

# 24-HOUR PRAYER FOCUS

Our eight categories<sup>1</sup> for focused prayer are:

**1. PRAY FOR UNBELIEVERS TO BE SAVED.** Pray that people's hearts will be opened to repent of their sins and confess Jesus as Savior. Pray that every person in the world will be able to hear the Gospel and the Word of God in their native language. (Matthew 9:37-38; 24:14; Romans 10:1; 2 Peter 3:9; Acts 26:18)

**2. PRAY FOR A NATIONAL SPIRITUAL AWAKENING.** Pray that Jesus will revive the Church and awaken our nation to the greatness and supremacy of Jesus. Pray that God will pour out His Spirit on America and forgive our sin and heal our land. Pray that millions of Americans will be convicted by the Holy Spirit, repent of their sins, and turn to God with all their hearts. (2 Chron. 7:14; Daniel 9:18-19; Psa. 85:6; Hab. 3:2; Acts 2:37-41)

**3. PRAY FOR UNITY WITHIN CHRIST'S CHURCH.** Pray that all walls of division will come down so that Christians will love each other, pray together, and serve each other. (John 17:20-23; Psalm 133:1; Ephesians 4:3-6)

**4. PRAY FOR FAMILIES.** Pray that Jesus will heal, restore, and strengthen every marriage and family. (Genesis 2:24; Joshua 24:15; Psalm 127:3-5; Malachi 4:6; Ephesians 5:22-33; Ephesians 6:1-4)

**5. PRAY FOR RACIAL RECONCILIATION.** Pray that God will heal our nation of racism and that God will use the church to extend the love of Christ to all peoples. (Romans 10:12-13, Galatians 3:28, Acts 10:28, Acts 10:34-35, John 7:24, 1 John 2:9, James 2:9, Revelation 7:9)

**6. PRAY FOR LIFE TO BE VALUED AND PROTECTED THROUGH ALL STAGES OF LIFE, BEGINNING AT CONCEPTION.** Pray for God to break the culture of death in America and restore a culture of life. Pray for abortion to come to an end. (Psalm 139:13-16; Jeremiah 1:5; Proverbs 24:11; Deuteronomy 21:8-9)

**7. PRAY FOR LOCAL AND NATIONAL GOVERNMENT LEADERS.** Pray that God will give them wisdom to make wise decisions and to govern with integrity, justice, and mercy. (1 Tim. 2:1-2; Rom. 13:1; 1 Pet. 2:17; Titus 3:1-2; Micah 6:8)

**8. PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING.** Pray that God will extend His mercy and provision to the suffering. Pray for healing from sickness and injury, protection for those in danger, and provision for the needy. Pray for the suffering to know God's sustaining grace and presence. Pray for specific crises affecting the community (i.e. pandemics, natural disasters, victims of abuse/neglect/violence, etc). (Jer. 33:6, Is. 26:3-4, Ps. 62:5-8, Jer. 17:14, Ps. 91:14-15, Ps. 23, John 14:27, Phil 4:13,19, Rev. 21:4)

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<sup>1</sup> The first seven categories of prayer, descriptions, and Scripture references were derived, in part, from America Prays (Prayer-Focus-5.5-x-8.5.docx, <https://www.americaprays.org/resources/>, PDF download, accessed on 7/14/2020).