

What Do We Pray For Beyond Ourselves?

We come before God with great expectation in prayer for our family, our community, our state/region, our country, and the world.

We come humbly and ask for:

- Forgiveness and cleansing through the cross.
- Jesus to come in and take His place as Lord before self or any idols.
- Deliverance from the evil one.
- An outpouring of God's Spirit – bringing life in Christ, transformation, freedom, love for God and hunger for His word.

Below are some specific ways you can pray with this attitude and expectation:

Your Family

Pray for Jesus to come in and reign in the center of your family as:

- Savior for the lost who don't know him personally – pray over names.
- Deliverer from the evil one – wherever the enemy blinds spiritual eyes or binds family members in temptation, addictions, lies, confusion, self-harm, destructive behaviors or violence.
- Redeemer of the past.
- Leader and transformer – in truth and holiness and wisdom.
- Healer – of hearts, lives, relationships and health.
- Giver of abundant life and loving relationships in marriages and parenting.

Your Community

- Pray for a dissatisfaction with spiritual darkness, sin and what the world offers and for a desperate hunger for Jesus
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to cleanse, fill and renew churches and Christian leaders.
- Pray for churches and outreach ministries to lift up Jesus faithfully in their words and actions.
- Pray for the different generations – old and young, to receive effective witness of the gospel and grow in discipleship.
- Welcome Jesus to come, rule, save, heal and set free in schools, training centers, prisons or police stations near you and any known areas of conflict, crime or drugs.
- Pray for the presence of Jesus in local neighborhoods and for believers to be prayerful and bold in witness there.

Your State or Region

Think about: the lost who don't know Jesus, religious groups, ethnic groups, generations, leadership structures, conflict, widespread needs.

- *Ask Jesus to forgive – “Sin and destructive behavior, man-made values or a lack of honor for Jesus.”*

- *Welcome Jesus as King* — “Lord, take your throne and rule over all people and spiritual powers; rule over the past, present, and future. Jesus come and claim back the ground.”
- *Pray against darkness*: “Jesus, push back the kingdom of darkness and bring in Your Kingdom. Send Your angels to fight. Shine your light and you take control over any other power.”
- *Pray the blood of Jesus and the power of the name of Jesus over your region*.
- *Ask the Holy Spirit to show what is really there* — “What is trying to take Your throne and have control; what is taking Your place?” Listen and pray about what comes to mind.
- *Ask Jesus, “What would it look like for You to bring in Your Kingdom and do Your will in this region?”* Pray about what comes to mind.

Your Country

- Pray for Jesus to reveal who He is in your country and what He can do. Pray that He will overcome every other spiritual power at work and every false understanding or obstacle to do this in the power of the name of Jesus.
- Repent for the sin in your culture, government and the churches – for attitudes and things done and for things that have not been done that should have been.
- Praise the Lord for the power of the cross and His love and mercy to save your country. Pray for a move of the Holy Spirit through churches, outreach ministries, TV and internet to draw people into the truth of Jesus Christ.
- Praise Jesus that He is King and Lord over all leaders and government structures and pray that they will bow to him, listen to His truth and govern His way.
- Praise Jesus that He is more powerful than all influences – false religion, the famous, TV, internet, social media, and culture. Pray for the Spirit to raise up believers and be prayer warriors crying out before God for His presence to influence the country.

The World

Pray that the Lord will give you His burden for His world, show you specific countries and how to pray.

- Pray that the light of Jesus Christ will shine and conquer spiritual darkness that keeps people away from Christ (e.g. secularism, religions, idols, witchcraft, cultural values, etc.). Pray that Jesus will save the lost and bring them into His Kingdom.
- Pray for the local church to be raised up and to stand in biblical truth, filled with the Spirit of holiness, and equipped to make disciples of all generations in their country.
- Pray for protection and boldness for local believers to be ambassadors of Christ, witnessing in the power of the Spirit whatever the response or risk of persecution.
- Pray for missionaries from outside to follow the leading of the Spirit: in sharing the gospel, showing the love of Christ through practical needs, training leaders, and encouraging believers.
- Pray that Jesus will bring in His Kingdom and rule over structures, culture, and leaders that have influence over the country.