

National Day of Prayer 2019

“Love one another. Just as I have loved you,” John 13:34

1. PRAY FOR AMERICA TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER

- Jesus tells us to love one another just like He loves us. This includes every person in America as well as every person in the world.
- Jesus wants us to love every person sacrificially, willfully, and unconditionally because this is the same way He loves us.
- Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to empower us to do the things that only God can do through us. Therefore, call upon God to move in our nation miraculously, replacing hate with love, division with unity, and criticism of one another with love for one another.

2. PRAY FOR THE CHURCH IN AMERICA TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER

“By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” John 13:35

- Jesus is telling His disciples, His church, that the distinctive mark that sets us apart from everyone else is only one thing: Love for one another.
- Appeal to God to convict each of us as His church to turn from the way we are treating one another and turn to loving one another. If we are an unloving and divided church, we forfeit the right to call an unloving and divided nation to love and to unity.
- Call upon God for the 300,000+ churches in America to love one another and to cooperate together when possible for the greater purpose of praying for America.

3. PRAY FOR FAMILIES, WORKPLACES, COMMUNITIES, AND CITIES IN AMERICA TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER

“Dear friends, let us love one another, because love is from God, and everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.” 1 John 4:7

- When we belong to Jesus, we belong to love; therefore, call upon God for the families, workplaces, communities, and cities in America to know that love is always God’s way.
- Call families, workplaces, communities, and cities to look to God, who is love, so they can experience the transforming power of love.
- Ask God for America’s families, workplaces, communities, and cities to begin to choose love and forgiveness, love and restitution, love and healing, love and unity, and a future together transformed by the power of unconditional love.
- Ask God to raise up a Love One Another movement across America.

4. PRAY FOR ALL ETHNICITIES AND PEOPLE IN AMERICA TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER

“Love finds no joy in unrighteousness but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.” 1 Corinthians 13:6-8

- Since God’s love is built on God’s truth and we are made in the image of God, all humans are of one race; therefore, loving one another is not optional because love never ends.

- Call upon God to bring us back to the cross of Jesus Christ, where His unconditional, powerful love has torn down all the walls that divide us and opened up a new pathway for us to love one another.
- Ask God to give us the power to repent of anything in our past and choose a new future together where love will not just bind up our nation's wounds, but this transforming love will lead to the day when justice will roll down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream.

5. PRAY WE WILL LOVE GOD AND EACH OTHER SO MUCH THAT WE WILL AGREE CLEARLY, UNITE VISIBLY, AND PRAY EXTRAORDINARILY FOR THE NEXT GREAT SPIRITUAL AWAKENING IN AMERICA

"Besides this, since you know the time, it is already the hour for you to wake up from sleep, because now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed." Romans 13:11

- Knowing we are living in a significant moment in history, now is the time for each follower of Christ to wake up in our spiritual lives, knowing our greatest need and hope in America is the next Great Spiritual Awakening.
- Convict the church in America to wake up spiritually, agree clearly, unite visibly, and pray extraordinarily for the next Great Spiritual Awakening to occur in our generation.
- Call upon the Sovereign God of Heaven to shape the future of America mightily through the next Great Spiritual Awakening, just as He did in history through past Great Spiritual Awakenings.

HOW TO PRAY OUR 2019 THEME, LOVE ONE ANOTHER, INTO THE SEVEN CENTERS OF INFLUENCE

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT

- Federal: executive, legislative, judicial
- State: executive, legislative, judicial
- Local: executive, legislative, judicial, police, fire, first responders

Pray for these leaders and civil servants to Love One Another by valuing one another, respecting one another, and working together for the greater good of our nation.

MILITARY

- Courageous and wise leaders
- God's protection
- Continual dependence on God

Pray for all military leaders and personnel to Love One Another because love is a powerful force when unity is critical to victory.

MEDIA ARTS

- Communicators of truth
- Sharing inspirational stories
- Respecting others

Pray for all persons who are working in media and arts to Love One Another by respecting all persons and sharing inspirational stories that illustrate the power of love.

BUSINESS

- Leaders of honesty and integrity
- Creators of economic blessing
- Helpers and givers to local community

Pray for business leaders to comprehend their great opportunity to create powerful, effective, and productive teams and businesses that win when they Love One Another.

EDUCATION

- Highly values truth
- Expects excellence
- Prepares students to win

Pray for administrators, teachers, and faculty teams who will Love One Another so they can create a culture of love and respect for every student. Pray for students to rise up together, loving one another and making a difference in the future of America.

CHURCH

- Biblically-based, Christ-centered
- Holy Spirit-empowered
- Great Commission-driven

Pray for pastors and churches to model and exemplify Jesus' words, Love One Another, to a world that needs the love of Christ desperately. Raise up a Love One Another movement across America.

FAMILY

- Follow the Bible
- Practice forgiveness
- Love One Another

Pray for families to live Jesus' teaching, Love One Another, to create families that follow the Bible and practice love and forgiveness.

PRAYING SCRIPTURE FOR OUR CONTEXT

DEVOTIONAL LIFE

Father, we thank You and bless Your Name! You have loved us first, beyond measure through Your Son, Jesus (1 John 4:19, John 3:16, Romans 5:8). Please forgive us for our evil and adulterous ways (James 4:2-10). Because of Your love and forgiveness, we forgive those who trespass against us (Matthew 6:12). Send us Your Spirit so that none among us will die in their sins (John 8:24). Give us the power to accomplish all the good things our faith prompts us to do (2 Thessalonians 1:11). Work in us that which is pleasing in Your sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever (Hebrews 13:20-21). Please help us to grow in our love for You, and our love for people (Matthew 22:37-39). Equip and empower us to lead others to do the same (Matthew 28:18-20). Cause Your Name to be treasured and exalted among us. Cause Your Kingdom to come, and Your will to be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Provide for our daily needs; we are dependent on You. You are the Great Giver, and every good gift comes from You (James 1:17).

Lead us away from temptation and deliver us from evil. We want to be holy and honor You with our lives (Matthew 6:9-13). Make our hearts like good soil so that we would receive Your Truth and it would bear fruit in our lives (Matt 13:23). Put Your instructions in our hearts and write them on our minds (Hebrews 10:16). Help us to grow in wisdom and stature and favor with You and with men (Luke 2:52).

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Make Grace Community Church prosper and be in good health just as our souls prosper (3 John 2). Bless us and keep us. Make Your face to shine upon us and be gracious to us. Lift up Your countenance toward us and give us peace (Numbers 6:24-26). Please bring people to Grace who will love us and grow with us, serving in one spirit (Philippians 2:2; Acts 2:42-47). Bless our elders and pastors (Hebrews 13:17). Build unity among them so that they can promote unity in Your church. Strengthen them as they support the ministry of Your Word and prayer (Acts 6:4). Use our Grace facility as a house of prayer that will forever change our communities for Your Kingdom (Isaiah 56:7). Gift the worship and tech teams by Your Spirit to move our hearts to worship and reach the hearts of those who are separated from You (Acts 17:26-27). Use us to spread a passion for Jesus and a joy in Jesus through our unique personalities and gifts (1 Cor 12:4-7). Reach students and children through Igniter and our GraceKids ministries. Bless them with wisdom, protection, and a heart for planting gospel seeds. Put a hedge of protection around each child that is under our care. Send your angels to minister and protect where we are unable or unaware. Be a father to the fatherless, and a defender to the widow (Psalm 68:5). Grant us the privilege to care for vulnerable women and children (James 1:27). Please do above and beyond what we can ask or imagine (Ephesians 3:20-21). May the latter days of Grace Community Church and Kansas be greater than the former (Ecclesiastes 7:8). In Jesus' name we pray. For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen (Romans 11:36).

THE NEWTON COMMUNITY

Please start a revival in Newton and Kansas that will echo through our nation (Psalm 80:18; Proverbs 14:34). Send out our people to share Your gospel and lead others to follow You (Matthew 9:37-38). Give believers peace in our communities so they would not be hindered from sharing Your truth to their neighbors (Acts 9:31). Give our governing officials wisdom and concern for religious liberty so that we would be free to share the gospel and send missionaries to other nations and peoples (1 Timothy 2:1-6; Romans 13:1-7; Titus 3:1). Move within our schools and universities, drawing young adults to Your churches. Give every pastor of every Bible-believing, Jesus-following church the power of your Holy Spirit so that Your Kingdom would grow (Acts 4:29-31).