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March 2023 Prayer Guide - Leaders

ANSWERED PRAYERS

- Praise God for the spiritual movement happening at Asbury University in Wilmore, Kentucky. Thousands upon thousands have joined in on this spontaneous 24/7 worship and prayer gathering for nearly two weeks! Praise God for Generation Z spearheading this beautiful expression of repentance, worship and prayer. Continue to pray for this authentic hunger for God to spread far and wide and for humility and protection for those who are stewarding the outpouring.

SPECIFIC REQUESTS

- **Governmental Leaders:** Pray for leaders in authority in our government. Pray for their salvation and conviction of the Holy Spirit. Ask God to turn their hearts towards His purposes (Proverbs 21:1). See page 3 to lift them up by name.
- **Spiritual Leaders:** Pray for clean hands and pure hearts for all who lead spiritually (Psalm 24:3-4). Ask that they be encouraged, protected and draw closer to Jesus. Ask God to remove spiritual leaders that are leading people astray.
- **Vocational Leaders:** Pray for those in authority over you in your vocation. Ask for wisdom, understanding and for God's will to be followed.
- Specific, measurable prayers for our city:
 - Ask God for a salvation movement to Christ where the percentage of Christians increases faster than our general population.
 - Pray for a dramatic decrease in all forms of violent crime in Columbus over the next two years.
 - Ask God for every single Columbus City School to have a Church or Christian nonprofit partnership.

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March 2023 Personal Prayer Guide

PRAISE and THANKSGIVING

- Praise God that ultimately all things will come underneath the authority of Christ – things in heaven and on earth and under the earth!
- Meditate on God's redemptive plan through leaders in history like Esther & Mordecai, David, Cyrus and ultimately Jesus. (see *Genesis 45, Esther 8:15-17, Isaiah 45 and Matthew 28:5-6*). Praise Him for raising up and taking down leaders as He sees fit!

CONFESION and INTERCESSION

- Invite the Holy Spirit to convict you of anything in you that is out of alignment with God's will. Yield to God's prompting if confession or forgiveness is needed.
- Lift up leaders in your circle of influence. Ask God to give them wisdom and encourage and strengthen them as they lead.
- Pray for your pastor and your church family. Consider sending your pastor an encouraging message.
- Meditate on Proverbs 21:1 and choose a governmental leader from page three. Ask God to transform their heart and renew their mind. Pray that their heart turns in God's hands towards righteousness and justice.

PRAY ALOUD

Father, we lift up to You all who are in authority over us. We ask for leaders who will stand for the truth and walk in integrity and righteousness. Strike in our nation's leaders a holy reverential fear of the Lord leading to true heart transformation and repentance. Help us as Your children to be mindful to pray and lift up our leaders and representatives. We ask as well for spiritual leaders to do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with God. Protect and strengthen those in authority. We pray this in Jesus' Name, Amen.

Prayer List of U.S. Governmental Leaders

President Joe Biden

Vice President Kamala Harris

Ohio's U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown

Ohio's U.S. Senator Rob Portman

My congressman:

Governor Mike DeWine

Lt. Governor Jon Husted

Secretary of State Frank LaRose

Attorney General Dave Yost

Treasurer Robert Sprague

Auditor Keith Faber

My state senator:

My state representative:

My pastor:

My boss:
