

*In Matthew 18, Jesus encourages us, “<sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven.<sup>20</sup> For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”*

**Let us all join together and pray:**

### **Prayers of Thanksgiving and Adoration**

Psalm 100 ESV

**100** Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

<sup>2</sup> Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

<sup>3</sup> Know that the Lord, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his;<sup>[a]</sup>

we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

<sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving,

and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

<sup>5</sup> For the Lord is good;

his steadfast love endures forever,

and his faithfulness to all generations.

Isaiah 25:1 ESV

25 O Lord, you are my God;

I will exalt you; I will praise your name,

for you have done wonderful things,

plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

Psalm 28:7 ESV

<sup>7</sup> The Lord is my strength and my shield;

in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;

my heart exults,

and with my song I give thanks to him.

### **For all of our elected national, state and local officials**

Romans 13:1 ESV

**13** Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.

1 Timothy 2:1-2 NIV

**2** I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—<sup>2</sup>for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

## **For all who feel unheard and are consumed with anger**

Colossians 3:8, 11, 15 NIV

<sup>8</sup> But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips....<sup>11</sup> Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all ... <sup>15</sup> Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace.

James 1:19 NIV

<sup>19</sup> My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, <sup>20</sup> because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.

## **For healing of the deep divisions within our own local church, community and nation**

2 Chronicles 7:14 ESV

<sup>14</sup> 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.

Matthew 5:9 ESV

<sup>9</sup> "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Acts 17:26-27 ESV

<sup>26</sup> And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, <sup>27</sup> that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us.

Romans 14:19 ESV

<sup>19</sup> Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.

Galatians 3:26-28 NIV

<sup>26</sup> So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, <sup>27</sup> for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 4:31- 5:2 ESV

31 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.  
5 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. <sup>2</sup> And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

## **For the eyes of all to be open to the will of God**

Proverbs 3:5-6 ESV

<sup>5</sup> Trust in the Lord with all your heart,  
and do not lean on your own understanding.

<sup>6</sup> In all your ways acknowledge him,  
and he will make straight your paths.

Matthew 7:7-8 ESV

<sup>7</sup>“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. <sup>8</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.

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Romans 12:1-2 ESV

<sup>12</sup> I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

James 1:5 ESV

<sup>5</sup> If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.

**To confess our errors of the past, to ask God to change our hearts and to heal us**

Romans 3:23-24 ESV

<sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,<sup>24</sup> and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

James 5:16 ESV

<sup>16</sup> Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

1 John 1:9 ESV

<sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**For the Lord’s wisdom about how to be a part of His redeeming and reconciling work of peace and unity in our church, community, nation and world.**

Romans 10:12-13 ESV

<sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. <sup>13</sup> For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

2 Corinthians 5:18-21 ESV

<sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup> that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup> Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Ephesians 4:32 ESV

<sup>32</sup> Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Hebrews 12:14 ESV

<sup>14</sup> Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.

1 Peter 3:8-11 ESV

<sup>8</sup> Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. <sup>9</sup> Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. <sup>10</sup> For

“Whoever desires to love life and see good days,  
let him keep his tongue from evil  
and his lips from speaking deceit;  
<sup>11</sup> let him turn away from evil and do good;  
let him seek peace and pursue it.

1 Peter 4:8 ESV

**8** Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.

**Praise the Lord continually for his faithfulness**

James 1:2-4 ESV

<sup>2</sup> Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, <sup>3</sup> for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. <sup>4</sup> And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

Isaiah 40:31 ESV

<sup>31</sup> but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;  
they shall run and not be weary;  
they shall walk and not faint.

Colossians 3:15 ESV

<sup>15</sup> And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.