



## PRAYER GUIDE

*As our nation experiences ongoing pain and upheaval due to racial strife we call upon Open Bible people to unite in prayer.*

### **PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING** *Psalm 100:4; Psalm 95:2; Psalm 84:10-12*

- Praise God for life, health, and strength
- Praise God for his constant presence
- Take time to worship and thank Him for all He has been to you and all He has done on your behalf

### **REPENTANCE** *1 John 1:8-10; Psalm 51:4; 2 Chronicles 7:14*

- Ask the Holy Spirit to search our own hearts for racial bias or insensitivity and ask for forgiveness
- Ask for forgiveness and repentance of the sin of racism in our country
- Ask for forgiveness for all the recent acts of discord, violence, and hate in our country

### **PEOPLE IMMEDIATELY AFFECTED BY VIOLENCE** *Matthew 5:23-24; Romans 12:19-21; Romans 14:9*

- Pray for families whose loved ones have died at the hands of law enforcement
  - Pray for the comfort of the Holy Spirit
  - Pray that they forgive the individuals guilty of taking their loved one's life
  - Pray that they come to know Jesus or draw closer to Him during this trying time
  - Pray that they do not have a heart that seeks vengeance
- Pray for law enforcement officers who have been accused of murder
  - Pray that truth and justice will prevail
  - Pray that the hearts of those who are guilty of murder or cruelty would be remorseful
  - Pray that they would come to know Jesus or draw closer to him during this time
- Pray for law enforcement departments
  - Pray that men and women of integrity in blue will prevail and lead
  - Pray that officers who do not equally enforce the law will be rooted out
  - Pray for wisdom and sensitivity as officers go about their daily duties
  - Pray for safety of officers and understanding care for their family members
- Pray for people whose response to events is violence

- Pray that their hearts would be convicted of doing harm to others, even if they believe their cause is just
- Pray that they are confronted by the redeeming love of Christ as the healing solution to our nation's ills instead of violence

**UNITY** *John 17:21; 1 Corinthians 13:4-7; 1 John 4:7-8*

- Pray that we all love each other as we love ourselves
- Pray that our government leaders and decision makers will form just laws that protect everyone equally
- Pray that we all respectfully embrace our differences, from skin color to languages
- Pray that Christians, rather than adding to the chorus of criticism and condemnation of people different than themselves, will model God-honoring and God-pleasing love