



250 YEARS

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PRAYING FOR
America

★ DEVOTIONAL GUIDE ★

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★ ONE NATION UNDER GOD ★



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Week Five Introduction

250 Years of Praying for America

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As we enter the fifth week of our journey through **250 Years of Praying for America**, we are reminded that genuine spiritual renewal is never a one-time event. Revival is sustained as God's people continue to seek His face, walk in obedience to His Word, and faithfully intercede for their families, churches, communities, and nation.

America has experienced seasons of remarkable blessing throughout her history. We have enjoyed freedoms unmatched by much of the world, opportunities beyond measure, and the privilege of openly proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ. Yet history also reminds us that no nation remains strong apart from God's continued blessing. Every generation must decide whether it will follow the Lord or drift from Him.

This week we are encouraged to pray with renewed confidence that God still hears the prayers of His people. While the challenges facing our nation may seem overwhelming, they are never greater than the power of Almighty God. Scripture repeatedly demonstrates that God delights in responding to humble, believing prayer. He changes hearts, restores broken lives, strengthens churches, raises up godly leaders, comforts the hurting, and accomplishes His purposes in ways that often exceed our expectations.

Our prayers should extend beyond political concerns to the deeper spiritual needs of our nation. We pray for the salvation of the lost, the strengthening of Christian homes, the bold proclamation of God's Word, the protection of our religious liberties, wisdom for those who govern, justice for the oppressed, and a fresh awakening within the churches of America. Lasting change always begins with transformed hearts through the gospel of Jesus Christ.

As you read each day's devotional this week, allow the Holy Spirit to search your own heart. Ask the Lord to deepen your faith, increase your love for His Word, strengthen your witness, and make you a faithful ambassador for Christ. National revival begins with personal revival. Before God changes a nation, He often changes His people.

Thank you for continuing this journey of prayer. Whether you are reading these devotions alone, with your family, or with your church, remember that every sincere prayer offered in faith is precious to our Heavenly Father. May He use these daily moments of Scripture, reflection, and prayer to draw each of us closer to Himself and to pour out His mercy upon America.

"If 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 and will

**forgive their sin and heal their land."
— 2 Chronicles 7:14 (ESV)**

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your faithfulness throughout America's history and throughout our own lives. As we begin this fifth week of prayer, renew our hearts and strengthen our faith. Help us to seek You with humility, to live in obedience to Your Word, and to intercede faithfully for our nation. Raise up churches that boldly proclaim the gospel, leaders who pursue righteousness, and believers who shine as lights in a dark world. May revival begin in us and spread throughout our communities for Your glory. We ask these things in the powerful name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Monday, July 27, 2026

250 Years of Praying for America

Theme: A Nation That Honors God's Word

Scripture Reading (ESV)

Psalm 119:105–112

105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

106 I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to keep your righteous rules.

107 I am severely afflicted; give me life, O LORD, according to your word!

108 Accept my freewill offerings of praise, O LORD, and teach me your rules.

109 I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget your law.

110 The wicked have laid a snare for me, but I do not stray from your precepts.

111 Your testimonies are my heritage forever, for they are the joy of my heart.

112 I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever, to the end.

Devotional Thought

Every lasting revival in history has been built upon a renewed commitment to the Word of God. Whenever God's people have drifted spiritually, the pathway back has always begun with rediscovering, believing, and obeying the Scriptures. The Bible is not merely an ancient collection of religious writings—it is the living, inspired, and authoritative Word of God, sufficient for every generation and every circumstance.

America has been blessed with unprecedented access to God's Word. Millions of Bibles have been printed, churches have faithfully preached the Scriptures, missionaries have carried the gospel around the world, and believers have enjoyed the freedom to read and study God's truth openly. Yet possessing a Bible is not the same as allowing it to shape our lives. A Bible on the shelf cannot transform a heart. Only when God's Word is read, believed, and obeyed does it produce lasting spiritual fruit.

The psalmist declared, *"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."* In a culture increasingly marked by moral confusion, conflicting philosophies, and shifting opinions, God's Word remains the one unchanging standard of truth. It illuminates our decisions, exposes our sin, reveals God's character, and points us continually to Jesus Christ.

As we pray for America today, let us ask God to restore a hunger for His Word—not only in our churches but also in our homes and in our own hearts. Pray that pastors will boldly proclaim the whole counsel of God without compromise. Pray that parents will

faithfully teach Scripture to their children. Pray that believers will treasure God's truth above the opinions of our culture.

Revival begins when God's people once again open His Word with humble hearts and respond in faithful obedience.

Points for Reflection

- Do I spend time each day reading and meditating on God's Word?
- Is the Bible shaping my decisions more than the voices of our culture?
- Am I encouraging others—especially my family—to love and obey the Scriptures?
- How can I become more intentional about living out God's truth this week?

Prayer for America

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for giving us Your holy, inspired, and trustworthy Word. Forgive us for the times we have neglected it, ignored its teaching, or allowed the values of our culture to replace Your truth. Renew within us a deep love for the Scriptures and a sincere desire to obey all that You have revealed.

Today we pray for America. Raise up pastors who preach Your Word with courage, teachers who faithfully instruct the next generation, parents who build their homes upon biblical truth, and believers who live lives that reflect the gospel of Jesus Christ. May our churches be known for their commitment to Scripture rather than the opinions of society.

Guide our national leaders to seek wisdom that comes from You. Protect the freedom to proclaim Your truth without compromise. Help us never to take Your Word for granted, but to cherish it as the precious gift that it is.

May Your Word once again become the lamp that guides our nation and the foundation upon which we build our lives. We pray these things in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Today's Challenge

Read one additional chapter of Scripture today beyond your normal Bible reading. Ask God to reveal one truth that you can intentionally put into practice before the day is over. Then share that truth with someone else as an encouragement in their walk with Christ.

Today's Prayer Focus

Pray for pastors, Bible teachers, Sunday school teachers, and Christian educators across America—that they will faithfully teach God's Word with conviction, clarity, compassion, and unwavering commitment to biblical truth.

Tuesday, July 28, 2026

250 Years of Praying for America

Theme: The Power of Godly Homes

Scripture Reading (ESV)

Deuteronomy 6:4–9

4 "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.

5 You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

6 And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.

7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, 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.

8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.

9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Devotional Thought

Strong nations are built upon strong homes, and strong homes are built upon a firm foundation in the Lord. Throughout Scripture, God places tremendous importance on the family. Long before governments, schools, or other institutions existed, God established the home as the primary place where faith would be nurtured, truth would be taught, and character would be formed.

Moses reminded the people of Israel that God's commandments were not merely to be heard at the tabernacle or discussed on special occasions. They were to become part of everyday life. Parents were instructed to speak of God's Word throughout the day—in ordinary conversations, during family activities, at bedtime, and upon waking each morning. Faith was never intended to be compartmentalized; it was to permeate every aspect of life.

America faces many challenges today, but perhaps none is more significant than the weakening of the family. Broken homes, absent parents, spiritual indifference, and the relentless influence of a culture that often rejects biblical values have left many children without a solid spiritual foundation. Yet even in difficult times, God continues to work through families that intentionally honor Him.

Every Christian home, regardless of its size or circumstances, can become a place where Christ is exalted. Grandparents can pass their faith to grandchildren. Parents can model forgiveness, integrity, and unconditional love. Single parents can depend upon

God's grace and strength. Empty nesters can encourage younger families through wisdom and example. Every believer has an opportunity to influence the next generation.

Today, let us pray that God would strengthen the homes of America. May husbands and wives love one another sacrificially. May parents faithfully teach God's Word. May children grow to know and follow Jesus Christ. And may our homes become beacons of hope in a world desperately searching for truth.

Points for Reflection

- Is my home centered on Christ and His Word?
- How am I intentionally passing my faith to the next generation?
- Are my daily words and actions pointing my family toward Jesus?
- What practical step can I take this week to strengthen the spiritual life of my home?

Prayer for America

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for establishing the family as one of Your greatest gifts to humanity. We recognize that healthy homes are essential to healthy churches and a strong nation. Forgive us where we have neglected our responsibilities or failed to place You at the center of our families.

Today we pray for the homes of America. Strengthen marriages with love, faithfulness, patience, and forgiveness. Give parents wisdom as they raise their children in the nurture and instruction of the Lord. Encourage grandparents as they pass their faith to future generations. Comfort single parents and provide them with Your strength, grace, and support. Heal broken relationships and restore families that have been divided.

Protect our children from influences that draw them away from You. Raise up young men and women who love Your Word, honor their parents, and desire to follow Jesus Christ with all their hearts.

May our homes become places of prayer, worship, kindness, biblical instruction, and genuine love. Let the light of Christ shine through our families so that others may see Your goodness and be drawn to the Savior.

We ask all these things in the precious name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Today's Challenge

Gather with your family today—even if only for a few minutes—to read a passage of Scripture and pray together. If you live alone, call or encourage a family member or friend by sharing a Bible verse that has strengthened your own walk with Christ.

Today's Prayer Focus

Pray for Christian marriages, parents, grandparents, children, and families throughout America—that their homes will be firmly established upon God's Word and become powerful testimonies of His grace and truth.

Wednesday, July 29, 2026

250 Years of Praying for America

Theme: Passing the Faith to the Next Generation

Scripture Reading (ESV)

Psalm 78:1–8

1 Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth!
2 I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old,
3 things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us.
4 We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.
5 He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children,
6 that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children,
7 so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments;
8 and that they should not be like their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation whose heart was not steadfast, whose spirit was not faithful to God

Devotional Thought

One of the greatest responsibilities God has entrusted to His people is passing the truth of His Word to the next generation. Every generation stands on the shoulders of those who have gone before it. The faith we enjoy today has been preserved because faithful believers taught their children, disciplined new believers, preached the gospel, and refused to compromise the truth of God's Word.

The psalmist reminds us that God's mighty works are never to be forgotten. Instead, they are to be proclaimed from one generation to the next so that each succeeding generation will "set their hope in God." This is far more than preserving history; it is preserving a living faith in the living God.

Our nation desperately needs young people whose lives are grounded in biblical truth rather than cultural opinion. They need examples of authentic Christianity. They need parents who live what they teach, grandparents who faithfully pray for them, pastors who preach the whole counsel of God, Sunday school teachers who patiently explain the Scriptures, and mature believers who intentionally invest in their lives.

The responsibility belongs to every believer—not just parents. The local church is uniquely equipped to encourage and strengthen the next generation. Every conversation, every Bible lesson, every act of kindness, every prayer, and every example of faithful Christian living can influence a young life for eternity.

As we celebrate America's 250th year, we must ask an important question: **What spiritual legacy will we leave behind?** Buildings will eventually fade, possessions will pass away, and accomplishments will be forgotten, but a life invested in leading others to Christ will bear fruit forever.

May we never become so focused on our own generation that we neglect those who will follow us. Let us faithfully pass the torch of the gospel to our children, grandchildren, and all whom God places in our path.

Points for Reflection

- Am I intentionally investing in the spiritual lives of younger people?
- What legacy of faith am I leaving for my family and others?
- Who influenced me spiritually, and how can I follow their example?
- What can I do this week to encourage someone younger in their walk with Christ?

Prayer for America

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for the faithful men and women who invested in our lives and taught us Your Word. We praise You for parents, grandparents, pastors, teachers, missionaries, and friends who pointed us to Jesus Christ and encouraged us to follow Him.

Today we pray for the next generation of Americans. Draw children, teenagers, and young adults to Yourself. Protect them from deception, temptation, and influences that seek to turn them away from Your truth. Give them hearts that desire to know You, love You, and faithfully serve You all the days of their lives.

Strengthen parents as they teach their children. Encourage grandparents as they pray for their families and share their wisdom. Bless pastors, youth leaders, children's workers, Christian school teachers, and volunteers who faithfully minister to young people each week. Give them endurance, wisdom, and joy in their service.

Raise up a new generation of pastors, missionaries, evangelists, teachers, faithful church leaders, and godly Christian servants who will boldly proclaim the gospel without compromise. May they stand firmly upon the authority of Your Word and become shining lights in a world that desperately needs the hope of Jesus Christ.

Help us all to leave behind a legacy of faith that points others to our Savior. May future generations know not only about You but come to know You personally through faith in Jesus Christ.

We pray these things in His glorious name.

Amen.

Today's Challenge

Take time today to encourage someone from a younger generation. Write a note, make a phone call, send a message, pray with them, or share a testimony of God's faithfulness in your life. Ask God to use your words to strengthen their faith and encourage their walk with Christ.

Today's Prayer Focus

Pray for the children, teenagers, college students, young adults, and future Christian leaders of America—that they will place their hope in Jesus Christ, remain faithful to God's Word, and boldly proclaim the gospel to the generations that follow.

Thursday, July 30, 2026

250 Years of Praying for America

Theme: The Church—A Light in the Darkness

Scripture Reading (ESV)

Matthew 5:13–16

13 "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

14 "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.

15 Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house.

16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

Devotional Thought

Jesus never intended for His Church to withdraw from the world. While we are not to become like the world, we are called to minister to it with truth, grace, compassion, and unwavering conviction. The Church of Jesus Christ is God's chosen instrument for proclaiming the gospel, making disciples, strengthening believers, and serving as a beacon of hope in a world darkened by sin.

Throughout America's history, faithful churches have shaped communities, cared for the needy, educated children, sent missionaries around the globe, ministered during times of war and disaster, defended biblical truth, and faithfully proclaimed salvation through Jesus Christ alone. Their greatest contribution, however, has never been social reform or humanitarian work—it has always been the faithful preaching of the gospel that transforms lives from the inside out.

Today, our nation desperately needs churches that shine brightly for Christ. We need congregations that love God's Word, worship Him sincerely, disciple believers faithfully, and proclaim the gospel courageously. We need pastors who preach the Scriptures without compromise, church members who genuinely love one another, and believers whose daily lives demonstrate the reality of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Jesus described His followers as both **salt** and **light**. Salt preserves and influences. Light exposes darkness and points the way to safety. When Christians faithfully live out their faith, they become a powerful testimony to the transforming grace of God. Conversely, when the Church loses its distinctiveness and begins to mirror the culture rather than Christ, its witness is weakened.

As we pray for America today, let us begin by praying for our own churches. Revival has often begun not in government buildings or public squares, but in humble congregations where believers confessed their sins, sought God's face, and renewed their commitment to His Word. Imagine what God could do if churches across America were united in prayer, committed to biblical truth, passionate about evangelism, and devoted to making disciples.

May Grace Community Bible Church, and thousands of faithful churches like it across our nation, continue to be shining lights that point people to the Savior. As Christ builds His Church, the gates of hell will not prevail against it (Matthew 16:18).

Points for Reflection

- Does my life reflect the light of Christ to those around me?
- Am I faithfully involved in the ministry and mission of my local church?
- How can I encourage my pastor and fellow church members this week?
- Is my church known more for biblical truth and love than for programs and activities?

Prayer for America

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for establishing the Church through the Lord Jesus Christ and for giving us the privilege of being part of Your family. Thank You for faithful churches throughout America's history that have boldly proclaimed Your Word and faithfully shared the gospel.

Today we pray for churches across our nation. Strengthen pastors as they preach Your truth with courage and humility. Encourage elders, deacons, Sunday school teachers, musicians, children's workers, youth leaders, missionaries, and every faithful servant who labors for the advancement of Your kingdom.

Protect our churches from false teaching, division, discouragement, and spiritual complacency. Fill our congregations with genuine love, joyful worship, biblical preaching, fervent prayer, and a passion for reaching the lost with the good news of Jesus Christ.

Help every believer to recognize that the Church is not merely a place we attend but a family to which we belong and a mission in which we participate. May our churches become known throughout our communities as places where truth is proclaimed, grace is extended, lives are transformed, and Jesus Christ is exalted above all.

We especially pray for churches in communities where the gospel witness is weak. Raise up faithful shepherds and send laborers into the harvest. May revival begin in our pulpits, spread through our pews, and overflow into our neighborhoods and across our nation.

We ask these things in the mighty name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Today's Challenge

Take time today to encourage someone who faithfully serves in your local church. Send a note of appreciation, make a phone call, or personally thank your pastor, a Sunday school teacher, a ministry leader, or another servant whose quiet faithfulness often goes unnoticed. Pray specifically for your church by name, asking God to strengthen its witness in your community.

Today's Prayer Focus

Pray for Bible-believing churches across America—that they will remain faithful to God's Word, boldly proclaim the gospel, make disciples, strengthen families, and shine as lights in their communities until the Lord Jesus Christ returns.

Friday, July 31, 2026

250 Years of Praying for America

Week Five Theme: A Heart for the Lost

Scripture Reading (ESV)

Romans 10:13–15

Opening Thought

God's plan for reaching America has always involved His people faithfully sharing the gospel with others.

Devotional

Paul reminds us that salvation is available to everyone who calls upon the Lord, but people cannot believe unless they hear the message of Christ. Our nation does not simply need better policies or stronger institutions; it needs the gospel. God has chosen ordinary believers to carry the extraordinary message of Jesus Christ. Every conversation, every invitation to church, every testimony, and every act of kindness can become an opportunity for the Holy Spirit to draw someone to saving faith. As we celebrate America's 250th year, let us pray that churches across our land will regain a passion for evangelism and that believers will courageously share Christ with neighbors, coworkers, friends, and family.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for sending Your Son to seek and to save the lost. Give me a heart that reflects Your compassion. Open doors for gospel conversations today. Revive Your church, strengthen pastors and missionaries, and draw many people across America to faith in Jesus Christ. May our nation experience true revival as hearts are transformed by the gospel. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Today's Action Step

Pray by name for three people who do not know Christ, and ask God to give you an opportunity to share the gospel with one of them this week.

Prayer Focus for America

Pray that churches throughout America will faithfully proclaim the gospel and that many people will come to saving faith in Jesus Christ.

Memory Verse

Romans 10:13 — “For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

