



PRAYER INVITATION

Intercession

Our world is in turmoil. The COVID-19 pandemic, a global economic crisis, racism, and countless injustices plague our nation and the world around us. Where is God in the midst of so much pain? While we may not understand the brokenness of our world, we can rest in the truth that God is “close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those whose spirits are crushed” (Psalm 34:18). Intercessory prayer is not an attempt to force God’s hand, it is a humble confession that we need God’s help for healing the world that He so loves.

Prayer helps open our eyes to notice God’s kingdom all around us *and* empowers us to live out the way of Jesus in our everyday lives. Let us pray for our world and allow God to open our hearts to His presence all around us. Consider using this guide with a friend or in community for your time of prayer this week.

Praying for the World

- Lord, we pray for medical professionals and all who work in hospitals, clinics and nursing homes... for the diligence of scientists working on a vaccine... for storekeepers and clerks, farmers, delivery drivers, firefighters, and all who work in essential services... for mothers, fathers, and those who care for children.

Take a moment to pray in your own words.

May Your kingdom come and Your will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Amen.

- Lord, we pray for all who are sick with the COVID-19 virus... for their family members and friends... for those who have died from COVID-19 and their loved ones... for those who are grieving from the multitudes of trauma caused by this pandemic.

Take a moment to pray in your own words.

May Your kingdom come and Your will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Amen.

- Lord, we continue to pray for the Middle East, where turmoil seems ceaseless. We especially pray for those affected by the airstrikes in the southern Gaza Strip, after 11 straight days of bombing. Our hearts are with Beirut, Lebanon, where explosion survivors are trying to pick up the pieces and rebuild their lives.

Take a moment to pray in your own words.

May Your kingdom come and Your will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Amen.

- Lord, we pray for the Earth, as we face ramifications of natural disasters and a climate crisis in so many parts of the world. For California and Colorado, where over one million acres of wildfires are burning... For Afghanistan where flash floods are killing dozens... For those in the path of Hurricane Laura at the border of Texas and Louisiana, where over 500,000 people have been forced to evacuate.

Take a moment to pray in your own words.

May Your kingdom come and Your will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Amen.

- Lord, we pray for all who experience the wounds of racism... for the loved ones of those who have been killed by police brutality... for those who have been given unequal opportunity in regard to housing, education, and work... and for those learning to be agents of equity and justice.

Take a moment to pray in your own words.

May Your kingdom come and Your will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Amen.

- Finally, Lord, we pray for ourselves... open our hearts to the ways in which you desire us to live... give us a new imagination for how Your kingdom might come on earth as it is in Heaven... and lead us in the way of life everlasting.

Take a moment to pray in your own words.

May Your kingdom come and Your will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Amen.

Closing Invitation

*Take a moment to reflect on your experience of praying for the world. How did it go?
Are you sensing any invitation from God for how you might continue to practice praying for the world in your everyday life?*