



FOCUSED EDUCATIONAL PRAYERS

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PRAISE

Lord, As we enter the threshold of a new calendar year, we praise You now for the answered prayer that is already written in Heaven and that will descend to the earth in 2024. We thank you that Your canopy of truth covers America—that the hidden continues to be revealed, and those blind to Your truth will see. As we enter this new season of state and national elections, we praise you for resources every American can utilize to learn how to vote biblically using Judeo-Christian voter guides and election tools. www.biblicalvoter.com/. Luke 8:17.

REPENTANCE PRAYER

Dear Lord, We declare 2024 "Pro-Life Year," when the nation turns the corner from murder through abortion to life for preborn babies in the womb and respect for marriage and parenthood. We pray legislators pass bills protecting the preborn, and that pro-life cases before state courts, up to and including the Supreme Court, are ruled in favor of life. We pray candidates to office are held accountable for their views in favor of, or opposed, to life, and those views are made public. January has traditionally become Pro-Life Month. As such, we pray the national March for Life on January 19th draws nationwide attention to the scourge of abortion, and turns hearts and minds to the sanctity of life. May every believer learn of the events in their own state and participate as led by the Lord: <https://marchforlife.org/national-march-for-life/>. Exodus 20:12,13; Psalm 127:3; Matthew 19:4-6.

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PRAY FOR OUR PRESIDENT AND HIS ADMINISTRATION

President Biden's administration is looking at using tariffs on some products from China, like electric vehicles, in an effort to both protect domestic industries, boost poor demand, and support the president's green agenda. Tariffs on other items like EV battery packs are also under consideration.

We pray for administration officials as they consider increased tariffs, which have been a source of diplomatic tension between the U.S. and China.

PRAY FOR OUR CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS

Senator Lindsey Graham of South Carolina told Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin not to "show weakness" when it comes to U.S. readiness to retaliate against Iran and their Houthi proxies in Yemen. "Without Iran, there are no Houthis," he said. "If you really want to protect American soldiers, make it clear to the Ayatollah that if you attack a soldier through a proxy, we're coming after you."

We pray for members of Congress and the large agenda they face as they return to Washington.

PRAY FOR OUR JUDICIARY

A federal judge in Iowa issued a temporary restraining order blocking most of a state law banning some school library books from school libraries and prohibiting teachers from discussing LGBTQ+ issues. The judge said both matters could infringe on the rights of free speech.

We pray for judges and justices to seek wisdom when ruling over matters involving America's children.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

The Defense Department's Advance Research Projects Agency (DARPA) is working with four companies on the design of a new vertical take-off and landing aircraft that can fly at speeds faster than the V-22 Osprey. They expect to have a prototype built and have its first flight by the spring of 2027.

We pray for military leaders as they oversee the development of advancing weapons and delivery systems and technology.

PRAY FOR AMERICA'S FOREIGN RELATIONS

More than half of the world's population lives in nations that will hold elections in 2024. The first one is on January 13 in Taiwan. The outcome could bring a response from China which has insisted that Taiwan would reunify with China. Elections this year will also be held in the United States, European Union, India, Iran, Mexico, South Africa, the United Kingdom, and possibly Ukraine.

We pray for the independence-minded people of Taiwan as they head to the polls on the 13th.

PRAY FOR AMERICA'S RELATIONSHIP WITH ISRAEL

The Israeli Defense Forces said it killed the commander of Hamas who participated in the October 7 terrorist group's massacre that killed 1,200 people in Israel. A large cache of weapons was also located.

We pray for the people of Israel who have been traumatized by the Hamas terror attacks and kidnappings.

PRAY FOR THE AMERICAN ECONOMY

The cost-of-living increase that recipients of Social Security will receive in 2024 is still insufficient to meet actual increases in the costs of living due to inflation. Though higher than in some prior years, recipients state they are worried about keeping up with their bills.

We pray for the many seniors across America who are attempting to survive on Social Security alone.

PRAY FOR NEEDS ACROSS THE STATES

Governor Mike DeWine of **Ohio** vetoed a two-part measure passed by the legislature, one banning gender-affirming care for minors, and the other banning trans youth from participating in school sports, saying his vetoes were about "protecting human life."

Governor Spencer Cox of **Utah** said anxiety, loneliness, and depression are "absolutely" being caused by the increase in the use of social media, particularly among the youth.

We pray for the nation's governors to promote the well-being of the young people in their states.

PRAY FOR AMERICA'S FAITH COMMUNITY

"Stop trying to fight the devil in your own strength, but renew your mind according to everything you already have in Christ! Jesus is your truth. He is your righteousness. He is your peace. He is your faith. He is your salvation. He is your sword. Jesus is your armor. He alone is your victory!" – Kyle Winkler, author and Bible teacher

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MARRIAGE BETWEEN ONE MAN AND ONE WOMAN

Lord, we acknowledge that the family is Your idea and marriage is intended to be a lifelong, divinely instituted covenant between one man and one woman. So, we pray that Your people would not renegotiate or redefine marriage and the family according to their wants and desires, but rather they would be called to preserve and respect what you have Divinely instituted. We thank you for establishing marriage to be a secure and stable environment for raising children. We pray our government upholds Your definition of marriage, and the Church teaches and speaks out in its support.

SEX — LIES — LIFE FROM CONCEPTION

Lord, Hand-in-hand with Your gift of marriage comes Your gift of sex. We pray that as a society we would follow Your plan for intimacy inside of the covenant of marriage. By following Your plan, it would virtually eliminate rape, prostitution, adultery, sexually transmitted disease, abortions and divorce. We pray we would not be fooled by the enemy into thinking our human nature should rule our lives, but we would see Your laws as loving and keeping us from heartache and disaster. Please raise up Christians to support truth, redemption and repentance in America.

SALT AND LIGHT PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

God, we pray that you would call this nation together and unite your people to stand for truth. We pray that those appointed into office would stand to fight for your justice and that it would prevail over evil. That we would turn away from "Political Correctness" and once again become "Biblically Correct."

"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. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place. I have chosen and consecrated this temple so that my Name may be there forever. My eyes and my heart will always be there" — 2 Chronicles 7:14-16 (NKJV).

MISSION PRAYER OF SALT AND LIGHT

"Therefore, I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus" — 1 Timothy 2:1-5 (NKJV).