

USA 250



PRAYER GUIDE

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Introduction

God has created three institutions — the family, the government, and the church. Families today face cultural pressures to conform, temporal challenges of balancing faith with busy schedules, and marital strain. Our nation faces a declining moral foundation, division, political hostility, conflicting messages, and increasing apathy toward Jesus Christ. The church is not without its own challenges. The church is dealing with biblical illiteracy, compromise, consumerism, declining spiritual disciplines, and division among believers.

We can see the same struggles within the book of Judges. As the book stresses the penalties of disobedience, the moral decline of a nation, and the need for godly leadership, we see the Israelites falling into a repeated pattern of sinning against God, suffering the consequences of immorality, crying out to God for help, and being delivered through leaders like Deborah, Gideon, and Samson. Individuals, families, and nations today can fall into the same pattern of “doing what is right in their own eyes.” As spouses, parents, citizens, and church members, we can learn the importance of repentance and trusting in His continued faithfulness to renew and revive us.

So, how can we achieve this renewal and revival? Billy Graham once said, “We can change the course of events if we go to our knees in believing prayer.” Our pastor recently reminded us that we must “stop worrying and start praying.”

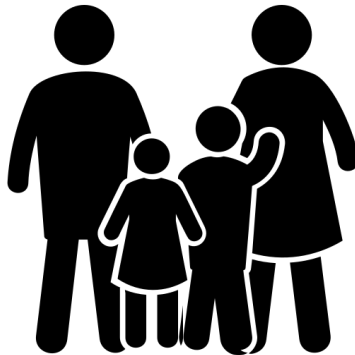
Prayer invites God to move in our lives, families, churches, and nation with wisdom, power, and renewal. Through prayer, believers gain unity, discernment, courage, humility, and strength to face cultural, moral, and spiritual challenges.

That is why we invite you to join us over the next 21 days as we pray for our families, the government, and the church.

Families

“We need to place God at the center of our family . . . As a family, we need to walk with God daily.”

— Billy Graham



Day 1: Pray for Marriages

Read Judges 1

Ask God to help couples build healthy boundaries with extended family and others and create a home centered on prayer, worship, and God's Word.

"For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh"
(Genesis 2:24).

Pray that the Lord would be the foundation and builder of marriages and that couples would depend fully upon His wisdom and guidance.

"Unless the LORD builds the house, they labor in vain who build it" (Psalm 127:1a).

Ask that married couples would draw closer to God and thereby each other.

"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded"
(James 4:8).

Day 2: Pray for Marriages

Read Judges 2

Pray that married couples would stand strong against the influences of this world and the spiritual warfare that threatens their faith and marriage.

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might.

¹¹Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil” (Ephesians 6:10-11).

Ask the Lord to enable married couples to encourage each other with their words.

“Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear” (Ephesians 4:29).

Pray that married couples would be patient with each other.

“Therefore I, prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, ³being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” (Ephesians 4:1-3).

Day 3: Pray for Husbands

Read Judges 3

Pray that husbands would love their wives in a God-honoring, sacrificial way.

“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her” (Ephesians 5:25).

Ask God to enable husbands to be understanding and show respect to their wives.

“You husbands in the same way, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; and show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered” (1 Peter 3:7).

Pray that husbands would place a high priority on their marriage and maintain their commitment to their wives.

“He who finds a wife finds a good thing and obtains favor from the LORD” (Proverbs 18:22).

Day 4: Pray for Fathers

Read Judges 4

Pray that fathers would be the spiritual leaders in their family.

“These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. ⁷You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up” (Deuteronomy 6:6-7).

Ask that fathers will grow spiritually and consider their accountability before the Lord. Pray that they will guard their hearts by developing spiritual disciplines — Bible reading and studying, prayer, meditation, scripture memorization, etc.

“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen” (2 Peter 3:18).

Pray that fathers’ relationships with God and His Word will bear fruit in their lives. Pray that they will be men of wisdom and understanding, fearing the Lord.

“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding” (Proverbs 9:10).

Day 5: Pray for Wives

Read Judges 5

Pray that the Lord would encourage wives when they face challenges that feel overwhelming.

“Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us eternal comfort and good hope by grace, ¹⁷comfort and strengthen your hearts in every good work and word” (2 Thessalonians 2:16-17).

Ask God to give strength to wives to help them carry out their many tasks and remind them of God’s mighty work through them.

“O God, You are awesome from Your sanctuary. The God of Israel Himself gives strength and power to the people. Blessed be God!” (Psalm 68:35).

Pray that God will give wives rest as they face physically, emotionally, and spiritually draining situations.

“Cast your burden upon the LORD and He will sustain you; He will never allow the righteous to be shaken” (Psalm 55:22).

Day 6: Pray for Mothers

Read Judges 6

Thank God for mothers today. Ask that He bless them with joy, strength, and love to continue their selfless devotion.

“Commit your works to the LORD and your plans will be established” (Proverbs 16:3).

Ask God to give mothers the respect they are due.

“She opens her mouth in wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. ²⁷She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness” (Proverbs 31:26-27).

Pray that mothers would be mindful of the legacy they are leaving. Praise God for the faith they have illustrated and that their faith would only grow stronger.

“For I am mindful of the sincere faith within you, which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am sure that it is in you as well” (2 Timothy 1:5).

Day 7: Pray for Children

Read Judges 7

Pray that parents would raise godly children by not giving into worldly pressures and by teaching them the Word of God.

“Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it” (Proverbs 22:6).

Ask that children would have obedient hearts toward their parents and that all members would seek to obey God.

“How blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in His ways” (Psalm 128:1).

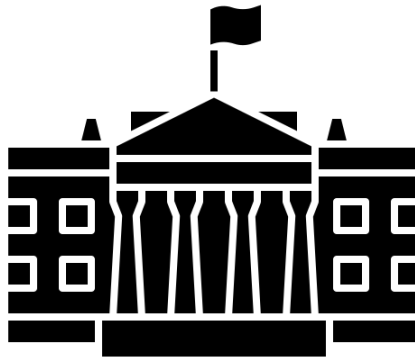
Pray that God would protect our children from anything that would harm them — worldly influences, demonic attacks, peer pressure, and unseen dangers.

“For He will give His angels charge concerning you, to guard you in all your ways” (Psalm 91:11).

Government

“It is the duty of all Nations to
acknowledge the Providence of Almighty
God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his
benefits, and humbly implore his protection
and favor.”

— George Washington



Day 8: Pray for Our Teachers

Read Judges 8

Pray that God would give teachers wisdom, knowledge, and understanding as they lead and instruct others. Ask that He guide their decisions, strengthen them with discernment and patience, and allow His truth to direct their words and actions each day.

“For the LORD gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding” (Proverbs 2:6).

Pray that teachers will walk in integrity, wisdom, and compassion. Ask that their words, actions, and character reflect Christ’s love so that lives are impacted, hearts are encouraged, and Jesus is glorified through their influence each day.

“Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven” (Matthew 5:16).

Ask the Holy Spirit to fill our teachers with the fruit of the Spirit. Ask that they create classrooms that reflect Christ’s presence and that they would positively shape the lives of every student they teach.

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law” (Galatians 5:22-23).

Day 9: Pray for First

Responders

Read Judges 9

Pray that God would watch over and protect first responders from all harm, that He would direct their steps, keeping them safe in every place they go, and that His presence would surround them in their comings and goings.

“The LORD will protect you from all evil; He will keep your soul.

⁸The LORD will guard your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forever” (Psalm 121:7-8).

Pray that our first responders would walk in faith and not fear, knowing that God is always with us. When they are discouraged or overwhelmed, ask God to strengthen them by His power, uphold them with His presence, and provide them with the help they need.

“Do not fear, for I am with you; do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand” (Isaiah 41:10).

Ask that the Lord would fill their hearts and minds with His peace that surpasses all understanding. In moments of uncertainty and anxiety, pray that the Holy Spirit would guard their thoughts, strengthen their faith, and keep them steadfast in Christ Jesus.

“And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus”

(Philippians 4:7).

Day 10: Pray for Our Mayors,

Aldermen, & School Boards

Read Judges 10

Ask God to give our mayors, aldermen, and school board members wisdom, discernment, and godly counsel as they lead and make decisions for our communities; pray that they surround themselves with wise advisors so that their decisions bring blessings to the people they serve.

“Where there is no guidance the people fall, but in abundance of counselors there is victory” (Proverbs 11:14).

Lift up our mayors, aldermen, and school board members to God, asking that they trust in Jesus and remain steadfast in His unfailing love. Pray that they will not be shaken but instead be established in righteousness.

“For the king trusts in the LORD, and through the lovingkindness of the Most High he will not be shaken” (Psalm 21:7).

Pray that the Holy Spirit would strengthen our mayors, aldermen, and school board members and guard them from every form of evil as they carry out their responsibilities.

“But the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen and protect you from the evil one” (2 Thessalonians 3:3).

Day 11: Pray for State & US

Representatives & Senators

Read Judges 11

Pray that our state and US representatives and senators will be filled with the knowledge of His will, wisdom, and understanding.

“For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding” (Colossians 1:9).

Pray that our representatives will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, pleasing Him in all ways, and that they would bear fruit in every good work.

“So that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God” (Colossians 1:10).

Ask the Lord to bless our representatives and senators with strength, endurance, patience, and joy.

“Strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience; joyously” (Colossians 1:11).

Day 12: Pray for Our Military

Read Judges 12

Lift up the men and women of the United States military, asking that they trust God to be their refuge and strength in every assignment, danger, and moment of uncertainty. Pray that the sovereign Lord would protect them, sustain them, and surround them with His divine covering wherever they are stationed around the world.

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble” (Psalm 46:1).

Pray for our United States military, asking God to strengthen their hearts with courage and steady faith in every mission and assignment. Ask that they will be strong and courageous, not afraid or discouraged, because our Lord is with them wherever they go.

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go” (Joshua 1:9).

Ask the Lord to uphold our military as they carry out their duties. Pray that God would protect them, calm their hearts, and surround them with His presence and guidance. Pray that He will bring peace to our nation’s conflicts.

“The LORD will give strength to His people; the LORD will bless His people with peace” (Psalm 29:11).

Day 13: Pray for Our President

Read Judges 13

Lift up our President, and ask that he remembers that his authority has been instituted by God and that Jesus is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Ask that our President humble himself before Jesus and that the work of his hands would overflow from a humble heart.

“Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God” (Romans 13:1).

Pray that our President recognizes that Jesus is from everlasting to everlasting. Ask that he has a sense of our God’s infinitude, power, and strength and that he be given a heart of wisdom and a mind able to discern what’s best for our country.

“So teach us to number our days, that we may present to You a heart of wisdom” (Psalm 90:12).

Ask the Lord to protect the President and guard his life, decisions, and leadership with divine security and peace, praying that no weapon formed against him would prosper.

“No weapon that is formed against you will prosper; and every tongue that accuses you in judgment you will condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their vindication is from Me,’ declares the LORD” (Isaiah 54:17).

Day 14: Pray for the Election

Read Judges 14

Pray that God would show us His ways and lead us in His truth during the upcoming election. Ask that He guides voters in wisdom, righteousness, and integrity and establishes decisions according to His will.

“Make me know Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths.

⁵Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all the day” (Psalm 25:4-5).

Ask the Lord to remove bitterness, anger, and division during this upcoming election and that He fill candidates and voters with kindness, compassion, and forgiveness so that unity, respect, and integrity would guide every decision and outcome.

“Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. ³²Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you” (Ephesians 4:31-32).

Pray that the church remembers that God changes times and seasons and raises up leaders. Ask that He would fill His people with hope and encouragement, trusting His sovereign hand to establish the right leadership according to His wisdom and purpose.

“It is He who changes the times and the epochs; He removes kings and establishes kings; He gives wisdom to wise men and knowledge to men of understanding” (Daniel 2:21).

Church

“The church cannot ignore the community which has so many whose lives are empty of meaning. We in the church can offer hope. We know that God loves us, that Jesus can help every lost soul that calls on Him.”

— Billy Graham



Day 15: Revival

Read Judges 15

Confess your sins, and pray that God would refresh our hearts with His presence and send times of spiritual renewal and restoration upon the Church.

“Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord; ²⁰and that He may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you” (Acts 3:19-20).

Humble yourself, confess your sin, and ask the Lord to hear us from heaven, forgive our sins, and bring healing, revival, and restoration to our land.

“And 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, will forgive their sin and will heal their land” (2 Chronicles 7:14).

Ask the Lord to teach us to wait upon Him with faith and confidence and to renew our strength, lift us above discouragement, and empower us to run our race without weariness, walking steadfastly in His will.

“Yet those who wait for the LORD will gain new strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary” (Isaiah 40:31).

Day 16: Revival

Read Judges 16

Ask the Lord to turn our hearts fully back to Him, deepen our relationship with Him, and help us walk faithfully as His people with wholehearted devotion.

“I will give them a heart to know Me, for I am the LORD; and they will be My people, and I will be their God, for they will return to Me with their whole heart” (Jeremiah 24:7).

Ask the Lord to remind us of His presence, revive our hearts, lead us to repentance, strengthen us when we are weary, and renew our faith.

“For thus says the high and exalted One who lives forever, whose name is Holy, ‘I dwell on a high and holy place, and also with the contrite and lowly of spirit in order to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite’” (Isaiah 57:15).

Draw near to God, and pray that the Lord would purify the church, helping us walk in wholehearted devotion and obedience to Him.

“Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded” (James 4:8).

Day 17: One Another

Read Judges 17

Pray that Jesus would teach us to love one another as He has loved us and that He would allow our words, actions, and attitudes to reflect His grace and compassion to others in our church.

*“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another”
(John 13:34).*

Ask the Holy Spirit to remove pride and selfishness from our hearts, instead filling us with humility, kindness, and a sincere love that reflects Christ in all our relationships so that we might honor others.

“Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor” (Romans 12:10).

Ask the Lord to grant us a humble spirit to live in agreement with others, keep us from pride and self-importance, and teach us to walk in harmony with others in our church.

“Be of the same mind toward one another; do not be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly. Do not be wise in your own estimation” (Romans 12:16).

Day 18: One Another

Read Judges 18

Pray that Jesus would help us to encourage one another and build each other up, giving us words that strengthen, hearts that uplift, and spirits of love and unity.

“Therefore encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing” (1 Thessalonians 5:11).

Ask to be filled with humility, compassion, and a willing heart to honor Him through serving others faithfully.

“For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another” (Galatians 5:13).

Beseech the Holy Spirit to teach us to bear one another’s burdens with compassion and humility, fulfilling the law of Christ, and to strengthen us to support, encourage, and stand with others in love and unity.

“Bear one another’s burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ” (Galatians 6:2).

Day 19: One Another

Read Judges 19

Pray that the Lord would give us hearts that are quick to forgive and slow to hold offense. Ask that He helps us to extend grace, release bitterness, and walk in patience and love toward others.

“Bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you” (Colossians 3:13).

Ask that the Holy Spirit would teach us to live in humility and honesty before Him and one another; moreover, He would help us to confess our faults, pray fervently for each other, and walk in righteousness so that healing, restoration, and power may flow among us.

“Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much” (James 5:16).

Pray for a heart that encourages, inspires, and strengthens others in their walk with Jesus, reflecting His love in all we do.

“And let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds” (Hebrews 10:24).

Day 20: Share the Gospel

Read Judges 20

Pray to be filled with boldness, never being ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is God's power unto salvation. Ask to be strengthened to faithfully share the gospel with courage, love, and conviction.

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek" (Romans 1:16).

Ask the Holy Spirit to empower us as witnesses of the gospel, to fill us with His power to live faithfully, and to be effective ambassadors of Jesus Christ everywhere we go.

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

Pray that the Lord would teach us to always give thanks to Him and to call upon His name continually, helping us to declare His works among our neighbors and the nations and testifying of His goodness with joyful and grateful hearts.

"Oh give thanks to the LORD, call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples" (Psalm 105:1).

Day 21: Live the Gospel

Read Judges 21

Ask the Holy Spirit to help us live as salt of the earth, bringing purity, preservation, and godly influence wherever we go, to keep us from losing our spiritual impact, and for our lives to reflect His truth and righteousness in a world that needs Jesus.

“You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men” (Matthew 5:13).

Pray that our light is a beacon of the gospel before others and that we would live in such a way that people see Jesus in us and glorify our Father in heaven.

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; ¹⁵nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. ¹⁶Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven” (Matthew 5:14-16).

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you to abide in Jesus, for apart from Him we can do nothing. Pray that He keeps us deeply connected to Jesus in every season so that our lives will bear lasting fruit that glorifies Christ’s name.

“I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing” (John 15:5).



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