

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER -May 7, 2020-

Today we join together to pray together. We come together at a time that is unlike any in our lifetime. We come to pray with one voice in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, to our God and Father who is above all, a God that is never-changing, sovereign over all, always faithful to His promises and mighty to save. An eternal and holy God who is just and abounding in steadfast love. We come together as people who are created by God, in the image of God for the glory of God. We come together as people made alive in Christ even though we were dead in sin. We come together as people saved by the grace of God, born into a living hope who is Jesus Christ. We come together to cry out for God's mercy, for God's forgiveness, for God's provision. We come together to cry out for God's kingdom to come and God's will to be done – in families, in churches, in neighborhoods, in communities, in cities, in nations, in the world. And we come together believing in faith that all things are possible with God, that nothing is too difficult for God, that the nations are as a drop in a bucket to God; believing that God's love reaches to the heavens, His faithfulness fills the skies, His righteousness is like mighty mountains and His justice as the ocean depths and He declares "Let all the world look to Me for salvation! For I am God, there is no other."

Let us pray together as one in the body of Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, having the same love, intent on one purpose – the glory of God.

"For the earth to be filled with the knowledge of the Lord's glory as the waters cover the sea." (Habakkuk 2:14) – in families, in churches, in neighborhoods, in communities, in cities, in nations, in the world.

"There was a vast multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language crying out "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!...Blessing and glory and wisdom and praise and honor and power and strength be to our God forever and ever. Amen." (Revelation 7:9, 10, 12)

Be still and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations. I will be exalted in the earth. (Psalm 46:10)

If you need prayer, please call or email the church so we can pray with you (slcc@slcc.faith)

Here are some resources to assist us as we pray.

SLCC 24/7 Prayer (https://slcc.faith/prayer-line)

- 1. Pray for those affected by the coronavirus (sick; healthcare workers; agricultural industry; those out of work; those dealing with emotional stress)
- 2. Pray for doctors, nurses, researchers, medical professionals and for their protection
- 3. Pray for the leaders of all nations
- 4. Pray that we may experience healing love
- 5. Pray that we would heal from our fear
- 6. Pray that we would heal from our pride
- 7. Pray the we would exalt God's name in the world
- 8. Pray that the gospel would spread ahead and be honored
- 9. Pray for God to save unbelievers
- 10. Thank God for His goodness and blessings

National Day of Prayer resources: <u>https://www.nationaldayofprayer.org/</u>

Praying for America: <u>https://www.nationaldayofprayer.org/prayforamerica</u>

Awake My Soul Meditations on Prayer

https://slcc.faith/devotion-april-16	Praying for one another in the Spirit
https://slcc.faith/devotion-april-17	Prayer - God hears and responds
https://slcc.faith/devotion-april-18	Praying always
https://slcc.faith/devotion-april-20	Praying for the Gospel – Open doors and clear message
https://slcc.faith/devotion-april-21	Praying in complete dependence on God
https://slcc.faith/devotion-april-22	Prayer of confession and repentance
https://slcc.faith/devotion-april-23	Praying that God be exalted in all the earth
https://slcc.faith/devotion-april-24	Praying for the nations – Salvation belongs to our God
https://slcc.faith/devotion-april-25	Praying in the hope of Jesus – our living hope
https://slcc.faith/devotion-april-26	God connects us through prayer
https://slcc.faith/devotion-april-27	Praying to know the immeasurable love of God

2020 NATIONAL PRAYER FOR AMERICA

(from https://www.nationaldayofprayer.org/)

Lord, we exist to give You glory. We exist because of Your glory, and in Your glory, as our Creator Redeemer, and Sustainer. We give you thanks and praise for every breath and moment You have given to us. We repent of our sin; for the shameful things we have done against You and for our silence when we did not speak up to proclaim Your Name, profess Your Word, or protect and practice Your will. We ask Your forgiveness We pray that the knowledge of the glory of the Lord will spread across our nation and the entire earth as we seek Your Kingdom and righteousness; as we walk in obedience to You, and in humble unity, love one another. Jesus, the Bible says that You are "the knowledge of the glory of the Lord." You have taught us to pray, commanded us to love, and commissioned us to share Your gospel of grace. Your glory fills our hearts and families, it overflows into our neighborhoods, workplaces, campuses, churches, entertainment, and media. We give thanks for our military and ask that Your glory would spread to, and through them as they preserve freedom around the world. We pray for our government, that all of our leaders and laws would be filled with Your glory, that they would magnify Your Holy Word and honor Your will and ways. We pray that Your grace and glory would spread to bring hope to the hopeless, and love where there is hurt and hate. God, use us as we pray your promise, that "the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea." In Jesus Name, Amen!

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Bringing the hope of Jesus to the Lebanon community and beyond – to every neighbor, everywhere.

PRAYING TOGETHER FOR THE CHURCH

- HOPE of JESUS in hearts (I Peter 1:3-5)
- $\hfill\square$ CHRIST be above all and in all (Col 3:3,4,11)
- □ VISION of who God is (Isaiah 6:1-8)
- $\Box\,$ KNOW GOD intimately (John 17:3, 10:27)
- □ THANK God for all He's done (Psalm 136)
- □ TRUST in God (Proverbs 3:5-6, 16:3)
- □ FAITH in God's greatness (Jeremiah 32:27)
- □ UNITY of the Spirit (Eph 4:1-6)
- □ FRUIT of the SPIRIT to reign (Gal 5:22-23)
- $\hfill\square$ Live the 'ONE ANOTHER's' (Rom 12:9-21)
- □ LOVE as God loves (I John 4:7-21)
- □ SERVING with our gifts (I Peter 4:7-11)
- □ UNITY of purpose (Philippians 2:1-4)
- □ Be on His MISSION (Matthew 28:19-20)
- □ SURRENDERED to HIM (Galatians 2:20)
- Christ-like HUMILITY (Phil 2:1-11)
- □ WISDOM for difficult decisions (James 1:5,3:17)
- □ BOLDNESS in our mission (Rom 1:16)
- □ Be COURAGEOUS in the LORD (Josh 1:6-9)

PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER

- □ Disciples of all generations (Psalm 78:4-7)
- □ Missionaries here & abroad (Col 4:2-4)
- □ Babies and little children (Mark 10:13-16)
- Elementary age children (I Sam 1:26-28, 3:10)
- □ Jr High and Sr High Youth (II Timothy 1:7)
- □ Young Adults (I Timothy 4:6-16)
- □ Married couples (Gen 2:24, Eph 4:32)
- □ Families (Deuteronomy 6:4-9)
- □ Parents and grandparents (Proverbs 22:6)
- □ Those with needs listed in the bulletin
- □ Leaders in the church (Luke 22:24-27)
- □ Friends and neighbors (II Cor 5:14-6:2)

SUGGESTIONS FOR PRAYING

- Set a time and a place to pray daily stick to it
- Combine praying with Bible reading
- Pray in 'circles' close-to-far or far-to-close
- Pray with others spouse, family, church
- Pray out loud at times when praying alone
- Keep a prayer journal write it down
- Direct and expect pray knowing God hears you

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. (Mathew 6:9-13)

I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which He has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His great might that he worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. (Ephesians 1:16-21)

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of His glory He may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or imagine, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. (Ephesians 3:14-21)

Colossians 3:11-17, Numbers 6:24-26, I Samuel 2:1-10, II Chronicles 20:5-12, Daniel 9:3-19, John 17:1-26, Colossians 1:9-14, Acts 2:42-47, Ephesians 6:10-20