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A Prayer for The World

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"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."
2 Chronicles 7:14-15

24-7 Prayer for New York State

Prayer: God's Strategy for Winning the Lost

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up" (Gal. 6:9).

What an amazing time we live in! Much of the Lord's harvest is ripe and ready all around us and across the globe! At the same time, there are still fields that need to be sown, watered and fertilized before the harvest can be reaped! By faithfully doing good we can join the Father's work of drawing all men to Himself. Wondrously, the best good the Lord has given us to do for anyone allows us to participate in the harvest at every level—prayer! We can pray for the lost in our own families, our neighborhoods, at school or work, and in unreached people groups living in nations that we may never have the opportunity to get into any other way! We are also privileged and commissioned to pray for all believers, whatever their needs or situations so that their lives will bring honor and glory to the Father. First Timothy 2:1-4 states that we are to pray for everyone, because this is good and pleases God, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

Gracious God, Your harvest is ripe and ready all around me. Give me spiritual eyes to see by the power of Your Holy Spirit, so that I my prayers may bring glory to the kingdom of Your Son, Jesus. Draw my family, neighbors, coworkers and friends to Your heart so that their lives might be given fully to Your plans and purposes. Thank You for the privilege of prayer, and may I continually bow before Your throne in this holy effort.

—By Kim Butts, author of [The Praying Family \(Creative Ways to Pray Together\)](#)

Prayer Points

Praise God for His creativity. Give glory for the unending variety exhibited in His creation. Thank God for the wonderful way you have been made and for your unique personality, gifts, and talents. Confess any dissatisfaction you have had with the way you have been created. Commit yourself to serving God with your gifts and talents. Ask that God may reveal your spiritual gifts to you and give you opportunity to use them for Him.

Since "no one can come to [Christ] unless the Father...draws him" (Jn. 6:44), pray that God will draw your unsaved relatives, friends, and acquaintances (it's best to name them) to Himself.

—Prayer Points taken from [Patterns for Prayer](#) by Alvin VanderGriend

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A BELIEVER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO AUTHORITIES

"I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone- for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." 1 Tim 2:1-2
Titus 3:1 "Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good"

When we disapprove of a leader it is import that we do not criticize what we recognize as wrong. Understand that most of our leaders are not saved. It is their desire though, to do a good job. How can they when they are ignorant of God's truth. 1 John 2:15-17 "Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love of the Father is not in them. For everything in the world – the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye and the pride of life – comes not from the Father but from the world."

So pray in a positive way for God to give our leaders wisdom. Eph 1:17 I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know Him better." Pray that they would seek God's will in all they decide for New York State.

CONSIDER: What should our attitude be as we pray to a Holy God concerning our leaders. What are our state's needs; how do we bring it about?
Read Daniel 6:10-23 - What if all people in authority in New York State were as obedient to God and as steadfast in prayer as Daniel was?" What if our leaders feared God more than the civil authorities, more than their own lives; that their desire was to do God's will. What kind of changes could happen?

What would happen in :

Government: 1 Kings 3:28.1 Timothy 2:1-2, Ex 18:21, Proverbs 11:3, Romans 13:1-2 Hosea 4:14, Proverbs 22:4
Pray for Governor Cuomo and the NYS legislature, and all our local officials– for wisdom, discernment and guidance from the Lord.

Pray for God to guard leaders from the "Cultural Corrupters"
Self-serving ambitions in "Power grabbing"
Self-seeking, promiscuous sexual life styles
Selfish accumulation of money.
Pray that if unsaved, they be drawn to a saving encounter with Christ; if born-again, they be strengthened and encouraged in their faith.

Business: Matthew 5:14-16, Galatians 6:9, Proverbs 29:2, Exodus 31:3-5
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Pray for Christian business men and women to be used mightily in the market place to share the gospel with co-workers.
Pray that Administrators use Godly principals in all they decide for their companies, airports, hospitals etc.

Church: Matthew 16:18-19, Ephesians 4:3-6, II Thessalonians 1:4, Acts 16:15 .
Pray for church leaders and ask God to grant wisdom and vision to make the church a vessel for healing and revival in America.
Pray for unity across denominations and racial barriers.
Pray for boldness in the church to preach the Gospel and the harvest to come in a mighty revival to sweep across the nation.

Family: Joshua 24:15, Psalm 127:3-5, Ephesians 5:21, Mark 3:25, Proverbs 22:6.
Pray for marriages to be strengthened and homes to be Christ centered.
Pray for single parents that are struggling to raise their children.
Pray for the hearts of the parents to be turned to their children and hearts of the children to their parents
Pray for prodigal sons and daughters to return.

Military: II Chronicles 32: 6-8, Psalm 57-1, Psalm 59:1, Proverb 2:8, Psalm 5:11.
Pray for protection for our troops, for strength and for their minds to stay clear and their spirits to be uplifted.
Pray for leaders to have wisdom, discernment and insight into the enemy's activities as they fight around the world and especially in the Middle East.

Media: Proverbs 12:9, Ephesians 4:29, Philippians 4:8, Matthew 12:36-37
Pray for journalists to be fair and accurate, to not "spin" the news to promote their agenda.
Pray for leaders in the TV and Radio stations to design news programs which report news in ways that generate justice and care and not glorify violence, lawlessness and hopelessness.
Pray for stations to air family friendly programs which strengthen family relationships and values.
Pray for advertising and sales which promote good living.

Education: Deuteronomy 11:18-19, Psalm 34-7, Matthew 19:14, Psalm 90-16-17.
Pray for protection in all schools against violence.
Pray for students and teachers to return to the Lord and for revival to break out across every college campus, in our elementary, middle and high schools.