the opportunity to partner with You as we serve others by sharing the good news of the Gospel and by being the hands and feet of Jesus through good deeds.

**Father we ask** that we Your church would be "salt and light." Help us to make the most of every opportunity to share the gospel.

**God give us a heart for others.** We pray that we would love people the way You love them and that we would serve them well.

**Lord help us to remain in You** and in Your Word that we would bear much fruit. Help us to be reading Your Word daily.

**Lord of the Harvest**, we ask that You send out workers into the harvest field. (*Matthew 9:37*). Empower Us Your church to "go out" as those workers.

**Bring back the greatest commandment Lord**, to love You with all our heart, soul and mind. We pray that we would love our neighbor as ourselves. (*Matthew 22:37-38*)

# **Prayer for our Families**

"But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the river, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." (Joshua 24:15)

**Heavenly Father, we praise You** for giving us the desire to want to serve You and You alone. We acknowledge that we love You because You first loved us, and You have drawn us with cords of loving kindness.

**God forgive us** for the times we have neglected our marriages and families. We confess that we don't always make You the center of our homes. Help us Lord to submit under Your Word and Your ways. Thank You for forgiving us as far as the east is from the west.

**We thank You** God for being our Father and for giving us Your Word so we know how to live. Thank you for Shepherding us and teaching us as we seek Your ways and Your council.

**God, we ask that You** draw us back to Your standards and Your teachings. Heal our homes and cause the next generation to walk in Your ways.

**God help us** to live lives that bring You glory and that we would live lives that shine like stars (*Phil. 2:15*). We pray that we would train up our children in the way they should go and when they are old, they will not turn from it. (*Proverbs 22:6*)

**We pray that our children** will desire to honor their father and mother so they will live a long life. (*Ephesians 6:1-3*)

We ask that the Father's not exasperate their children; instead, will bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. (*Ephesians 6:4*) **God help husbands** to love their wives as Christ loves the church and help wives to respect their husbands. (*Ephesians 5:22-25*)

#### **Prayer for our Government**

**God, we praise You** that You are the Ruler of the Nations, The King of Kings and Lord of Lords. We submit to Your Lordship and say it is good and perfect.

**Lord, forgive us** for our misplaced trust; by Your mercy bring us back to You; place righteous leaders in our highest offices and allow America to fully shine for Your glory.

**Father we thank You** for all the leaders in this Nation, our state, and our communities. God, You tell us to pray for them, help us to do that. First of all, then I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgiving, be made on behalf of all men, for kings, and all who are in authority. (1 Timothy 2:1-2)

**God give our Leaders** a receptive heart and reveal Yourself to every single one of them to have a personal relationship with You.

**God, we lift up** President Biden and Vice President Harris and all those in authority, we ask they would rule according to Your Word and Your ways.

**We hold up** Governor Whitmer and ask that she would seek Your ways in all decisions. We pray that she would be surrounded by Godly council and other Christians to support her and hold her accountable.

Raise up righteousness in our leaders and enable them to serve in humility.

**God, we ask that You** would shine Your light exposing any wrong doing. Holy Spirit convict them and as they confess their sins, we pray that they would turn from that sin and not return to it.

**We pray for our legislators** to have clear minds and be well informed to pass good laws that would bring You glory. (*Proverbs 25:2, 14:34*)

**Father, we ask that You** surround our leaders with protection. We pray You would protect them emotionally, spiritually, financially and physically. Protect them from being people pleasers and raise up the fear of God within their hearts.

**Open their ears** so they will know the voice of God and be led by Your direction. (*Daniel 2:19-23*)

Lord, we ask that You work through our leaders to keep the doors open for the Gospel to be proclaimed. (Col 4:3)

Pray for Ukraine as they stand against Russian aggression.