

40 DAYS OF PRAYER

2022 | 8TH ANNUAL
COMMUNITY-WIDE
PRAYER CAMPAIGN
FOR EL DORADO &
UNION COUNTY
ARKANSAS

POWER FROM GOD is available to those who pray. Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness fasting in preparation for His spiritual conflict with Satan (Matthew 4:1-3) because He understood the need for fasting and prayer to overcome evil (Mark 9:29). If our Lord felt the need for regular prayer, how much more should we, as His people, be devoted to prayer (Colossians 4:2)! To that end, for the eighth year, we as churches and as a community are being called to follow the example of Jesus by spending the next 40 days in concentrated, coordinated prayer.

IF YOU ARE WILLING to be a part of this spiritual discipline, please use each day's prayer guide to pray for at least five minutes a day for 40 days and pray for the specific needs identified by our area ministers, ministry leaders, and community leaders.

SOME PRACTICAL TIPS

1. Choose a specific time & place to pray each day
2. Consider praying together with others in your home
3. Start this time by taking a few slow, full breaths, in through your nose and out through your mouth, to allow your thoughts to settle
4. Read the scripture focus aloud to begin
5. Use this guide as a starting point for your prayer time, then continue your conversation with God on what's on your heart for each day

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.

-II Chronicles 7:14



KICKOFF PRAYER

the entire community is invited to meet at **CITY HALL** at **NOON** on **MON, OCT 3** for a powerful start to your community-wide prayer campaign!



PRAYER WALK

bring your friends & family as we pray over key points together on **WED, NOV 9**. meet at the el dorado **POLICE DEPT** at **6:30 PM**, then walk to city hall, then el dorado school district central office, & the Union County Courthouse

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THANKFUL FOR THE AVENUE OF PRAYER



“And another angel came and stood at the alter with a golden censer, and he was given much incense to offer with the prayers of the saints on a golden alter before the throne, and the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, rose before God from the hand of the angel. Then the angel took the censer and filled it with fire from the alter and throw it on the earth, and there were peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning, and an earthquake. - Revelation 8:3-5”

Our prayers are a sweet aroma before God. He loves to hear them. His response shakes heaven and earth. At times we are unaware of His actions, but they always happen. The gracious thing is that He answers according to what is truly needed. We can trust Him and His loving response.

Father, we are so grateful for this avenue of prayer. We are thrilled that you are concerned for us and desire to hear us. We trust your love for us and your response and we pledge to continue talking with you. We pray you are attentive to these concerns mentioned through the next 40 days. Open our hearts and minds to be aware of your presence. We pray through Jesus. Amen.



PRAISE OF GOD

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“I love you, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies. Psalm 18:1-3”

Praising God can mean simply speaking the truths we know about Him. That's how David starts his praise: "The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer" Praising God and thanking Him for what He has done in our lives can help us to think about "whatever is true," which the apostle Paul says will help us have peace (Philippians 4:8). But, it can also change our hearts and lives as we pay closer attention to who God is and what God does for us on a daily basis. When we praise God we become more aware of His workings all around us.

Heavenly Father, You are our Rock, our fortress and our deliverer. We come to You today to give You all the praise and honor that is due unto You alone. Thank You Lord, for Your goodness towards us all. By praising you today we become more aware of your presence in our lives and in our community. God fix our eyes on you today. In Jesus's name we pray, AMEN.



COMMUNITY PRAYER MON, OCT 3

Drop by **CITY HALL** at **NOON** on **MONDAY, OCTOBER 3** for a community prayer together to kick off this year's campaign!

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PEACE IN OUR COMMUNITY



For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us. - Ephesians 2:14

There is so much division in our community. We don't have to ignore our differences to work together. We must respect one another and learn to listen to those around us. We must break down the wall between us to work together for the betterment of our community and ourselves.

Dear Heavenly Father, we have allowed ourselves to focus so much on our differences that we have forgotten our most important commonality, that we are ALL your children. As your children, Lord, please guide us in promoting peace and unity instead of hate and division. Amen.

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PEACE IN OUR NATION

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If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. - 2 Chronicles 7:14

If we, God's people, will pray and seek His face. He will forgive us and heal us, but we must humble ourselves.

Loving, Heavenly Father. We humble ourselves before You as we pray for peace in our nation. We praise you in advance for the promise to forgive us and heal our land. Amen

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PEACE IN OUR WORLD



“Grace be to you and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. -II Corinthians 1:2”

In prayer we recognize that the peace of God surpasses all understanding and we pray for that peace throughout the world.

Father God in the name of in the name of Jesus, we thank you for your grace and your mercy, but most of all Father we thank you for your peace right now. We ask that the peace that is in you, you give to us that we can show others in this world what peace really looks like through you. In the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen!



6 REVIVAL

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“Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord. -Acts 3:19”

When we think about revival we often times think about an experience or a big “show”. I think it's clear here in Acts when it says repent and turn to God so that times of refreshing may come. These times of refreshing would refer to as revival. This is not some fabricated act or show. Revival is a true HEART change and a Change in a person. That's true revival. Let us repent and ask the Lord to change our Hearts so that we may experience true revival.

Dear Lord, We come to you today just simply thanking you for all you have done for us because we are not worthy. Thank you for saving us and keeping us everyday we wake up with breath in our lungs. Lord today we ask that you radically change our hearts. Let us have a true heart change. Whatever we have been hiding in the dark let it come to light. Let our inner man the heart be changed forever and let your refreshing presence rest on us. In Jesus name we pray, Amen!

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MARRIAGES



“We know two are better than one for they have a great reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift his fellow. But woe to him that is alone, when he falls he has not another to lift him up. - Ecclesiastes 4:9”

In marriage, many times when one spouse is going through some difficult times they can reach out to their partner for guidance and assurance.

Lord, we know that two are better than one, this was your design. Help us to truly lift up one another as you have created us to do.



8 FAMILIES

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“Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old, they will not turn from it. - Proverbs 22:6”

If someone trains you, that person teaches you new skills and gives you the necessary preparation to complete a particular job or activity. As parents/guardians, it is our responsibility to teach our kids how to think for themselves, how to study, how to think for themselves, how to worship, and how to pray. We are to teach children right from wrong with calm words and actions, give them your attention, listen to their perception, set limits, give consequences, acknowledge them for being good, know when not to respond, and to be prepared. Solomon said “Train him/her up.” This describes the period from birth to maturity. It is our responsibility as parents/guardians to be consistent with teaching our knowledge of the Lord, referring to scripture for guidance. Action is far more important than technique.

Dear Lord; With everything life throws at us, it can be hard to stay grateful for what matters most: our family. You teach us to remember the importance of maintaining strong family bonds and unity. Please help us build a foundation for our community through our families, raising our children to make informed and educated decisions, so that they may take the reigns of leadership and build for future our prosperity.

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PRAISE FOR CHRIST



“Concerning His Son...who was declared the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness by the resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord. - Romans 1:3-4”

In prayer we recognize and praise Jesus Christ, the Son of God with power. Power to answer our prayers and accomplish His will in our community.

We praise the Resurrected One. The Son of God with Power. The Christ. We pray that His power would be witnessed in our community and that all men, everywhere, would give their voices in praise as well. To the One who is worthy, the only one deserving, We give You praise! We declare Jesus Christ King of Heaven and Earth and Lord over the city of El Dorado, AR.



10 LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

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“But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. - Luke 6:35”

How can you love your enemies? You can do good to them and pray for them. You cannot hate someone for whom you pray. If this was the way of everyone, there would be no enemies.

Father God, we praise you for your love of your children and for the forgiveness that you offer to all people. Father help each of us to forgive and love others as you love all. Help us to remember to do good to all people as Paul stated in Galatians 6: 10.

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HOSPITALS AND HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS



“Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s. - Psalm 103:1-5”

"Who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases," I believe that God forgives. I believe that God still heals. But how? God may heal instantly or gradually over time. God may heal with medical means, using surgery, therapy or medicines. God may heal without medical means. And, I believe God may heal ultimately, through death. We may hope to influence the activity of God through prayer. But God is God, and we're not!

Lord, we believe You still heal, how, when, and why, we leave to You alone! Amen.



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ELDERLY AND THOSE IN NURSING HOMES

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**“The glory of young men is their strength, gray hair the splendor of the old.
- Proverbs 20: 29**

The splendor of gray hair in this verse is a symbol of the wisdom and experience that old age brings. In our fast paced and youth oriented culture, the elderly are often overlooked. At home or in care facilities, many senior adults face struggles and loneliness. Older members of our families and community need our presence and our prayers, and we can be richly blessed by the stories and wisdom they have to offer.

Gracious God, we thank you for the women and men in our community who have travelled far down life's road. Open our hearts to truly see and hear our elderly, especially those who are lonely. May we learn and grow from the wisdom our senior adults can give us. We pray your rich blessings upon these special ones who have earned our honor.

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THOSE IN POVERTY



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“And she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” - 1 Kings 17:12

This single mother did not have enough of anything. She was almost out of food, totally out of hope, no faith in anything anymore, and no other adult is mentioned with which to share life. Life was gone and even existing not far behind. She had little left to be afraid of so she took a chance on God.

Gracious God, we are all needy. Poverty of health, food, friends, hope, self-esteem, or faith is experienced by all. Help us follow your guidance when our relationship with you is small and logic says why bother; that we may know you, your love and your provision to exceed our needs.

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14 **MILITARY**

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“**Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. - Joshua 1:9**”

As young men and Women enter the Military, they are fearful of leaving their family for extended periods, not knowing when they will be back to see them.

Lord, thank you for the men and women who have sacrificed leaving their family so we may continue to live and worship in a free Country. We pray for the ones far from home and pray they seek your guidance and your assurance that you are with them wherever they go. Amen.

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LOCAL BUSINESS OWNERS

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“**We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed. We are perplexed, but not driven to despair. We are hunted down, but never abandoned by God. We get knocked down, but we are not destroyed. - 2 Corinthians 4:8-9**”

Small business owners have experienced all recently; grumpy customers, no customers, no employees, costly employees, new regulations, more regulations, high prices, low profit and no profit. Like a bag of chips knocked to the floor and stepped on, some are at the point of exploding while others already have. What to do? Watch out! A lot of stuff does not bring 'real' life. Life and light are Jesus. E. Stanley Jones says it this way. "In Him life experiences Life, out of Him life experiences death."

Heavenly Father, be my friend. Be my guide to green pastures. Fill my spirit and drive out all fear through the indwelling of your Holy Spirit. I want to experience Life!



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PRAISE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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“And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; Even the Spirit of truth whom the world cannot receive; because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you and shall be in you. Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall also live. - John 14:16-19”

When you have a need, you don't have to go anywhere for Christ to come to you as a believer in Jesus Christ. Through the Holy Spirit, Christ lives in you and there is no distance between you and Jesus. God wants to hear from you today and everyday through prayer, bible reading and reflection. Call on God this very moment with the following prayer.

Most gracious Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of your Holy Spirit. We gratefully acknowledge your Spirit's presence in us. We praise you for always knowing what we need, and helping us pray. We desire to grow closer to you this very moment. We want to pray for others. "Lord, help me live from day to day In such a self forgetful way, That even when I kneel to pray, My prayer shall be for Others. Others, Lord, Yes others, Let this my motto be, Help me live for others, That I may live like Thee." In the praise and power of the Holy Spirit we pray thy will be done. In Jesus name, Amen & Amen.

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GODLY MEN TO LEAD YOUTH



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“Command these things. Teach them. Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young. Instead, set an example for the believers through your speech, behavior, love, faith, and by being sexually pure. Until I arrive, pay attention to public reading, preaching, and teaching. - 1 Timothy 4:11-13”

The Apostle Paul wrote 1 Timothy to a young pastor, but his words are not only for pastors (or aspiring pastors). Every man of God should aspire to know and teach what is true about God. What you believe and say about God is one of the most important things about you. Men who speak well in the world are men who first listen well to God in His word. Strive to know Him as thoroughly and deeply as possible - to mediate on his law day and night - and to bear a faithful witness to who He truly is to others.

Father God, we pray that You instill in all men a desire to not only know, but also teach what is good & true about You. Give us a hunger to arm ourselves with the "sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God" (Ephesians 6:17) & to be ready "whenever anyone asks us to speak of our hope" (1 Peter 3:15). Father, give us a willingness to boldly proclaim the goodness & faithfulness that You have revealed in Your word. Thank you for not only hearing the cry of our hearts but also for the answer that is sure to come. Amen!

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18**LOCAL CONGREGATIONS AND UNITY AMONG THEM**

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Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in UNITY! It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes! It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion! For there the Lord has commanded the blessings, life forevermore. - Psalm 133:1-3

What is unity?

1. Not the absence of difference, but the absence of division. Mark 3:25 tells us that a house divided against itself cannot stand. If we are divided, we are already defeated.
2. Unity is health and harmony in relationships. We are not in competition, but on the same team. We would see people differently if we saw them as the spiritual beings they are and the valuable people they are to God.
3. Unity is clear and common purpose. We will see our city and community changed when we come together for the common purpose of Christ.

God, today as we pray for unity in the congregations of our community, we are not asking for sameness but being on the same page. Father, help us to lay aside our selfish ambitions and contend for UNITY in our local church bodies. We ask all of this in the awesome name of Jesus. Amen!

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NONPROFIT AGENCIES IN OUR COMMUNITYOCT
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Work willingly in whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. - Colossians 3:23

The work that our local Non-Profit do is HARD. The balance of serving those most in need and continuing to raise funds for the work, can often be draining and traumatic. Many of our local community are unaware of the work they do and how important it is.

LORD, we pray for the organizations that are on the front line serving the least of these. These Non-Profits that work tirelessly to feed, clothe, support, and minister to those that need it the most. LORD, we pray our community sees the work that is being done and stands up to help. We pray for the leaders of these organizations. We pray for their individual strength and discernment. We pray they don't grow weary in their work. We pray for the staff and volunteers. They are the ones that are seeing the trauma and pain in our community. LORD, give them peace. We pray for the unity of all the different organizations. Together, they can do a multitude of healing. LORD, we pray that you continue to be glorified in their work. Thank you for giving them a servant heart. We pray our community can continue to lift them up, they are so important, and we are thankful for them.

20 PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

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Read Daniel 9: 1 - 19

Daniel prays for his nation being held captive. Is our nation any different than Daniel's? Like Daniel, are Christians in a state of captivity and persecution?

All this disaster has come on us, yet we have not sought the favor of the LORD our God by turning from our sins & giving attention to your truth. The LORD did not hesitate to bring this disaster on us, for the LORD our God is righteous in everything he does; yet we have not obeyed him. Now, Lord our God... we have sinned, we have done wrong!

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FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION

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“Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation. God settles the solitary in a home. - Psalm 68:5-6

Our God, who rides through the deserts (v.4) and in the heavens (v.33), delivers the most vulnerable, children in need of adoption and foster care. He makes provisions to protect them, revealing His great compassion for them. As God's people we share in God's compassion through our prayers and provision for children in need of homes.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for being a God of redemption. We thank you that through Jesus Christ we have been adopted as your children. We pray that we would be involved in your work of caring for the vulnerable through providing for children in need of adoption and foster care.

22 OUR JUDGES AND JUDICIAL SYSTEM

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“When justice is done, it is a joy to the righteous but terror to evildoers.

- Proverbs 21:15

“The proper role of the judiciary is one of interpreting and applying the law, not making it.” - Sandra Day O'Connor

Lord, God we ask you to cause the judges in our land to be men and women with wisdom and humility. We pray our judges will seek your truth and not their own opinions, and we pray they will respect your law of life and have the courage to do what is right. In the precious name of Jesus we pray. Amen

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PRAISE FOR ANSWERED PRAYERS

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**“I call on you, O God, for you will answer me; give ear to me and hear my prayer.
- Psalms 17:6”**

Until recently I did not realize that every prayer I had ever uttered had been answered by God! Before you stop reading let me explain. I have taught for years that God answers prayer in four ways: sometimes He says, “Yes,” sometimes it’s “No,” other times He says “Wait,” and finally He may say, “I have something better for you.” After I got to thinking about those four responses to my prayers, I realized that every prayer I had ever uttered had been answered. The problem is if God doesn’t answer our prayers the way WE want them answered, we conclude that God hasn’t answered our prayer when he really has. When I look back I realize that sometimes “NO” was actually better for me in the long run. I’ve seen times when God gave me something much better. We say we want God’s will to be done in all things; that includes our prayers.

Lord, I am amazed at your answering of our prayers and I praise you for always hearing our prayers. It is wonderful when you say, “Yes” to our prayers, that means Your will and my will is one in the same. But I am just as thankful for those times you have said, “No” because you always know what is best for me. Amen.

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FIREFIGHTERS, POLICE OFFICERS, AND PARAMEDICS

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“The word of the Lord came to me, saying, 'Jeremiah, what do you see?' And I said, 'I see the branch of an almond tree.' Then the Lord said to me, 'You have seen well, for I am watching over my word to perform it.' - Jeremiah 1:11-12”

This short passage from the prophet Jeremiah has long fascinated me. On the surface it barely seems coherent, but with a little digging it is a wonderful promise. In Hebrew, the root word for “almond” is the same and the root for “diligent” or “steadfast”, qualities God describes of His presence to His people. I frequently hear the sirens of our fire engines and ambulances at all hours of the day and night. They sound the same at midnight as they do at noon; at all hours, the response is the same. Men and women rush to our help in some of the worst situations of our lives. At every hour, they are diligent in their readiness to respond. They share with us the burdens of our tragedies, whether they be urgent medical situations or destruction by fire. Not only can we rely upon their skill and dedication, but we also rely on their presence. They are the ones who show up when no one else can or will. Our fire and emergency medical responders bear this weight day in & day out. It takes a toll on their bodies as well as their souls to maintain their diligence & to share our suffering. But, they remain steadfast in their commitment to arrive & help whenever we are in need. I would ask you to join me in my prayers for them in all they do.

Almighty God, you have shown your steadfastness to your people across countless generations. And, you have raised up steadfast servants to care for your people. Give courage and persistence to our fire and emergency medical personnel. Grant them strength to share our burdens with us in our moments of need. Restore them when they are tired and comfort them when they share our wounds. Enable them to embody your diligent care for your people so that we might know your steadfast presence through their hands. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

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UPCOMING ELECTION



“Moreover look for those from among you who are able, who fear God, who are trustworthy and hate a bribe, and place them over the people. - Exodus 18:21”

We are so fortunate to live in a nation that enjoys more personal freedoms than most any other country in the world. These freedoms are enshrined in our founding documents but in order to maintain these freedoms, it is the responsibility of the voter to elect men and women who are dedicated to the protection of our God Given rights and to the service of those who place them in office. These elected positions should be places of public service occupied by public servants.

Kind Father, as we approach our upcoming election, we ask for Godly wisdom as we select our local, state, and federal leaders. Move in the hearts and minds of those in our community to be prudent in the exercise of one of our most solemn rights. We fervently ask for your richest blessings on our city, state and nation. In the most holy name of Jesus we ask it. Amen.



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ALL LEADERS IN GOVERNMENT

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“He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding. - Daniel 2:21”

Do we actually think we have control over those who run our government, all power is in the hands of He who created us. God has the power to seat or to remove anyone in a position of leadership, it is our responsibility to seek out those who believe in this power and desire His wisdom and knowledge.

Oh God my God, I trust you to exercise your control over our leaders in government, lead them to make the right decisions and to govern according to the principles found in your word.

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MENTAL HEALTH



“For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. - 1 Corinthians 13:12”

Mental health has been a hot topic in various contexts for several years now. As our knowledge has increased, so has our awareness of the importance of mental well-being. The implications of our mental & emotional health have risen to new heights in the wake of the “pandemic years.” The effects of chronic worry, stress, relational distress, & dysfunctional social discourse have all amplified our awareness of the impact our mental health can have on our lives. While our awareness has increased, access to care has not been able to keep pace. Mental healthcare workers are often overbooked and overworked, while people in need of help struggle to find appointments. It is easy to become overwhelmed, or worse, dismissive of our needs when we become frustrated. God is with us in our distress. God is with us when we struggle to see outside of our inner turmoil. Perhaps His presence & love will help us to see that we are worth the effort to take care of ourselves & others.

Heavenly Father, you have come among us as teacher, counselor, and healer. Help us to grow in our capacity to understand true wellness and to care for ourselves and others. Guide us as we strive to understand and care for our mental health, and empower our care-givers to meet us when we need help. Cast away the stigmas and barriers that impede our well-being, so that we might grow more fully into who you have called us to be. In the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen

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THOSE INCARCERATED AND THEIR FAMILIES

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“Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. - Hebrews 13:3”

We’re familiar with the phrase “out of sight - out of mind”. It’s easy to forget those that are in prison or incarcerated. Even though it was their own actions that placed them there. But we must remember that we, all of us, that are believers in Christ, were guilty by our own deeds of sin that imprisoned us as well. Maybe not in a physical prison, but a spiritual one. Thankfully, we have been set free by the forgiving power of Jesus. Let us also remember the families of those affected, especially spouses and children, of the incarcerated.

Heavenly Father, Thank you for the gift of Your Son who came to set the captive free. Even though there are those who are in a physical prison surrounded with walls and bars, Your Holy Spirit still strives to set every captive free! We pray for these men & women today, that they would come to know you in your salvation and freedom. We also pray for the families, spouses, and especially the children affected by incarceration. Keep your hand of protection upon them physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Let them sense your loving presence on their lives while they are separated from their loved one. We humbly ask this in Jesus name... Amen

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TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATORS, & SCHOOL EMPLOYEES

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“The same came to Jesus by night and said unto him, ‘Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for now man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him. - John 3:2

Teaching is more than just a job. It's a calling & a unique privilege. It's skill set of developing future minds. Observing these teachers is fundamental for these young minds during their learning processes. The modern world has a new problem with the barrage of instant media that adversely affects the development of observing, not to mention the concerns that both parties & their families have in the current environment of mental health concerns. The importance of training our future generation continues to remain a priority, while the risk of entering this profession continues to rise. Jesus was the ultimate teacher. We pray that our teachers may continue maintaining an environment to be a positive influence on our future generation in developing the knowledge they will need to pass down to the next generation.

Dear Lord, please help our teachers, school resource staff, and administrators continue to really make a difference in the lives that they serve. Please help their primary focus continue to be on changing the lives of our young minds for the better through the education of facts and information that will be carried on throughout their days. Please allow our youth to be teachable, demonstrating positive character and integrity that they are able to learn from the environment of working with their teachers and school officials. Please provide guidance to our teachers, staff, and administrators in establishing a bond with students, which will become building blocks that will springboard their current and future educational opportunities. Amen.

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PRAISE TO THE GOD WHO HOLDS THE FUTURE

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“I lift up my eyes to the hills. Where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. - Psalm 121:1-2

In this uncertain world in which we live, with all its chaos and unrest, we must look upward and turn our eyes to the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth. He is our help today and for all eternity.

God, You are our help! From eternity past to eternity future you sovereignly control all things. We praise You, the mighty maker of heaven and earth. You are our constant keeper. You keep us from all evil. You are the keeper of our life, today and for all eternity. We pray that You would keep our going out and our coming in from this time forth and forevermore. AMEN.

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THOSE UNREACHED WITH THE GOSPEL



“And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come. - Matthew 24:14”

We know that the Word of God will spread throughout the whole world, and we know that we are the ones to take it. We must only share what is dear, our testimony. Stand tall and testify today!

Creator of everything, help us to hear your call to share the gospel. Give us strength we pray, to stand tall and speak from the heart what we know is true. The truth is Your love. Amen



1 THOSE BATTLING PRESENTLY INCURABLE DISEASES

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“But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. - Isaiah 53:5”

We have known many people who received the word that nothing more could be done for them medically speaking. Some of these dear people are still alive today. May we live each day to its fullest. We know that all of us are going to physically die one day. Give us wisdom to face this challenge. We are all terminal.

Father, you taught us while you were on earth to speak to the impossible. Just because a disease seems incurable doesn't mean you are not able. Today we embrace your sovereign understanding that everything in the universe is in Your control. We release the preconceptions we have of how things are supposed to turn out. Help us to see our healing is not a result of Your power, but of Your purpose. Today, Lord we place our lives in the palm of your hands; let us experience peace, love, and contentment there. Give us faith like the Hebrew children in the fire, who did not bow even if God did not bring deliverance. Give us grit like Job to be able to bless Your name in nakedness, and trust God 'though He slay me.' Give us grace as you did Paul, when you would not remove the thorn. Give us peace as you gave Christ the night of His passion, when you would not take the cup away. May we walk with You in the fullness of faith, until we come into the fullness of life. In Jesus name Amen.

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LOCAL WORK FORCE/JOBS



“God will establish the works of our hands.

- Psalms 90:17”

In prayer we ask that God will provide for local work force and jobs for them to obtain to be a viable and sustaining asset to our community through providing for their families giving honor to God!

Most gracious Father we come before you thanking you for the ability to utilize our limbs and give an honest day’s work for and honest day’s pay! We thank you for providing jobs in our city to sustain our needs for our families and to economically develop our city! We thank you for giving your people a mind to work and a body to perform the duties needed! You do all things well and we thank you for being the source of all of our resources! In the name of Jesus we pray! Amen!



SAFETY IN SCHOOLS

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“God says to 'fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.'

- Isaiah 41:10”

In prayer we form a hedge around our children, administration and faculty of the school districts daily. We pray for God protection to be ever present.

Dear heavenly Father, we thank you that your presence is ever felt, your protection is powerful and your position is set firm to guard our children, teachers and faculty members! We pray that the school administration and our entire school district is safe and secure in your loving yet mighty hands each and every day! We thank you in advance for our schools being safe throughout this school year! In the mighty name of Jesus we do pray! Amen!

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SPIRITUAL LEADERS IN OUR COMMUNITY



“Be sure you know the condition of your flocks, give careful attention to your herds. - Proverb 27:23”

Ministers, lay leaders, worship leaders, teachers, youth ministry, and volunteers. Our leaders in our churches need encouragement to hold steady in their call and find God's peace and rest to keep their spirit refueled for the work ahead.

Lord, we pray for a refueled spirit in our spiritual leaders today. We pray they are each overwhelmed with the spirit as they remember the reason they started this work. We pray for those leaders that are struggling with serving hurting and broken people. We ask that their souls not grow weary. We pray for their families, that they may see them and encourage them when needed. Lord, we pray for the truth they speak. We pray it is received clearly and those words move people to action and toward love. Lord, we pray for the grace you so freely give and the mercy we so eagerly receive. Today we pray that the floodgates are thrown open upon our church leaders as they accept that grace & mercy. Most of all, we pray for rest & mediation for each of these leaders. We pray that the burdens of their ministry fall away and they find peace with you. Oh Lord, Your Word declares that You are our Good Shepherd. Just as shepherds provides guidance for their sheep, we pray that You, Lord, provide guidance for every leader. I pray that You help them to be more like You. Help them know the condition of their flock. I pray that every leader gives careful attention those they lead, and that the relationship between those they lead will flourish. This is the prayer of our heart. Amen.



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ABUSED AND THE ABUSIVE

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“He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. - Psalm 147:3”

Today we are mindful of people who have been abused. Those who have suffered abuse are often filled with shame, fear, anger and hopelessness brought about by the abuse. We need to provide a safe place for them to heal.

Father, we pray for the abused. Those who are isolated, silenced, hurting and scared. We ask that you help them find courage and strength to ask for help. We know that only you have the power to heal them completely. Please use us as your instruments to lovingly care for them as they heal. Lord, we also pray for their abusers. You who are the true light, we pray that you lighten the darkness within the abusers. We pray that they are able turn their lives over to you and end the cycle of abuse. Amen

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PRAISE FOR OUR FREEDOMS AND LIBERTIES



“But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.”
- James 1:25

When we look at our freedoms and liberties in this country, we should praise God daily for them.

Lord, we praise your holy name. We praise and thank you for allowing us to live in a nation blessed with freedom and liberty. Help us to acknowledge and understand the sacrifices that have been made on our behalf, and never take those sacrifices for granted. Lord, please continue to bless our nation and help us return it to being “one nation under God”. In the precious name of Jesus, we ask these things. Amen.



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HOMELESS IN OUR COMMUNITY

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“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Yeshua the Messiah, the Father of compassion and God of all encouragement. He encourages us in every trouble, so that we may be able to encourage those who are in any trouble, through the very encouragement with which we ourselves are encouraged by God.”
- 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Jesus said the poor would always be with us, but what are we to do? We care, we share, and we encourage. Jesus told us that as we care for those in times of need and trouble, we demonstrate love for Him. This means so much more than just throwing money at an uncomfortable problem. Behind the problem is a person that needs love and connection and encouragement. We have all been down at some point in our lives. May we be a people who show the same love and encouragement that we ourselves have been shown.

Father God, this world is a difficult place. Thank you for your Son, Jesus, who was the perfect example of showing love and encouragement. Help us to have compassion like you, and to share your comfort and encouragement with those who have no place to lay their head. May we glorify Your Name by loving humankind well. In the Holy Name of Yeshua we pray, Amen!

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ADDICTS AND THEIR FAMILIES



“Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and He delivered them from their distress. He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and burst their bonds apart. - Psalm 107:13-14”

Addiction is no respecter of persons. Anyone can become an addict to damaging behaviors. It feels like being in chains and darkness with no hope of escape. It also damages everyone around the person who is an addict; family, friends, co-workers, other drivers... We pray today for the active addict, recovering addicts and all those affected by addiction.

Father, hear our cry. There are many in our community chained by addiction. They do and say things they would never do sober. Please help them to turn toward you. Hold those who have loved ones in active addiction. Give them freedom too. Restore all to your blessed peace and freedom. Grant them life. We pray in Jesus, who burst the bonds of death.

PRAYER WALK | WED, NOV 9



Bring your friends & family as we are led in prayer by local ministers on **WED, NOV 9**. We will start at the **EL DORADO POLICE DEPT** at **6:30 PM**, then walk to City Hall, then El Dorado School District Central Office, & finally the Union County Courthouse.



LOCAL, SPECIFIC CONCERNS

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“The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much . - James 5:16”

A city of 18,000 has specific, local concerns just as the city of 180,000. Just because we're smaller isn't an issue to our Heavenly Father. He hears our "fervent, effectual" prayers. Just persevere. Keep talking to Him!

Lord our Strength, please grant us the perseverance we need to continue the work to improve our city. Help us to keep pressing on. We thank You for Your strength. Amen.