<u>A Prayer for National Day of Prayer 2024</u>



Heavenly Father, we know that during these times of turmoil and terror throughout our world, we need You! We need Your strength, Your guidance, Your wisdom. There are problems that confront us that are far greater than any wisdom of man can solve. What should those who lead us do?

May Your wisdom and Your power come upon those who have been entrusted with leadership at all levels in our free and blessed land. May the responsibility lie heavily on their hearts, until they are ready to acknowledge their helplessness and turn to You for guidance. Lord, give them honesty, the courage, and the moral integrity to confess that they don't know what to do!! Only then can they lead us as a nation beyond human wisdom to You, who alone has all the answers.

Mighty God, lead us into this high adventure. Remind us that "a mighty fortress is our God" – not a hiding place where we can escape for an easy life, but rather an arsenal of courage and strength the mightiest of all, who will march beside us into the battle for righteousness and freedom.

Almighty Lord, You have given us the free and blessed land as our heritage ... we humbly pray that we may always remember Your generosity and faithfully do Your will. Please continue to bless our land with honest industry, truthful education, and an honorable way of life. Constantly be with those who protect us and defend all that we hold so dear; watch over them and comfort their families as their loved ones go into harm's way for us.

Dear God, we pray for Your guidance and ask Your forgiveness for the times we have drifted from Your saving and powerful words. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, who entered our lives to rescue us from our sinfulness. Remind us, as we hear Your inspired words, that those who hope in the Lord, will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles, they will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not be faint. We believe You are with us always – preserve us and this great nation with which You have blessed us. Since freedom is never free, you secured it for us, by paying the ultimate price – the giving of Your precious body and blood unto death.

Strengthen us, bless us, and guide us, in Jesus' precious name we ask it ... Amen.