

# NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER



Bellevue

## 2021 Prayer Guide

### “God Bless America”

While the storm clouds gather far across the sea,  
Let us swear allegiance to a land that's free,  
Let us all be grateful for a land so fair,  
As we raise our voices in a solemn prayer.

God bless America,  
Land that I love.  
Stand beside her and guide her  
Through the night with a light from above.  
From the mountains, to the prairies,  
To the oceans white with foam,  
God bless America, my home sweet home.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

*“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 God to forgive us for the sins of pride, materialism, immorality, the murder of over 60 million unborn babies, and forsaking Him, *“the fountain of living waters”* (Jeremiah 2:13).

### MILITARY

*“O GOD the Lord, the strength of my salvation, You have covered my head in the day of battle. Do not grant, O LORD, the desires of the wicked; do not promote his evil device, that they not be exalted. Selah”* (Psalm 140:7–8).

- Pray for protection for those in harm's way.
- Pray for God's presence and peace for their families.

### CITY AND COUNTY FIRST RESPONDERS

*“Every word of God proves true; He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him”* (Proverbs 30:5<sup>ESV</sup>).

- Pray God will give these servants wisdom, protection, and fulfillment in their service.
- Pray God will use the dangerous and stressful things they encounter to either bring them to Jesus or into a closer, richer relationship with Him.
- Pray our culture will see them *“as ministers of God for good”* (Romans 13:4).

### MEDIA

*“He who speaks truth tells what is right, but a false witness, deceit”* (Proverbs 12:17).

- Pray diligently for our nation's television, radio, and print media to be staffed with members and executives who are committed to accuracy and integrity.
- Pray fervently for actors, musicians, and athletes our youth admire to use their influence for righteousness, not wickedness.

### BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

*“A false balance is an abomination to the LORD, but a just weight is His delight”* (Proverbs 11:1).

- Pray against deception, greed, and fraudulent activity so prevalent in today's business sector. Ask God for executives with strong ethics and employees who conduct themselves honorably.
- Ask God to pour out His blessings on righteous businessmen and women to give them a platform for sharing the Gospel.

## Mid-Week Prayer Meeting

Beginning Wednesday, May 12, Bellevue is launching an ongoing Mid-Week Prayer Meeting. We will meet in Guest Central from 10:00–11:00 a.m. All ages are invited to join us in this time of seeking God.

## EDUCATION

*“See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ. For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form”* (Colossians 2:8–9).

- Pray our nation’s public and private school teachers, administrators, and local school board members commit to an honest, accurate presentation of all subject matter.
- Pray against pluralism and the rejection of absolute truth.
- Pray for righteous role models for the students.

## FAMILIES

*“You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. You 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 6:5–7).

- Pray against the ideologies and activities contrary to biblical precepts that are invading our church and family life.
- Pray God will raise up godly families.
- Pray strong, moral families will be seen in media as normal and right.

## REVIVAL

*“Will You not revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in You?”* (Psalm 85:6).

- Pray Christians will be strong in their faith and bold in their witness. May we realize how utterly dependent we are on God. May we truly Love God, Love People, Share Jesus, and Make Disciples, so we will be a catalyst for spiritual awakening in Memphis and beyond.
- Ask the Lord to revive His church, protect the witness of His pastors, and sanctify His people around the world. Pray for the spiritual condition of homes, communities, and nations—that they will bring glory to His name.

## PASTORS AND CHURCHES

*“With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints, and pray on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known the boldness the mystery of the gospel”* (Ephesians 6:18–19).

- Pray for protection: *“For it is You who blesses the righteous man, O LORD, You surround him with favor as with a shield”* (Psalm 5:12).
- Pray for direction: *“I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you”* (Psalm 32:8).
- Pray for God’s blessing: *“So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria enjoyed peace, being built up; and going on in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it continued to increase”* (Acts 9:31).

## THOSE IN AUTHORITY

*“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth”* (1 Timothy 2:1–4<sup>ESV</sup>).

- Pray our leaders will be brought to their knees in humility and brokenness, knowing they will one day stand before the living God and give an account for their decisions.
- Pray God will give our leaders wisdom, courage, and unity. May they do the right thing, not solely the “politically correct” thing.

## EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCHES

- President: Joseph Biden
- Vice President: Kamala Harris
- Congress: The Senate and House of Representatives
- Representing Tennessee: Senator Marsha Blackburn, Senator Bill Hagerty, U.S. Representative David Kustoff, U.S. Representative Steve Cohen

## JUDICIAL BRANCH—SUPREME COURT JUSTICES

- Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Clarence Thomas, Stephen Breyer, Samuel A. Alito, Jr., Sonia Sotomayer, Elana Kagan, Neil Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh, and Amy Coney Barrett
- US District Courts, US Federal Courts, Lower Courts, and Special Courts

## STATE GOVERNMENT

- Governor Bill Lee

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- Mayors: Jim Strickland (Memphis) and Lee Harris (Shelby County)
- Director of Police: James Ryall, Interim
- Director of Fire Services: Gina Y. Sweat
- Shelby County Sheriff: Floyd Bonner, Jr.
- City Court Clerk: Myron Lowery
- City Council: Patrice J. Robinson, Rhonda Logan, Frank Colvett, Jr., Jamita Swearengen, Worth Morgan, Edmund Ford, Sr., Michalyn Easter-Thomas, JB Smiley, Jr., Cheyenne Johnson, Martavius Jones, Chase Carlisle, J. Ford Canale, and Dr. Jeff Warren
- Shelby County Commissioners: Mark Billingsley, Eddie Jones, Amber Mills, David C. Bradford, Mick Wright, Michael Whaley, Willie F. Brooks, Jr., Tami Sawyer, Mickell M. Lowery, Edmund Ford, Jr., Reginald Milton, Van Turner, and Brandon Morrison