



PRAYER GUIDE

As our nation experiences ongoing pain and upheaval due to the deaths and destruction over recent weeks 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 THE VIOLENCE *Matthew 5:23-24; Romans 12:19-21; Romans 14:9*

- Pray for the Floyd family, the Taylor family, the Aubrey family, and others 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 Derek Chauvin, Tou Thavin, Thomas Lane, J Alexander Keung, and other law enforcement officers who have been accused of murder
 - 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 that truth and justice will prevail
- 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